

ORDINANCE NO. 1566

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON relating to traffic code and parking violations, amending DMMC 10.16.050 by adding a new penalty section for parking violations, and codifying a new section in chapter 10.16 DMMC.

WHEREAS, the parking of oversized vehicles on City streets and right of way for an extended period of time creates visual obstructions for drivers and results in a reduction of available parking and an increase in citizen complaints, and

WHEREAS, the previously adopted code section prohibiting oversized vehicles are vague and can be difficult to enforce, and

WHEREAS, clarifying the City's oversized vehicles regulation will allow the City to better enforce the prohibition, increase public safety, and increase public awareness of what constitutes a violation, and

WHEREAS, the penalties for parking violations have remained low despite increased costs for enforcement and administration, and

WHEREAS, increasing the penalties for parking violations will increase the deterrent effect of parking citations, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the public good is served by adoption of this Ordinance; now therefore,


THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. DMMC 10.16.050 and section 3(16) of Ordinance No. 451 as amended by section 1 of Ordinance No. 632 formerly 10.04.120 as amended by section 12(9) of Ordinance No. 1053 are amended to read as follows:

Parking - Oversized vehicles. No person having control or charge of any vehicle exceeding seven and one-half feet in width or exceeding 20 feet in length shall park such vehicle on any City street or unimproved right-of-way for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) continuous hours.

Sec. 5. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days after its passage and approval in accordance with law.

PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Des Moines this 27th day of June, 2013 and signed in authentication thereof this 27th day of June, 2013.


MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Assistant City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Published: July 2, 2013

Effective Date: July 27, 2013

LEGAL NOTICE
SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE
CITY OF DES MOINES

ORDINANCE NO. 1566, Adopted Jun 27, 2013.

DESCRIPTION OF MAIN POINTS OF THE ORDINANCE:

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The full text of the Ordinance will be mailed without cost upon request.

Bonnie Wilkins
City Clerk

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