

CHAPTER 41

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

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41.01 DISTRIBUTING DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES. No person shall distribute samples of any drugs or medicine, or any corrosive, caustic, poisonous or other injurious substance unless the person delivers such into the hands of a competent person, or otherwise takes reasonable precautions that the substance will not be taken by children or animals from the place where the substance is deposited.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 727.1)

41.02 FALSE REPORTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES. No person shall report or cause to be reported false information to a fire department or a law enforcement authority, knowing that the information is false, or shall report the alleged occurrence of a criminal act knowing the same did not occur. Likewise, giving a false report to any public safety entity, making a false emergency 911 call, or providing false information to a law enforcement officer who enters the information on a citation is a simple misdemeanor.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 718.6)

41.03 INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICIAL ACTS. No person shall knowingly resist or obstruct anyone known by the person to be a peace officer or fire fighter, whether paid or volunteer, in the performance of any act which is within the scope of the lawful duty or authority of that officer or fire fighter, or shall knowingly resist or obstruct the service or execution by any authorized person of any civil or criminal process or order of any court. The terms "resist" and "obstruct" as used in this section do not include verbal harassment unless the verbal harassment is accompanied by a present ability and apparent intention

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to execute a verbal threat physically. Violation of this section is punishable in accordance with state law, Iowa Code Section 719.1.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 719.1)

41.04 REFUSING TO ASSIST OFFICER. Any person who is requested or ordered by any magistrate or peace officer to render the magistrate or officer by assistance in making or attempting to make an arrest, or to prevent the commission of any criminal act, shall render assistance as required. No person shall unreasonably and without lawful cause, refuse or neglect to render assistance when so required.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 719.2)

41.05 HARASSMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. No person shall willfully prevent or attempt to prevent any public officer or employee from performing the officer's or employee's duty.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 718.4)

41.06 ABANDONED OR UNATTENDED REFRIGERATORS. No person shall abandon or otherwise leave unattended any refrigerator, ice box, or similar container, with doors that may become locked, outside of buildings and accessible to children, nor shall any person allow any such refrigerator, ice box, or similar container, to remain outside of buildings on premises in the person's possession or control, abandoned or unattended and so accessible to children.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 727.3)

41.07 ANTENNA AND RADIO WIRES. It is unlawful for a person to allow antenna wires, antenna supports, radio wires or television wires to exist over any street, alley, highway, sidewalk, public way, public ground or public building without written consent of the Council.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2])

41.08 BARBED WIRE AND ELECTRIC FENCES. It is unlawful for a person to use barbed wire or electric fences to enclose land within the City limits without the consent of the Council unless such land consists of ten (10) acres or more and is used as agricultural land.

41.09 DISCHARGING WEAPONS. It is unlawful for a person to discharge rifles,

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shotguns, revolvers, pistols, guns, BB guns, airguns or other firearms of any kind within the City limits except by written consent of the Council, except that hunting is permitted upon areas zoned "unclassified". However, no person shall hunt game within 300 yards of any building inhabited by people or domestic livestock unless the owner or tenant has given consent.

41.10 THROWING AND SHOOTING. It is unlawful for a person to throw stones, bricks or missiles of any kind or to shoot arrows, rubber guns, slingshots, air rifles or other dangerous instruments or toys on or into the street, alley, highway, sidewalk, public way, public ground or public building, without written consent of the Council.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2])

41.11 URINATING AND DEFACATING. It is unlawful for any person to urinate or defecate onto any sidewalk, street, alley, or other public way, or onto any public or private building, including but not limited to the wall, floor, hallway, steps, stairway, doorway or window thereof, or onto any public or private land.

41.12 FIREWORKS PERMIT. It is unlawful for any person to use or explode any fireworks as defined in Section 727.2 of the Code of Iowa; provided the Council may, upon application in writing, and payment of a fee set by Council resolution, grant a permit for the display of fireworks by a City agency, fair associations, amusement parks and other organizations or groups of individuals approved by the Council when such fireworks display will be handled by a competent operator. No permit shall be granted hereunder unless the operator or sponsoring organization has filed with the City evidence of insurance in the following amounts:

1. Personal Injury: - \$250,000.00 per person
2. Property Damage: - \$50,000.00.
3. Total Exposure: - \$1,000,000.00.

41.13 PORTABLE CHEMICAL TOILETS. The use of a portable chemical toilet in any area zoned as R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 or R-5 under Chapter 165 of the Code of Ordinances is prohibited unless such toilet is required by Federal or State statute, administrative rule or regulation or unless such portable chemical toilet is placed behind the residential unit away from the street, has a permit obtained from the

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City Administrator and meets rules established by the Council. For the purpose of this section, "portable chemical toilet" means any movable free-standing toilet device equipped with bactericidal chemicals to store and neutralize waste until such waste can be discharged into a sewage treatment facility.

