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§ 16-301 PARKING AREAS DESIGNATED BY RESOLUTION.

The Council may, by resolution, set aside any street, alley, or public way, or portion thereof, wherein no vehicle shall be parked, and may also, by resolution, set aside any street, alley, or public way, or portion thereof, for the parking of any particular kind or class of vehicle, and when the parking of vehicles in any street, alley, or public way, or portion thereof, has been prohibited by resolution, no vehicle prohibited from parking thereon shall stand or be parked adjacent to the curb of the street, alley, or public way, or portion thereof, longer than a period of time necessary to load and unload freight or passengers.
(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978)

§ 16-302 PARKING AREAS; TIME LIMIT.

The Council may, by resolution, entirely prohibit or fix a time limit for the parking and stopping of vehicles in any street, streets, or district designated in the resolution and the parking or stopping of any vehicle in any such street, streets, or district for a period of time longer than fixed in the resolution shall constitute a violation of this section.
(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978)

§ 16-303 MANNER OF PARKING WITHIN AND WITHOUT DISTRICT.

No person shall park any vehicle or approach the curb with a vehicle except when headed in the direction of the traffic. The Council may by resolution designate any street or portion thereof within the district where vehicles shall be parked parallel with and adjacent to the curb so as to have both right wheels within six inches of the curb or where vehicles shall be parked at an angle of 45 degrees; and all vehicles when parked at the angle on the street or portion thereof shall be parked with the right front wheel of the vehicle at the curb. Where stalls are designated either on the curb or pavement in the district, vehicles shall be parked within the stalls. On all other streets outside the district, vehicles when parked shall stand parallel with and adjacent to the curb in the manner as to have both right wheels within 12 inches of the curb and so as to leave at least four feet between the vehicle so parked and any other parked vehicle.
(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-304 PARKING IN ALLEYS.

No vehicle shall be parked in any alley within the City except for the purpose of unloading or loading, and then only shall the vehicle be parked during the time necessary to load or unload, which shall not exceed the maximum limit of one-half hour, and shall be parked in the manner as shall cause the least obstruction possible to traffic in the alley.
(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-305 BLOCKING SIDEWALK.

No vehicle shall be parked across a sidewalk in any public or private driveway, nor parked

in the a manner as to have any part of the vehicle extending over any part of any sidewalk crossing the driveway, except for the purpose of loading and unloading.
(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-306 TRUCKS.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any truck, truck-tractor, and semi-trailer of an overall length of 20 feet, including load, to stop or park the vehicle on any street within the business district, whether or not the street is marked for angle or parallel parking. The vehicles may stop, stand, or park for the time as is necessary, in no case longer than one-half hour, expeditiously to load or unload their contents in alleys where the stopping is possible. It shall also be unlawful for the operator of any such truck, truck-tractor, or semi-trailer regardless of the length of the same, to park the vehicle with the end-gate of same down and extending beyond the body of the vehicle; nor shall the vehicle stop, stand, or park within a street intersection, on a crosswalk, in front of a private driveway, or on a sidewalk.

(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-307 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, TRUCKS, TRUCK-TRACTORS, AND SEMI-TRAILERS; RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

No person shall park or leave standing on any street or portion thereof in a residence district as defined by the zoning code of the City, any commercial vehicles, trucks, truck-tractors, and semi-trailers having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more. The prohibition hereby imposed shall not apply to the parking or standing of such a vehicle for the purposes of making pickups or deliveries from or to any building or structure located within the residence district, or for the purpose of delivering materials to be used in the repair, alteration, remodeling, or construction of any such building or structure for which a building permit has been obtained, nor shall the prohibition hereby imposed apply to the vehicles parking on the following streets: Ridgeview between Third and Tenth Streets; and Maple Street between Fourth and Tenth Streets.

(Ord. 1139, passed 12-2-1991) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-308 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; STORAGE.

No person shall park or leave standing on any street or alley within the City of Chadron any motor vehicle or trailer designed and used as a travel trailer, camper, motor home, tent trailer, boat trailer, ATV/UTV trailer, snowmobile trailer, camping trailer, cargo trailer, trailer of any kind, or bus, between the time period of November 1 through March 31. Each day the vehicle or trailer shall be parked or left standing on any street or alley it shall be considered stored on the streets and alleys within the City and a violation of this section.

(Ord. 1139, passed 12-2-1991; Ord. 1393, passed 12-5-2016) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-309 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; OCCUPATION.

It shall be unlawful to occupy any motor home, camper, or trailer for residence purposes anywhere on the streets and alleys within the City of Chadron, for any period of time longer than three days.

(Ord. 1139, passed 12-2-1991) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-310 OVERSIZE VEHICLES; MACHINERY; EQUIPMENT; OVERNIGHT.

No person shall park or leave standing overnight on any street or alley within the City of Chadron any vehicle, machinery, or equipment which is over eight feet, six inches, wide.

(Ord. 1139, passed 12-2-1991) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-311 FREIGHT VEHICLES; MAY BACK TO CURB.

Vehicles of an overall length of less than 20 feet, including load, while discharging freight may back to the curb and shall occupy as little of the street as possible.

(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-312 PARKING NEAR FIRE HYDRANTS PROHIBITED.

No vehicle shall be parked or left standing within 15 feet of any fire hydrant for any period of time whatever, and the curb space within the area of 15 feet of the fire hydrant may be painted red to indicate the prohibitions.

(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978) Penalty, see § 16-333

Statutory reference:

Related state law provisions, see Neb. RS 60-6,166

§ 16-313 STREET INTERSECTIONS; PARKING PROHIBITED.

No vehicle shall be parked or left standing for any purpose whatever or for any period of time whatever within 30 feet of any street intersection. The street intersection is a point which is formed by projecting the perpendicular lines of a curve until they intersect. The curb space on each side of the intersection may be painted red for the distance of 30 feet to indicate the prohibition. (Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-314 NEAR PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS PROHIBITED.

No vehicle shall be parked or left standing for any purpose whatever or for any period of time whatever within five feet of any private driveway.
(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-315 SCHOOLS.

The Council may, by resolution, entirely prohibit the parking and stopping of vehicles at the curb on streets adjacent to school grounds on which are located school buildings used for school purposes, during the term of the school year, and during the part of each day thereof that the schools are in session; and the curbs adjacent to the school grounds shall be painted red to indicate the prohibition.

(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978)

§ 16-316 OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC.

No vehicle shall, except in case of accident, emergency stop within any street or alley, nor in such a manner as to obstruct any street, alley, street crossing, crosswalk, or alley entrance, nor back or along side of other vehicles parked at the curb.

(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-317 LEFT SIDE TO CURB.

No vehicle shall stop on any street with its left side at the curb, except on a one-way street in the direction of traffic. A vehicle must not be left at the curb in such a position as to prevent another vehicle already at the curb from moving away.

(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978)

§ 16-318 POST OFFICE PARKING SPACE RESTRICTION; VIOLATION.

Five parking stalls immediately in front of the United States Post Office on the east side of Main Street between Second and Third Street be and hereby are restricted to parking for not more than ten minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day of the week. It shall be a violation of this section for any person to leave a vehicle parked in the parking stalls for any longer time than set out by the restriction.

(Ord. 1019, passed 7-7-1980) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-319 PRIMA FACIE PROOF OF USER OR OPERATION AT TIME OF VIOLATION; WHAT CONSTITUTES.

Proof of the registration of a motor vehicle in the name of any person, firm, or corporation, and proof of a violation of any of the provisions of this article, shall be construed as prima facie proof that the registered owner of the motor vehicle was the user or operator thereof at the time of the violation charged.

(Ord. 1000, passed 12-4-1978)

§ 16-320 UNAUTHORIZED PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or stand a vehicle, whether occupied or unoccupied, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually loading or unloading the vehicle, in any private driveway or on any private parking lot or other private property without the express or implied consent of the owner or person in lawful possession thereof.

(Ord. 1242, passed 3-1-1999) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-321 LIMITATIONS ON ENFORCEMENT OF § 16-320.

No person shall be charged with violation of § 16-320 for parking on a parking space or lot of a business, commercial, or multiple-family use unless either:

(1) A sign visible from all the entrances to the lot or from the parking space prohibits unauthorized parking; or

(2) The person parking on the private parking area has been warned orally or in writing to refrain from parking there.

(Ord. 1242, passed 3-1-1999)

§ 16-322 DRIVING ON PARKING LOTS RESTRICTED.

Except for the purpose of parking, leaving after parking, leaving a passenger or picking up a passenger, no person shall drive any motor vehicle across, through, or into and out of any parking lot anywhere in the City. This section shall apply both to privately-owned and publicly-owned parking lots. This section shall not apply to any person acting with the express permission of the owner or person in charge of the parking lot.

(Ord. 1242, passed 3-1-1999) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-323 AREAS NOT DESIGNATED FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

No person shall drive any motor vehicle over any publicly- or privately-owned lawn, playground, garden, or other area not designated for vehicular traffic. This prohibition shall not apply to any person acting with the express permission of the owner or person in charge of the parking lot.

(Ord. 1242, passed 3-1-1999) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-324 DRIVING THROUGH PARKING LOTS OR SERVICE AREAS TO AVOID TRAFFIC SIGNALS OR SIGNS.

No person shall drive any motor vehicle across, through, or into and out of any parking lot, filling station, or commercial service area, which is located at the intersection of two streets for the purpose of avoiding or complying with any traffic signal or sign. If the motor vehicle does not stop to park on the parking lot or for service from the filling station or commercial service area, the proof thereof shall be construed as prima facie proof that the driver intended to avoid or comply with the traffic signal or sign.

(Ord. 1242, passed 3-1-1999) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-325 SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES; DEFINITION.

For the purpose of this article, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES. Those streets established as such in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(Ord. 1311, passed 4-21-2008)

§ 16-326 ESTABLISHMENT OF SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES.

The Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to establish snow emergency routes upon any street or highway of the City and may place appropriate signs, marks, lines, signals or other traffic-control devices indicating the existence of the snow emergency routes. The designation of any street, highway or portion thereof as a snow emergency route shall in no way affect any previous designation of that street or highway as an arterial or other road designation.

(Ord. 1311, passed 4-21-2008)

§ 16-327 EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS BY CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE

(1) The City Manager or Designee shall publicly announce each declaration and termination of a snow emergency made pursuant to this article by the primary means of broadcast or telecast through Region 23's emergency notification platform, currently called Code Red. The secondary means of notification will include but not limited to broadcast or telecast of information of the City of Chadron website and broadcast or telecast from broadcasting stations with a normal operating range covering the City. Each announcement shall describe the action taken by the City Manager or Designee, including the time it became or will become effective, and shall specify the streets or areas affected.

(2) The City Manager or Designee may declare the prohibition terminated, in whole or in part, effective immediately upon announcement or at a later specified time.

(Ord. 1311, passed 4-21-2008; Ord. 1407, passed 10-15-2018)

§ 16-328 PROVISIONS TEMPORARILY EFFECTIVE TAKE PRECEDENCE.

Any provisions of this article which become effective by order or declaration of the City Manager or Designee upon the occurrence of a snow emergency, while temporarily in effect, shall take precedence over other conflicting provisions of law normally in effect, except that it shall not take precedence over provisions of law relating to traffic accidents, emergency travel of authorized emergency vehicles or emergency traffic directors by a police officer, or other person designated by the Chief of Police or Designee.

(Ord. 1311, passed 4-21-2008; Ord. 1407, passed 10-15-2018)

§ 16-329 PROHIBITION OF PARKING ON SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES.

The City Manager or Designee may order a parking prohibition on all snow emergency routes, or portions thereof, by declaring that an emergency exists on the basis of falling snow, sleet, freezing rain or official forecast by the U.S. Weather Service of snow, sleet, freezing rain or other weather conditions making it necessary that parking on a snow emergency route be prohibited for snow plowing or other purposes. In such declaration, the City Manager or Designee shall state the time that the emergency shall be in effect. It shall be unlawful for any persons to park or allow to remain parked any vehicle on any portion of the snow emergency route during a parking prohibition affecting such streets. Once in effect, the parking prohibition imposed under this section shall remain in effect until terminated by the City Manager or Designee. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is forbidden by any other provision of law.

(Ord. 1311, passed 4-21-2008; Ord. 1407, passed 10-15-2018) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-330 OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES.

Whenever an emergency has been declared pursuant to this article, no person operating a motor vehicle on a designated snow emergency route shall allow the motor vehicle to become stalled or stuck, including those motor vehicles which become stalled or stuck due to the fact that the motor fuel supply is exhausted or the battery has become inoperative. Whenever a motor vehicle becomes stalled or stuck for any reason on any designated snow emergency route on which there is a parking prohibition in effect, the person operating the motor vehicle shall take immediate action to have the motor vehicle towed or pushed off the roadway of the designated snow emergency route, either to the nearest cross street which is not subject to a parking prohibition or to another appropriate location. No person shall abandon or leave a motor vehicle in the roadway of a designated snow emergency route except for the purpose of securing assistance during the actual time necessary to go to nearby telephone, garage, service station or other place of assistance and return without delay.

(Ord. 1311, passed 4-21-2008) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-331 REMOVAL OF PARKED, STALLED OR STUCK VEHICLES.

(1) Members of the Police Department are hereby authorized to remove or have removed a vehicle from a street or City-owned or operated parking facility to the Police Department impound lot, or other place designated by the Police Department when one or more of the following occur.

(a) The vehicle is parked on a snow emergency route on which a parking prohibitions is in effect.

(b) The vehicle is stalled on a snow emergency route on which there is a parking prohibition in effect, and the person who is operating the vehicle does not appear to be removing it in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) The owner or other person lawfully entitled to the possession of any vehicle towed or stored shall be charged with the reasonable cost of towing and storage fees. Any such towing or storage fee shall be a lien upon the vehicle prior to all other claims. Any person towing or storing a vehicle shall be entitled to retain possession of the vehicle until the charges are paid. The lien provided for in this section shall not apply to the contents of the vehicle.
(Ord. 1311, passed 4-21-2008)

§ 16-332 OBSTRUCTION OF VIEW OF DRIVERS.

Snow shall not be moved or piled on any location upon private property which obstructs the view of drivers of motor vehicles at intersections within the corporate limits of the City. Property owners or residents who have caused snow to be piled in such a manner as to obstruct the view of motor vehicle drivers at intersections as described above shall be contacted to remove the snow, and should they fail to comply within 24 hours from the date of the request being made, the snow shall be removed by the City at the property owner's expense.
(Neb. RS 16-246) (Ord. 1311, passed 4-21-2008) Penalty, see § 16-333

§ 16-333 SHOVELING, PLOWING OR BLOWING SNOW ONTO THE STREET OR CITY PROPERTY.

It is hereby declared unlawful for any property owner or any lessee or occupant of any property or contractor to shovel, plow or blow any snow from sidewalks, driveways or private property onto any street or alley within the City. Snow shall remain entirely back of curb and at no time shall it constitute a definite hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic or proper street or highway maintenance; become a site obstruction at the intersection of any street or alley; or block any public sidewalk.

The only exceptions are:

- (1) The Central Business District as described in the Chadron Municipal Code § 13-209, where snow from public sidewalks only, shall be pushed into the gutter of the streets outside the curblines in such a manner as to cause the least interference to traffic upon such street.

- (2) A Single Family Residential use in which one dwelling unit is located on a single lot, with no physical or structural connection to any other dwelling unit is allowed to place snow in the street from sidewalks and driveways in such a manner as to cause the least interference to traffic upon such street.

(Ord 1417, passed 11-02-2020)

§ 16-334 VIOLATION; PENALTY.

Any person, firm, or corporation violating the terms of this article shall be subject to the blanket penalty of the Chadron Municipal Code § 18-104. Each day that the violation is committed or permitted to continue may constitute a separate offense and may be punishable as such hereunder.

(Ord. 1242, passed 3-1-1999; Ord. 1417, passed 11-02-2020)