



GRINNELL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR SESSION
MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026, AT 5:30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF CITY HALL
AND VIA ZOOM
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

A. Roll Call:

B. Perfecting and Approval of Agenda:

C. Committee Business:

1. Consider approval of a street closure request for Park Street and East Street in support of the New Student Orientation move-in day at Grinnell College on Friday, August 21, 2026, from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
2. Consider approval of a street closure request of 3rd Avenue in front of Central Park on October 17, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. for the Unity in the Community 5k.
3. Consider approval of a street closure request for 4th Avenue from Broad to State Street and Park Street from 3rd to 5th Avenues for the 2026 Homecoming Parade on October 1, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. until the parade has ended.
4. Consider approval of the first reading of Ordinance No. 1575, an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances for the city of Grinnell, by modifying provisions pertaining to junk and junk vehicle abatements.
5. Consider the first reading of Ordinance No. 1576, an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances for the city of Grinnell, by amending provisions pertaining to traffic code enforcement procedures.

D. Inquiries: Public Comment

Visitors may address the Council/Board at this time; however, comments will be limited to 2 minutes. As per Iowa's Open Meetings Law, Council/Board can only listen during public comments and cannot take any action on items that are not posted on the agenda. Council may take issues under advisement and if needed refer them to a department head, Mayor's committee, or add them to a future agenda.

E. Adjourn:

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GRINNELL COLLEGE

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Wednesday, July 29, 2026

To: Mayor Cox & City Council

From: James Shropshire, Grinnell College Campus Safety

Re: New Student Orientation Move-In Day Street Closure and Vehicle Route

The Grinnell College Department of Campus Safety seeks permission to close select segments of Park and East Street on Friday, August 21, 2026. The street closure, which will be managed for the duration of the New Student Orientation (NSO) move in process, will support move-in day operations.

The closure will occur on Friday, August 21 and will be closed between 7:00 AM through 12:00 PM. The Department of Campus Safety will place barricades in the street at or around 6:55 AM and remove them at or around 12:05 PM.

This request will require the closure of East Street at the 8th and 10th Avenue intersections to ensure one way traffic. Another barricade will be placed at the intersection of East Street and 9th Avenue to ensure that no traffic inadvertently enters the move-in area there.

The request will also require the closure of Park Street at the 8th and 10th Avenue intersections to ensure one way traffic. Another barricade will be placed at the intersection of Park Street and 9th Avenue to ensure that no traffic inadvertently enters the move-in area there.

We are anticipating 100-130 resident students moving into the North Campus Cluster, 50-60 resident students moving into the East Campus Cluster, and 90-100 resident students moving into the South Campus Cluster on this day.

We intend on moving these students into their residence halls on Friday, August 21st beginning at or around 8:00 AM and concluding at or around 12:00 PM.

The students and their families will be invited to move into their campus housing during the aforementioned date and time. We will send directions to the students and their families providing instructions on how to approach their cluster to move in.

We will direct traffic to approach the North Campus Cluster via Highway 146 (West Street). As they reach 10th Avenue, they will be directed to head eastbound toward East Street. Upon their approach to the Harris Center (1114 10th Avenue); College volunteers will engage the vehicle and direct it to the appropriate parking stall at the Harris or Natatorium Lot.

We will direct traffic to approach the South and East Campus Clusters via Highway 146 (West Street). As they reach 6th Avenue, they will be directed to head eastbound toward Penrose Street. As they reach Penrose Street, they will be directed northbound on Penrose toward 10th Avenue. As they reach 10th Avenue, they will be directed westbound on 10th Avenue toward the Harris Center (1114 10th Avenue);

College volunteers will engage the vehicle and direct it to the appropriate parking stall at the Bear or Rathje Lot.

We seek permission to place wayfinding signs, that include the Grinnell College logo, on the easement area along the published move-in routes to provide a visible route reminder. These wayfinding signs will be placed in the easement area on Thursday, August 20 between 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM by Campus Safety staff utilizing a patrol unit with proper lighting and traffic advisement equipment.

The Department of Campus Safety will utilize college-owned barricades to close the street and alleyway. A uniformed Campus Safety Officer will be responsible for each barricade location and will also have an ANSI/ISEA 107-2020 yellow traffic vest to don if “manual” traffic management becomes necessary at the barricade locations.

At the conclusion of the move in day, the Department of Campus Safety will “strike” the location moving the necessary material and equipment needed to support the event off the streets and easements. The streets would be “released” for normal use at or around 12:00 PM and the wayfinding signs installed on the easements along the route will be removed by Campus Safety on Friday, August 21 between 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM utilizing a patrol unit with proper lighting and traffic advisement equipment.

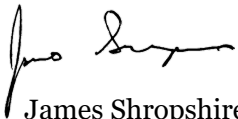
The Department of Campus Safety will meet with relevant stakeholders in September 2026 to determine what went well, what needs improvement, and what we could do better in the future. It is our intention to continue to coordinate with community stakeholders each year, in advance of NSO move-in, to create an organized and safe move-in experience, while also supporting and working with our neighbors and the City of Grinnell.

I would request that the decision regarding this request be communicated to JC Lopez, Vice President of Student Affairs, Matt Kriegel, Associate Director of Campus Safety, and I for planning purposes.

I invite you to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns that you might have regarding this request, our operational plan, or move-in day at Grinnell College.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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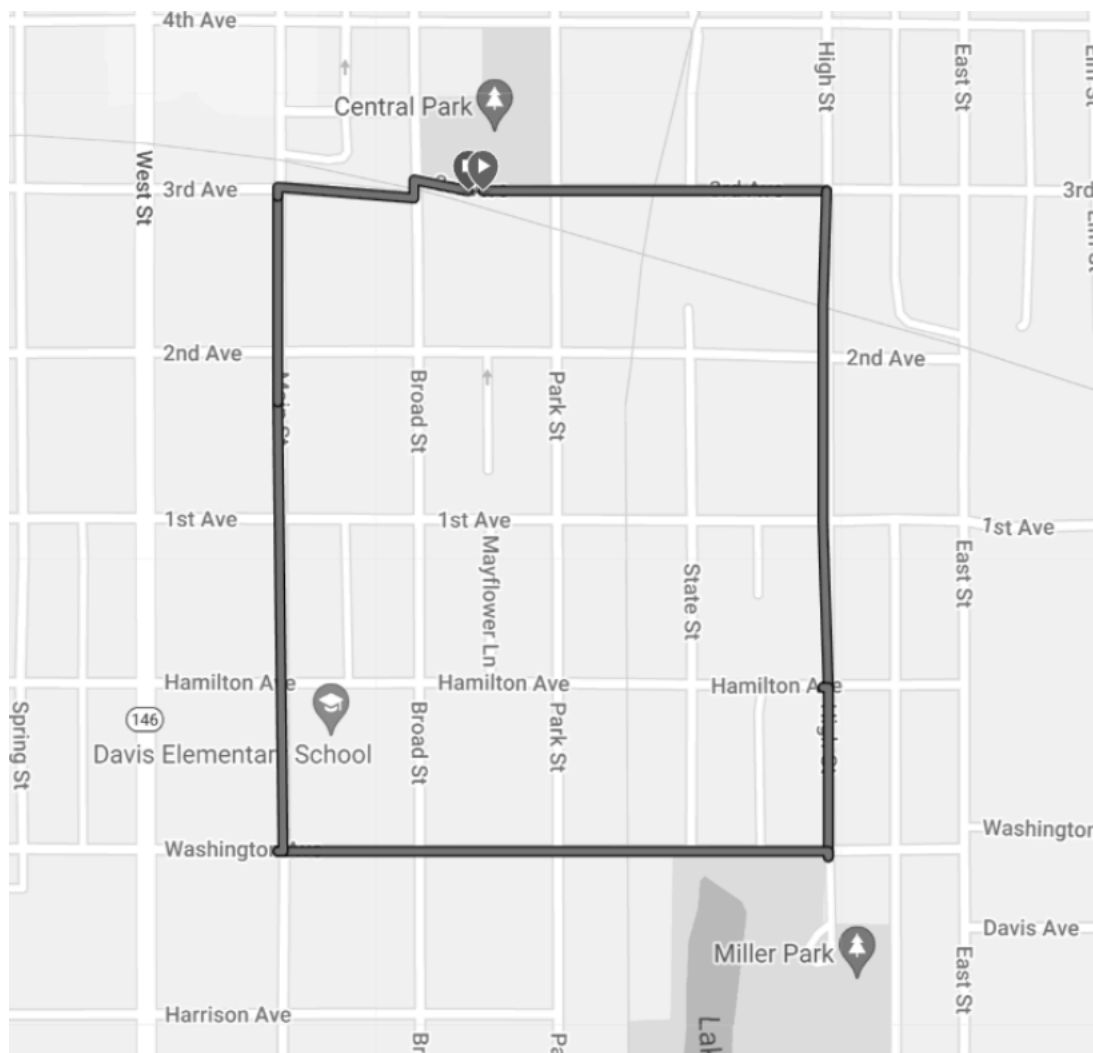
Unity in the Community- 2026 5k

From Holder, Brooke L. <Brooke.Holder@unitypoint.org>

Date Wed 8/5/2026 2:15 PM

To Alyssa Devig <adevig@grinnelliowa.gov>; Michael McClelland <mmcclelland@grinnelliowa.gov>; Dan Johnson <djohnson@grinnelliowa.gov>

Good afternoon, I am writing to request to be on the agenda to have 3rd Ave closed around central park for the start/finish line. This year's 5K will be the same Route as 2024/2025: Start and End at Central Park.



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August 11, 2026

Alyssa Devig
City of Grinnell
520 4th Avenue
Grinnell, IA 50112



Dear Alyssa,

Writing today to ask the council's consideration to have the following streets and intersections closed for the 2026 Homecoming Parade.

The road closures proposed to allow for staging are: 4th Avenue from Broad to State Street and Park Street from 3rd to 5th Avenues. The parade itself will take the following route: beginning at the intersection of Broad & 4th Avenue, heading north on Broad Street, west on 5th Avenue, south on Main Street to Commercial and east to Broad Street where it will conclude on the south side of Central Park.

We would also like to ask that there be No Parking signs placed along Park Street - between 3rd & 4th Avenues - the evening prior and/or day of the event to ensure there is ample room to park parade entries without maneuvering around parked vehicles.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 5:30 PM on Thursday, October 1 with line up taking place beforehand. We ask that the road closures begin at 4PM for the staging area, and will reopen immediately following the completion of the parade.

If you have any questions, or need any additional information from us, please feel free to contact me at rachael@getintogrinnell.com. We appreciate the Council's consideration of this request.

Regards,
Rachael Kinnick
President & CEO
Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce

cc: Russ Behrens, Carl Eggermont, Mike McClelland, Dan Johnson

ORDINANCE NO. 1575

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA, BY MODIFYING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES ABATEMENT

Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of Grinnell, Iowa:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER MODIFIED. Chapter 51 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grinnell, Iowa is repealed, and the following is adopted in lieu thereof:

51.01 DEFINITIONS.

For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. “Junk” means all old or scrap copper, brass, lead, or any other non-ferrous metal; old or discarded rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber, debris, waste, or used lumber, or salvaged wood; dismantled vehicles, machinery and appliances or parts of such vehicles, machinery or appliances; iron, steel or other old or scrap ferrous materials; old or discarded glass, tinware, plastic or old or discarded household goods or hardware. Neatly stacked firewood located on a side yard or a rear yard is not considered junk.
2. “Junk vehicle” means any vehicle unlicensed or which has any of the following characteristics:

Habitat for Nuisance Animals or Insects. Any vehicle which has become the habitat for rats, mice, or snakes, or any other vermin or insects.

Inoperable. Any motor vehicle if it lacks an engine, two (2) or more wheels, or other mechanical components or structural parts, thereby rendering said motor vehicle totally inoperable.

Defective or Obsolete Condition. Any other vehicle which, because of its defective or obsolete condition, in any other way constitutes a threat to the public health and safety.[KS1.1]

Any vehicle that cannot move under its own power and/or cannot leave the property that it sits upon under its own power.

~~Mere licensing of such vehicle shall not constitute a defense to the finding that the vehicle is a junk vehicle.~~

3. “Vehicle” means every device in, upon, or by which a person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway or street, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, and includes without limitation a motor vehicle, automobile, truck, motorcycle, tractor, buggy, wagon, farm machinery, ATV, UTV, golf cart, lawn mower, Recreational Vehicle as defined within Chapter 69, or any combination thereof.

51.02 JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES PROHIBITED.

It is unlawful for any person to store, accumulate, or allow to remain on any private property within the corporate limits of the City any junk or junk vehicle.

51.03 JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES A NUISANCE.

It is hereby declared that any junk or junk vehicle located upon private property, unless excepted by Section 51.05, constitutes a threat to the health and safety of the citizens and is a nuisance within the meaning of Section 657.1 of the Code of Iowa. If any junk or junk

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vehicle is kept upon private property in violation hereof, the owner of or person occupying the property upon which it is located shall be liable for said violation.[KS2.1] (Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3a])

51.04 STAGE OF VEHICLE REPAIR.

If a vehicle is being repaired within the City limits, such vehicle shall be licensed according to Chapter 321 of the Code of Iowa. If such vehicle is being repaired, it shall be located only upon a hard surface constructed of concrete or asphalt, for not to exceed thirty (30) days.[KS3.1]

51.05 EXCEPTIONS.[KS4.1]

1. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to a vehicle stored within a garage or other enclosed structure.
2. Any business holding a wrecked or demolished vehicle is granted sixty (60) days to complete all repairs or same shall be removed.[KS5.1]

51.06 NOTICE TO ABATE.

Upon discovery of any junk or junk vehicle located upon private property in violation of Section 51.03, the City shall within five (5) days initiate abatement procedures as outlined in Chapters 50 and 51 of this Code of Ordinances or pursue such matter as a municipal infraction.[KS6.1]

Any notice to abate a junk vehicle nuisance shall include a statement that failure to abate may result in the vehicle being towed and impounded at the owner's expense.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3a])

51.07 JUNK VEHICLES - RIGHT TO HEARING.

1. The registered owner or person having a legal entitlement to possession of the vehicle, pursuant to this chapter, has a right to an administrative hearing before the City Manager to determine whether there is probable cause to impound the vehicle or abate the nuisance, provided the registered owner or person having legal entitlement to possession of the vehicle files a written demand with the Clerk's office within ten (10) days of the date of notice. Failure to request a hearing within such period or to attend a scheduled hearing shall be deemed a waiver of the right to such hearing.
2. An informal hearing shall be conducted by the City Manager within a reasonable time period but not to exceed fifteen (15) business days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and City holidays, from the date of the receipt of a written demand for hearing. Such a hearing may be continued from time to time for good cause. The sole issue before the City Manager shall be whether there is probable cause to abate the nuisance or impound the vehicle in question. The burden of proof for establishing whether there was probable cause regarding the vehicle in question will be on the party causing the vehicle to be impounded. The jurisdiction of the City Manager shall be limited to deciding only whether there was probable cause with regard to the vehicle or whether there was no probable cause to impound the vehicle or abate the nuisance.
3. In the event the City Manager determines there was probable cause to abate the nuisance, the registered owner or person having legal entitlement to possession of the vehicle is responsible for payment of all charges attributable to the hearing, if any. If the City Manager determines there was no probable cause in the matter, the City Manager shall order the action ceased.

4. The proceedings at the administrative hearing in front of the City Manager shall be recorded, and such recording shall serve as the official record of the administrative hearing for appeal purposes. The City Manager shall retain the recording. The decision of the City Manager shall in no way affect any criminal proceedings in connection with the vehicle in question. Criminal charges, if any, may only be challenged in the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction. The decision of the City Manager shall be final and may only be appealed to the district court.

51.08 JUNK VEHICLES - ABATEMENT BY CITY.

1. Not less than 15 business days following service of a notice to abate on the registered owner or person having a legal entitlement to possession of the vehicle, or following a determination by the City Manager that there was probable cause to abate or impound, if the person notified to abate a junk vehicle neglects or fails to abate as directed, the City may arrange to have a towing company remove the vehicle from the property and transfer it to the designated and secured junk vehicle storage and holding area located at the Public Safety Department ~~the Public Services Department~~ for storage.[KS7.1]
2. Once a vehicle is transferred to the Public Services Department for storage, the City shall send a notice by certified mail to the last known registered owner of the vehicle addressed to the owner's last known address of record to reclaim the vehicle within thirty days of the date of the notice. The notice shall state that the vehicle shall be deemed an abandoned motor vehicle unless reclaimed by the owner within such thirty-day period or the owner notifies the City in writing within such period of time that such vehicle is not an abandoned motor vehicle.
3. If the identity or address of the last registered owner of the motor vehicle cannot be determined, the vehicle shall be deemed an abandoned motor vehicle on the thirty first day after the vehicle was transferred to the Public Services Department unless reclaimed by the owner within the thirty-day period or the owner notifies the City in writing within such period of time that such vehicle is not an abandoned motor vehicle.
4. A person may reclaim a vehicle and personal property contained therein upon payment of all towing, preservation, and storage charges resulting from placing the vehicle in custody.[KS8.1]
5. Any abandoned motor vehicle located on public property may be taken into custody by the Grinnell Police Department and disposed of pursuant to the procedures outlined in Iowa Code sec. 321.89.[KS9.]

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SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved by the Council on the 21st day of September 2026.

Sam Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alyssa Devig, City Clerk/Finance Director

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 1575 on the 21st day of September 2026.

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 1576

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO TRAFFIC CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of Grinnell, Iowa:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER MODIFIED. Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grinnell, Iowa is repealed, and the following is adopted in lieu thereof:

70.01 ARREST OR CITATION FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Whenever a peace officer has reasonable cause to believe that a person has violated any provision of the Traffic Code, such officer may:

1. Immediate Arrest. Immediately arrest such person and take such person before a local magistrate, or
2. Issue Citation. Without arresting the person, prepare in quintuplicate a combined traffic citation and complaint as adopted by the Iowa Commissioner of Public Safety, or issue a uniform citation and complaint utilizing a State-approved computerized device.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 805.6 & 321.485)

70.02 SCHEDULED VIOLATIONS.

For violations of the Traffic Code which are designated by Section 805.8A of the Code of Iowa to be scheduled violations, the scheduled fine for each of those violations shall be as specified in Section 805.8A of the Code of Iowa.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 805.8 & 805.8A)

70.03 ARREST OR CITATION FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS

1. Whenever a peace officer has reasonable cause to believe that a person has violated any provision of the Parking Regulations identified herein or in Chapter 69 such officer may:
 - A. Immediate Arrest. Immediately arrest such person and take such person before a local magistrate, or
 - B. Issue Citation. Without arresting the person, prepare in quintuplicate a combined traffic citation and complaint as adopted by the Iowa Commissioner of Public Safety, issue a uniform citation and complaint utilizing a State approved computerized device, parking citation book, or electronic parking citation device.
2. Whenever a Code Enforcement Officer has reasonable cause to believe that a person has violated any provision of the Parking Regulations identified herein or in Chapter 69 such officer may:
 - A. Issue Citation. Without arresting the person, prepare in quintuplicate a combined traffic citation and complaint as adopted by the Iowa Commissioner of Public Safety, Issue a uniform citation and complaint utilizing a State approved computerized device, parking citation book, or electronic parking citation device.

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70.03 PARKING VIOLATIONS: ALTERNATE.

Uncontested violations of parking restrictions imposed by this Code of Ordinances shall be charged upon a simple notice of a fine payable at the Police Department. The simple notice of a fine shall be in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first violation within a 365-day period. For the second fine within a 365-day period, the fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00), and for the 3rd and any subsequent fine within a 365-day period, each fine shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). If such fine is not paid within thirty (30) days, it shall be increased by five dollars (\$5.00). The simple notice of a fine for improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit is one hundred dollars (\$100.00) as are fines related to parking illegally in or near fire lanes. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [1a] & 321L.4[2])

(Ord. 1324 – Nov. 09 Supp.)

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70.04 PARKING VIOLATIONS: VEHICLE UNATTENDED.

When a vehicle is parked in violation of any provision of the Traffic Code, and the driver is not present, the notice of fine or citation as herein provided shall be attached to the vehicle in a conspicuous place.

70.05 PRESUMPTION IN REFERENCE TO ILLEGAL PARKING.

In any proceeding charging a standing or parking violation, a prima facie presumption that the registered owner was the person who parked or placed such vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, such violation occurred, shall be raised by proof that:

1. Described Vehicle. The particular vehicle described in the information was parked in violation of the Traffic Code, and
2. Registered Owner. The defendant named in the information was the registered owner at the time in question.

70.06 IMPOUNDING VEHICLES.

A peace officer is hereby authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, a vehicle from a street, public alley, public parking lot or highway to the nearest garage or other place of safety, or to a garage designated or maintained by the City, under the circumstances hereinafter enumerated:

1. Disabled Vehicle. When a vehicle is so disabled as to constitute an obstruction to traffic and the person or persons in charge of the vehicle are by reason of physical injury incapacitated to such an extent as to be unable to provide for its custody or removal.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [1])

2. Illegally Parked Vehicle. When any vehicle is left unattended and is so illegally parked as to constitute a definite hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [1])

3. Snow Removal. When any vehicle is left parked in violation of a ban on parking during snow removal operations.

4. Parked Over Limited Time Period. When any vehicle is left parked for a continuous period in violation of any limited parking time. If the owner can be located, the owner shall be given an opportunity to remove the vehicle.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [1])

5. Outstanding Violations. When any vehicle has three (3) or more outstanding, unpaid parking violations for which payment is late thirty (30) days or more.
6. Costs. In addition to the standard penalties provided, the owner or driver of any vehicle impounded for the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be required to pay the reasonable cost of towing and storage.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [1])

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