



GRINNELL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR SESSION
MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026, AT 6:15 PM

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF CITY HALL AND
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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 from the GHS All-Class Reunion on July 3, 2026 - 4th Avenue between Park Street and the Alley of Hotel Grinnell from 5:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
2. Consider approval of a street closure request from the Grinnell College Block Party Committee for their Annual Block Party on May 15th from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. for a portion of High Street between 5th and 6th Avenue.
3. Discuss and review the Grinnell Parking Evaluation.
4. Discuss Police Management Retention Incentives.

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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2026 GHS All-Class Reunion

From GHS Alumni <gnhsaa@gmail.com>
Date Wed 3/11/2026 5:04 PM
To Alyssa Devig <adevig@grinnelliowa.gov>
Cc Ben Latimer <ben.latimer34@gmail.com>

Alyssa,

I wanted to reach out and see what the process is for getting details on the City Council agenda for the upcoming 4th of July weekend All-Class Reunion. The event will be throughout the weekend from 7/2 - 7/5. The Main events we will need assistance with are listed below.

Thursday 7/2

None (Activities reserved for Individual Classes to hold their own gatherings)

Friday 7/3

Live Music/Beer Garden/Kids Activities in Central Park (5:00PM - 11:00PM)

Street Closure: 4th Avenue between Park Street + Alley at Hotel Grinnell

- We would like to use the thoroughfare for activity between the hotel and the Park.
- We plan to have inflatables on the street along with other activities (Unless there is a spot within the park where inflatables are allowed, we'd be interested in that.
- Food Trucks (3-5) will be parked on Park Street on the West side of street
- **Central Park will have Live Music and a Beer Garden. Prairie Hospitality Group will be catering and handling the liquor license. (Beer and Wine are planned to be served)**

Saturday 7/4

None - Helping promote the Veterans memorial events but no formal Alumni Events
(Activities reserved for Individual Classes to hold their own gatherings)

Sunday 7/5

None (Activities reserved for Individual Classes to hold their own gatherings)

Feel free to give me a call for clarification.

Thank You,

Grinnell Alumni Association

P.O. Box 344

Grinnell, IA 50112

E-mail: gnhsaa@gmail.com

Website: www.grinnellnewburgalumni.org

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to request permission to block off a portion of High Street for Grinnell College's annual Block Party this coming May 15th. As in the past, alcohol will be served; therefore, it is necessary that we block the street between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue to avoid violation of Iowa's open container laws. We are requesting that the street be blocked between 9:00AM and 6:00PM. Though we only expect the event to last until 5:00PM, the extra hour allows us to properly clean the block and remove all garbage.

This event is open to all Grinnell College students, faculty, and staff as well as the entire Grinnell community. As such, special measures are taken to ensure no underage drinking takes place on the block. This year, as was done in the past, all of-age persons will wear wristbands to indicate their age. We have met with the Grinnell Police Department to ensure that we are in accordance with laws set forth by the state of Iowa and the City of Grinnell.

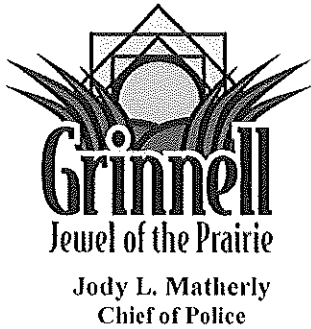
Attached to this letter you will find a copy of consent forms signed by the residents of High Street between 5th and 6th avenues, along with the Noise Ordinance Form.

Thank you for your consideration.

Grinnell College Block Party Committee,

Darya Mohammadzadeh | mohammad@grinnell.edu

Conrad Dahm | dahmconr@grinnell.edu



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Police Department
1020 Spring Street
Grinnell, IA 50112

Phone: 641-236-2670
FAX: 641-236-2652
ORI#IA0790100

CITY OF GRINNELL NOISE ORDINANCE PERMIT

PERMIT # _____

Date of application: Sunday March 22, 2026

Date(s) of Event: Friday May 15, 2026

Times of Event: Start 9:00 AM End 5:00 PM

Number of Persons Expected to Attend: About 1,000 with people coming and going throughout the day

Exact Location of Event (address and physical location of noise device): _____

1000 Block of High Street. Speakers will be located near 1008 High Street.

Type of Device Producing Sound (live band, amplifiers, stereo, etc): Lots of people talking,

Live bands using amplifiers and speakers, and music played through speakers

Nature of Sound (music, speaking, etc): Primarily music, additional noise from many people talking

Person Responsible for Activity (Name, Address and phone number): _____

Darya Mohammadzadeh, 1021 Broad St, Grinnell IA 50112, (913) 295 4460

** If noise becomes a nuisance as determined by Police, the noise source must be lowered or terminated.

Authorized by: _____

City of Grinnell

Enforcement ♦ Service ♦ Courtesy

Resident Consent Form

Name of Event: Block Party Event Date: May 15th, 2026

Event Hours: 9am-6pm

Event Location: 1000 Block of High Street

Route to be Blocked: High Street, between 5th and 6th Ave

Request is being made/sponsored by: Grinnell College Block Party Committee

Previous year's event dates and hours of duration: May 16, 2025 9am-6pm

Contact information for Responsible Persons:

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2. Name: Conrad Dahm Address: 828 Park St, Grinnell, IA, 50112

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Name: Auril (Ari) Thomas

Address: 1026 High St.

Phone #: 651-271-5321

Signature: 

PLEASE TEXT THE COMPLETED FORM TO DARYA AT (913) 295-4460

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Name: Daniel Shaul

Address: 1015 High St, Grinnell, IA 50112

Phone #: (858) 449-8557

Signature: 

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Name: Elene Sturua
Address: 1026 112 High Street
Phone #: 641-510-8428
Signature: 

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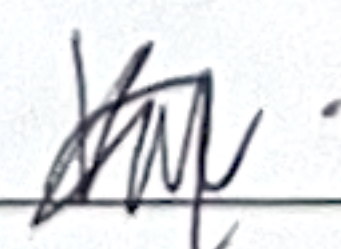
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Name: Kavya Keshav

Address: 1021 high Street

Phone #: 641 356 8021

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Name: Ramona Delborne

Address: 1014 High St.

Phone #: 919-904-2301

Signature: Ramona Delborne

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Name: Sean Walser

Address: 1010 High Street

Phone #: 916-751-6614

Signature: 

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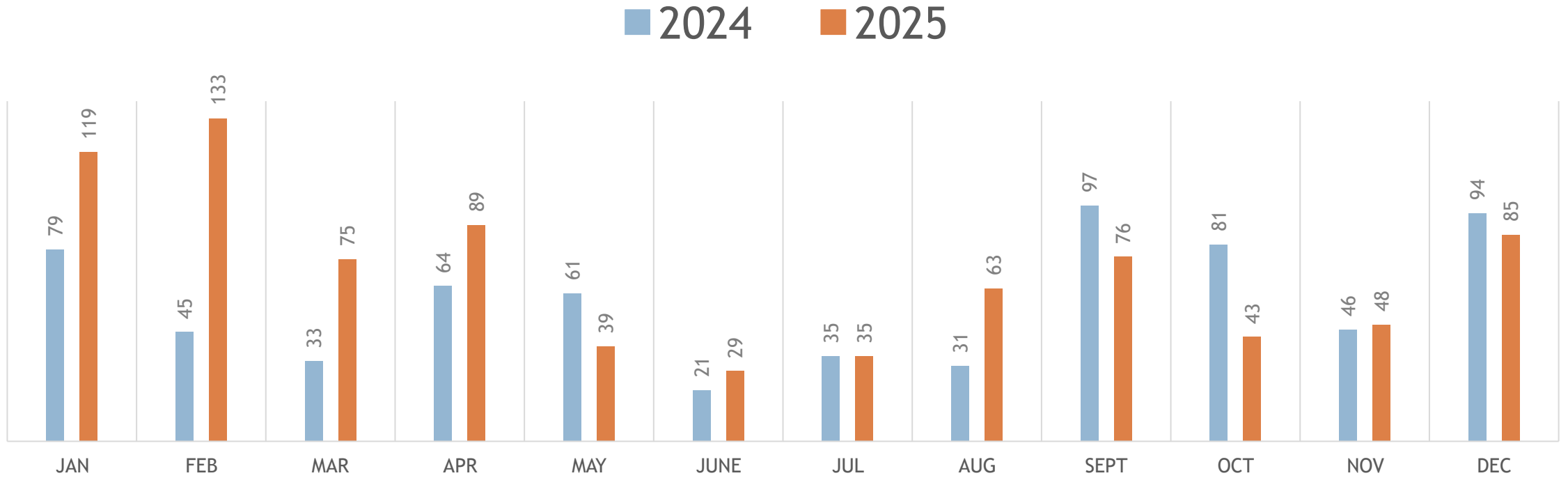


City of Grinnell Parking Evaluation



	2024	2025
TOTAL TICKETS	687	464
IA PLATES	433 (63% of total tickets)	288(62% of total tickets)
OUT OF STATE	254 (37% of total tickets)	176 (38% of total tickets)
UNIQUE OWNERS	387	291
OWNERS WITH 1 TICKET	261 (68% of total owners)	209 (72% of total owners)
OWNERS WITH MULTI TICKETS	126 (32% of total owners)	82 (28% of total owners)
TOTAL NUMBER OF MULTI TICKET	426 (62% of total tickets)	255 (37% of total tickets)

Tickets Given Breakdown



Tickets by Month



Alternate parking violation

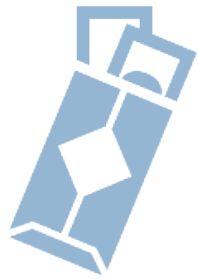
Overnight downtown w/o permit

Parking against the flow of traffic

**Most
Common
Parking
Tickets**



Interesting Data



2025

14 tickets from 1 residence accounted for 3% of the total.

13 tickets from 1 person, separate from the above address.

89 30-day late reminders sent out.

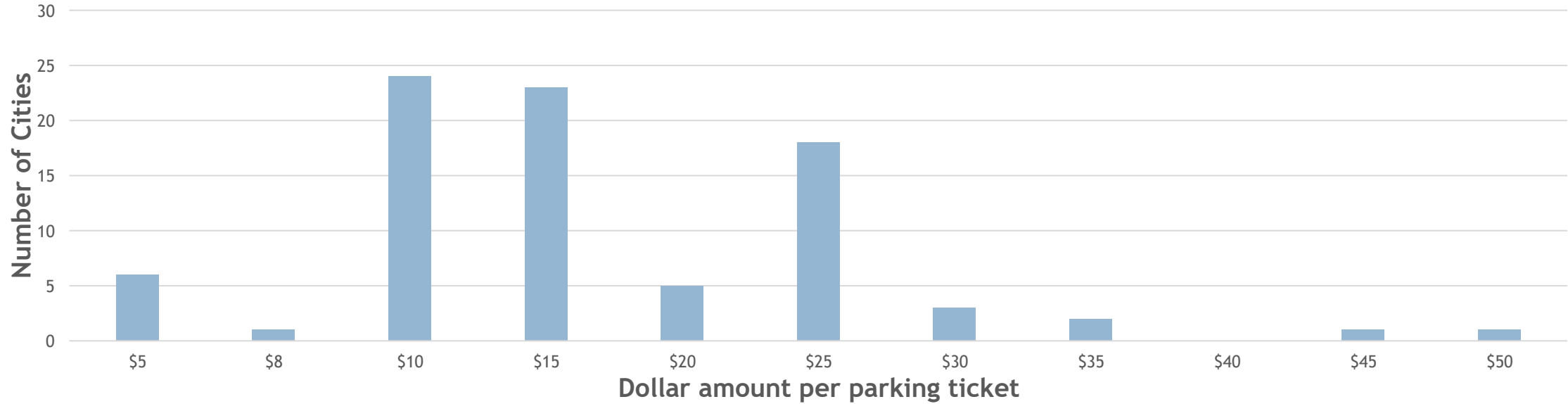


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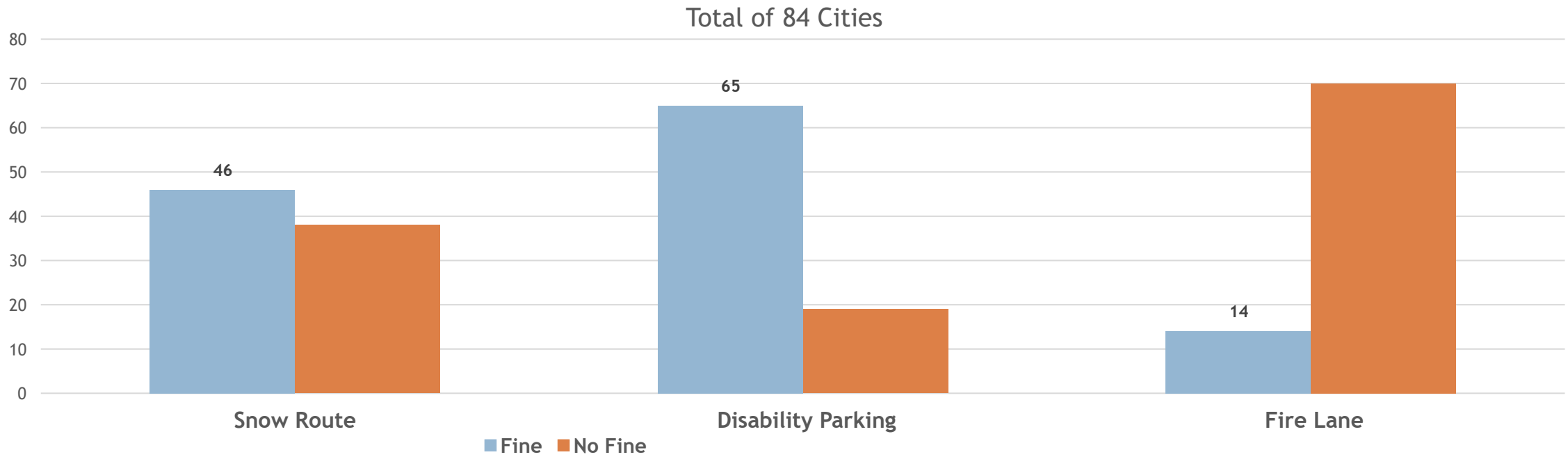
16 tickets from 1 person accounted for 2% of the year's total.

201 30-day late reminders sent.

Top 100 Cities in Iowa



Parking Tickets Cost Analysis



Expanded Parking Ticket Fines

An increase in price leads to a decrease in offenses

Fewer people are willing to pay for the convenience at a higher price point

Increase compliance = decrease response time

Puts us more in line with cities that have recently updated parking codes

Benefits of fine changes

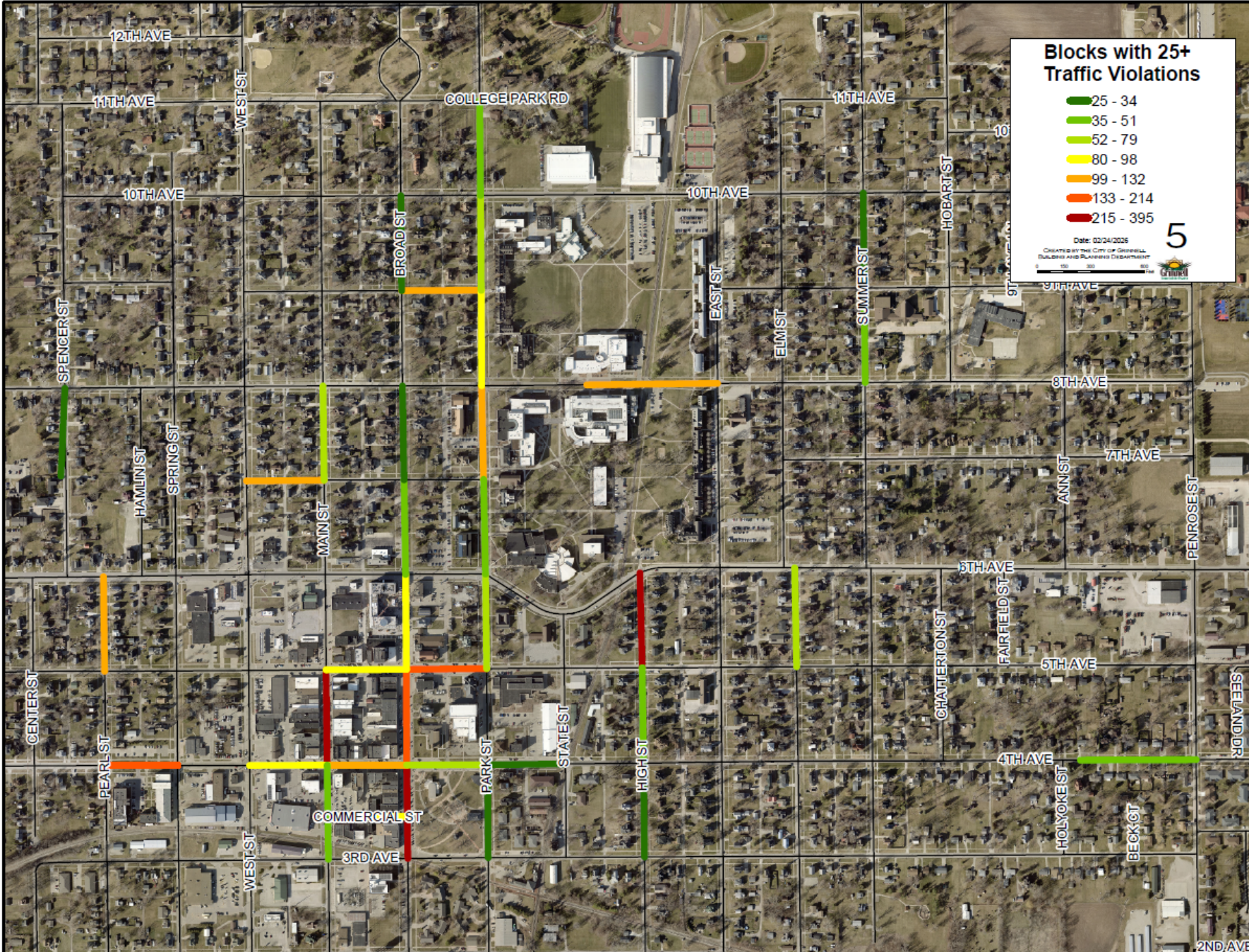
An aerial photograph of a large, multi-level parking lot. The cars are parked in neat, diagonal rows, filling most of the visible spaces. The colors of the cars vary, including blues, reds, greys, and whites. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the parking area.

Unique Parking Fines Rules

- In Iowa City a vehicle can be recited for a parking violation every 2 hours, 1st fine is \$25, subsequent are \$40
- Manchester has a \$25 ticket for alternate parking vs \$10 for other basic parking violations
- Osceola has a specific \$50 yard parking fine which doubles for the 2nd and subsequent offenses
- Muscatine has a \$20 fine for the first 20 citations and \$25 for each offense after that.
- Des Moines increased parking fines from \$15 to \$20 on 5-20-25

Parking Violations

2020 to 2025



Proposals





Permit Parking

- Removal of rented parking spaces in downtown parking lots
- Lack of information on this process
 - Multiple departments contacted with a lack of knowledge
 - This was caused by the minimal usage of the program
 - To the best of anyone's knowledge, only 3 spaces are currently rented out
- Loss of valuable spots that can be used by patrons of Downtown businesses
- Yearly cost for rented spots is \$120 per year



Alternate Parking Addition

3rd Ave
between
Spring and
Pearl, in front
of Second Mile

- 49 emergency services calls to this block in the last year



Park Street
between 4th
Ave and 3rd
Ave

- Space is limited when both sides have increased parking.



**NO
PARKING**

**THIS SIDE
MON, WED, FRI, SUN
CHANGE TIME
9:00 AM**

Alternate Parking Removals

City Code 69.12.1

- K. Washington Ave from West St to Arbor Lake
- N. Harrison From West to Pearl
- O. Marvin Ave from west to Pearl

City Code 69.12.2

- B. Broad St from 1st Ave to Washington
- D. High St from 3rd Ave to Washington Ave
- G. Park St from Marvin Ave to 1st Ave
- K. Reed St from 8th Ave to 11th Ave



No parking zone to add

11th Ave from
West St to
Sunset

Penrose from
10th Ave to 3rd
Ave

10th Ave from
Park St to West
St

East St from 6th
Ave to Davis
Ave

Industrial Ave
from West St to
the west limits



Parking Fine Proposal

Current Parking Fines

- 1st ticket \$10
- 2nd ticket \$10
- 3rd & subsequent \$10

Requested Changes

- \$25.00
- \$50.00 (12 mo. period)
- \$75.00 (12 mo. period)

Fire Lane & Disabled Parking

- \$10 ticket \$100.00 per incident

Changes to 70.01 or 70.03

- Request a change in wording to allow the Code Enforcement Officer to write parking tickets.

Examples:

- **Waterloo, IA: Code enforcement officers** and officers of the Waterloo police department are authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter.
- **Newton, IA: *Parking tickets to be issued.*** Each police officer or **code enforcement personnel** reporting a violation of the section shall also attach to the vehicle a notice to the owner or operator thereof that such vehicle has been parked in violation of this section, instructing such owner or operator to report to the city's police station regarding such violation.



City of Grinnell Parking Evaluation

Questions?????





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*Michael A. McClelland
Police Department
1020 Spring Street
Grinnell, IA 50112*

*Phone: 641-236-2670
FAX: 641-236-2652
ORI#IA0790100*

TO: Russ Behrens, City Manager
FROM: Michael A. McClelland, Chief of Police
DATE: March 25, 2026
PURPOSE: Compensation Bonuses

This memo provides updated justification for compensation bonuses for exempt employees due to extraordinary workload demands caused by ongoing staffing shortages in the Police Department. The department is currently operating with 9 sworn officers, compared to an authorized strength of 13. To cover patrol gaps created by four vacant officer positions, command staff are currently averaging **60 or more hours per week**.

- For 2025, JAN to DEC, according to PACE scheduling reports:
Total Hours Worked for Chief McClelland- 2,535 hours
Total Hours Worked for Cpt. Johnson- 2,418 hours
- These hours include handling administrative & supervisory duties, patrol shifts, responding to calls for service, performing on scene supervision, conducting duties normally assigned to line-level officers, and training.
- Many hours were not recorded or documented.

This extended workload has persisted well into 2026, and far exceeds typical expectations for exempt command positions. Request your approval of temporary compensation bonuses for Cpt. Dan Johnson and me, recognizing the sustained workload and hours.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. McClelland", written in a cursive style.

Michael A. McClelland, Chief of Police