

ORDINANCE NO. 16,367

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Section 114-485.01 and 114-485.04, relating to illegally parked vehicles.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Section 114-485.01 and 114-485.04, relating to illegally parked vehicles, as follows:

Sec. 114-485.01. Notice on illegally parked vehicles.

Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by this chapter or any other city ordinance or by state law, the officer, designated city employee, agent or government partner finding such vehicle shall take its registration number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its owner or user and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a citation-complaint in writing, on a form as provided in section 114-485.04 of this article, for the owner to appear to the charge against him or her at the city clerk's office or in the county district court as designated in the citation-complaint.

Sec. 114-485.04. Form and use of parking citation-complaint forms.

Parking citation-complaints shall be issued by the police department, the department of engineering, agents, government partners and by officers and other designated personnel upon serially numbered sets of parking citation-complaint forms, each copy of each set to be clearly imprinted with the citation-complaint number. Copies of the citation-complaint forms shall be used as follows: one to be used as a notice of violation to be delivered to the owner of the vehicle, or affixed to the vehicle illegally parked, as provided in sections 114-485 and 114-485.01 of this article; one to be placed on file with the city clerk which may be proceeded upon as a simple notice pursuant to I.C. § 321.236 which, if admitted, may be paid to the city clerk as specified in the citation-complaint or which, if denied, shall be sworn to by an officer as an information and filed in the county district court upon the filing of a written request to receive a date for entering a court appearance and plea as provided in this article; and one to be retained for record purposes by the police department. Citation-complaints which are denied as provided in this article shall be filed in the traffic division of the office of the clerk of the county district court and prosecuted pursuant to law.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED: Megan E. Norberg, Assistant City Attorney

Connie Boesen, Mayor

Attest: I, Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance (Roll Call No. 24-0915), passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on June 17, 2024 and signed by the Mayor on June 17, 2024 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on July 5, 2024. Authorized by Publication Order No. 12709.

Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk