

ORDINANCE NO. 16,504

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, is hereby amended, by amending Section 102-410, offense and fine related to prohibited camping.

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, is hereby amended, by amending Section 102-410, as follows:

Sec. 102-410. Offense and Fine.

- (a) It is the City Council's intent that this Article shall be utilized for compliance purposes to discourage non-compliant behavior and not as a general enforcement mechanism.
- (b) A person who is not a minor and who fails to comply with sections 102-407 or 102-408 commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$15.00 and specifically excludes imprisonment.
- (c) For any person who fails to comply with sections 102-407 or 102-408, prior to carrying out those sections, a police officer shall offer a one-time transport as time allows to the shelter location or provide directions to the shelter location. A person who refuses to accept the shelter space offered and fails to comply with this Article shall be deemed to be in non-compliance of sections 102-407 or 102-408 as applicable.

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

FORM APPROVED: Thomas G. Fisher Jr., Deputy 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. 25-1420), passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on October 20, 2025 and signed by the Mayor on October 20, 2025 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on November 7, 2025. Authorized by Publication Order No. 13142.

Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk