

## IMPORTANT ORDINANCES TO REMEMBER AS SPRING COMMENCES & SUMMER APPROACHES

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### **SUMP PUMPS MUST BE PLUMBED OUTSIDE**

**97.01** - No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof run-off, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer. Storm water and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as combined sewers or storm sewers, or to a natural outlet approved by the Superintendent.

### **OPEN BURNING RESTRICTED**

**105.05 – Trees & Tree Trimmings** – The open burning of trees and tree trimmings at a city-operated yard waste site is allowed with DNR specifications and approval. **Yard waste only. NO GARBAGE.** The **city yard waste site is open 24/7** & located south of Holstein on the east side of German Ave by the City lagoons.

**Landscape Waste** -The disposal by open burning of landscape waste originating on the premises, during such times as designated by the City Administrator. However, the burning of landscape waste produced in clearing, grubbing and construction operations shall be limited to areas located at least one-fourth mile from any building inhabited by other than the landowner or tenant conducting the open burning. Rubber tires shall not be used to ignite landscape waste. (IAC, 567-23.2[3d])

**Recreational Fires** - Open fires for cooking, heating, recreation, and ceremonies, provided they comply with the limits for emission of visible air contaminants established by the State Department of Natural Resources. Rubber tires shall not be burned in a recreational fire. (IAC, 567-23.2[3e])

### **MOWING**

**52.01 MOWING OF PROPERTIES.** Any property within the City, whether vacated or non-vacated, is required to be mowed and trimmed any time the weeds, grass and other vegetation reach a height of more than nine inches.

**52.02 PENALTY.** The City or their agents may mow and or trim any property, which is not mowed and or trimmed when it meets the above criteria, and a charge of \$50.00 per man hour, with a minimum of one-man hour, for such mowing and or trimming, plus a surcharge of \$75.00, will be charged to the property owner. Any property owners who fail to mow and or trim their properties, thus allowing the same to be mowed and or trimmed by the City or their agents, and who do not provide payment for the mowing and or trimming as required, will be assessed by the City for such costs, which will be collected in the same manner as general property taxes.

### **GRASS CLIPPINGS, ETC.**

**135.03** – It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, leaves, grass, or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.369)

### **TREE PRUNING**

**151.09 PRUNING AND CORNER CLEARANCE.** Every property owner having any tree overhanging any street or right-of-way within the City shall prune the branches so that such branches do not obstruct the light from any streetlamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection so as to maintain a clear space of eight feet above the surface of the sidewalk, and a minimum of 14 feet above the surface of the street. Said owners shall remove all dead, diseased and dangerous trees, or broken decayed limbs, which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. The City shall have the right to prune any trees or shrubs on private property when the same interfere with the proper distribution of light along the street from a street line, or interfere with, or reduce, the visibility of any traffic control device or sign. The pruning of trees on public property is the responsibility of the abutting property owner. If the abutting property owner fails to trim the trees as required in this section, the City may serve notice on the abutting property owner requiring that such action be taken within five days.

### **NUISANCE DEFINED**

**50.01 DEFINITION OF NUISANCE.** Whatever is injurious to health, indecent, or unreasonably offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property so as essentially to interfere unreasonably with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property is a nuisance. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.1)