

**CEDAR COUNTY
COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO. 39

SECTION I – PURPOSE.

The purpose of this ordinance is to restrict public parking in the East parking lot at the Cedar County Courthouse, Tipton, Iowa to provide for reserved spaces for the parking of county owned and other official vehicles, to restrict certain areas to limited short-term parking for the public consumers and visitors to the Courthouse and to restrict parking to certain times and locations to allow for improved maintenance and snow removal.

SECTION II – RESTRICTED PARKING AREAS.

1. Reserved Spaces. There shall be no parking of unauthorized vehicles in any parking stall marked by a “Restricted Parking” or “Reserved Parking” sign. For the purposes of this ordinance the term “unauthorized vehicle” means any vehicle other than the county owned or other official vehicle for which the space is designated to be reserved for.

2. Handicap Spaces. There shall be no parking in Handicap designated parking areas other than in compliance with Iowa law regulating those spaces.

3. Limited Time Spaces. In those parking stalls marked with a sign indicating limited time parking during specified hours, no parking in excess of those time limitations shall be allowed. It shall be deemed a separate violation for each successive time interval past the initial allowed time (e.g. a vehicle parked 20 minutes in a 15 minute stall is one violation, or a vehicle that remains parked in the same stall for 35 minutes has committed two violations, and for 50 minutes, three violations, etc.).

4. General Restrictions on Public Parking. In addition to the other restrictions imposed by this ordinance, there shall be no parking of non-county owned vehicles in the East parking lot at the Courthouse from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Each separate day shall constitute a separate violation.

SECTION III - PENALTIES.

1. Simple Misdemeanor. The registered owner of any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor and be subject to a fine in the amount of \$25.00 per violation. Such violation may be charged and prosecuted under the provisions of Iowa Code Sections 805.7 to 805.13 or as any other traffic violation.

2. County Infraction. The registered owner of any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance shall also be deemed to be guilty of a county infraction and be subject to the civil penalties provided for under Chapter 331.307 of the Code of Iowa and Cedar County Ordinance No. 20.

3. Towing. In addition to any other penalty provided herein any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance is subject to being towed immediately, at the registered owner’s expense, without prior notice to the registered owner.

SECTION IV - EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately after final adoption and publication as provided by law.