

ORDINANCE NO. 6680

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9.72 OPERATION OF VEHICLES OF THE 2025 MUNICIPAL CODE OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 9.72.355 "EXHIBITION DRIVING".

**BE IT ORDAINED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA**

SECTION 1. That Chapter 9.72 Operation of Vehicles of the 2025 Municipal Code of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is hereby amended by amending Section 9.72.355 "Exhibition Driving" to read as follows:

9.72.355 Exhibition Driving

- A. Any person who operates a motor vehicle on any street within the city limits of Council Bluffs, Iowa, in any manner described below shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor:
1. Squealing or spinning tires or wheels in such a manner as to create a noise which annoys or disturbs humans of reasonable sensibilities;
 2. Operation while one or more of the vehicle's tracks, skis, tires, or wheels is not in contact with the surface with which it was designed to maintain continuous contact;
 3. Operation while any person is completely or partially extended beyond the interior of any vehicle in a position not customarily or normally intended to be occupied by a person; Any person not operating the vehicle who engages in this conduct shall also be guilty of a simple misdemeanor;
 4. Passage through or over a frontage road, loading zone access road, or driveways connecting two or more streets for the purpose of avoiding traffic control devices at any intersection in close proximity to said roads or driveways;
 5. While accelerating and/or braking in such a manner as to cause an abrupt change in the direction of travel or the direction the vehicle is facing. This shall include but not be limited to conduct customarily known as doughnuts or cookies, which means causing the vehicle to spin around approximately one hundred eighty (180) degrees from its original direction of travel, or to spin around approximately three hundred sixty (360) degrees where the vehicle ends up facing its original direction of travel;
 6. While accelerating and/or braking in such a manner as to cause vehicular movement known as fishtailing, or the swerving or swaying of the rear end of the vehicle;

B. It shall be a valid defense to a charge under this section if the above-described conduct was engaged in under any of the following circumstances:

1. Emergency operation to avoid contact with a person or object;
2. Obedience to an order of any federal, state, county, or city law enforcement officer;
3. Required by and in the ordinary course of employment; or
4. On private property with prior written permission of the property owner.

C. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine pursuant to Iowa Code § 903.1.

(Ord. 5715 § 29, 2002)

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any of the provisions of this ordinance are for any reason declared illegal or void, then the lawful provisions of this ordinance which are severable from said unlawful provisions shall be and remain in full force and effect, the same as if the ordinance contained no illegal or void provisions.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage and publication, as by law provided.

PASSED
AND
APPROVED

May 4, 2026.


JILL K. ALMONTE

Mayor

Attest:


AMANDA KOPERA

Deputy City Clerk

First Consideration: 5-4-26
Second Consideration: 5-18-26
Public Hearing: n/a
Third Consideration: waived

Council Communication

Department: Legal

Case/Project No.:

Subject/Title

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Background/Discussion

The fine amount stated in our municipal code section does not correlate with the State's amended minimum to maximum fine range of \$105.00-\$855.00. In order to be consistent with similar non-scheduled traffic violations, an amendment is necessary. Additionally, in order to prevent ongoing and potential future changes to this Section, it is best to reference the Iowa Code as opposed to stating the fine amounts in our code.

Staff Recommendation

Approval is recommended.

Attachments

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