

## CHAPTER 160

## PRIMARY ROAD EXTENSIONS IN CITIES AND TOWNS

AN ACT to provide for the designation and marking of lateral or detour routes passing through the business district of cities and towns on the primary road system.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Any city or town located on the primary road system  
2 and in which the primary road extension as officially designated does  
3 not pass through the main part or business district of such city or  
4 town, may designate and mark a lateral or detour route in order to  
5 facilitate such primary road traffic as may desire to get into and out  
6 of such business district.

1 SEC. 2. Such lateral or detour routes shall be marked with standard  
2 markings adopted by the state highway commission therefor, which  
3 markings shall clearly indicate that such lateral route is not the offi-  
4 cial primary road extension but is in fact a lateral or detour extending  
5 to the business district.

1 SEC. 3. The cost of such markings shall be without expense to the  
2 state.

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## CHAPTER 161

## SPEED OF VEHICLES IN CITIES AND TOWNS

AN ACT to amend sections five thousand thirty (5030), five thousand thirty-b-two (5030-b2), five thousand seventy-nine-b-one (5079-b1), five thousand seventy-nine-b-two (5079-b2) and five thousand seventy-nine-b-three (5079-b3), and to repeal section five thousand thirty-b one (5030-b1), of the code, 1927, relating to the speed of vehicles within cities and towns, to prohibit the obstruction of extensions of primary roads within cities and towns, to prohibit the erection or maintenance of traffic signs or signals inconsistent with law, and to provide penalties therefor.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. That section five thousand thirty (5030) of the code,  
2 1927, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "For the purpose of controlling traffic on their streets and high-  
4 ways, cities and towns are hereby divided into business districts,  
5 residence districts, school districts and suburban districts, as follows:

6 a. "Business district". The territory contiguous to a highway  
7 when fifty per cent or more of the frontage thereon for a distance of  
8 three hundred feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for busi-  
9 ness;

10 b. "School district". The territory contiguous to a highway for  
11 a distance of two hundred feet in either direction from a schoolhouse.

12 c. "Residence district". The territory contiguous to a highway,  
13 not comprising a business district or a school district where forty  
14 per cent or more of the frontage on such highway for a distance of

15 three hundred feet or more is occupied by dwellings or by dwellings  
16 and buildings in use for business;

17 d. "Suburban district". All other parts of a city or town not in-  
18 cluded in the business, school or residence districts.

19 The maximum speed of any vehicle in such districts shall be as  
20 follows:

21 a. In a business or school district fifteen (15) miles per hour.

22 b. In a residence district twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

23 c. In a suburban district the same as that provided by law for  
24 vehicles on highways outside of cities and towns."

1 SEC. 2. Section five thousand thirty-b one (5030-b1) of the code,  
2 1927, is hereby repealed.

1 SEC. 3. Section five thousand thirty-b two (5030-b2) of the code,  
2 1927, is hereby amended by striking from lines four (4) and five (5)  
3 thereof the words "that has adopted such ordinance,".

1 SEC. 4. That section five thousand seventy-nine-b one (5079-b1)  
2 of the code, 1927, is hereby amended by striking from line two (2)  
3 thereof the words "outside of" and substituting in lieu thereof the  
4 punctuation and words ", and extensions of primary roads within".

1 SEC. 5. That section five thousand seventy-nine-b two (5079-b2)  
2 of the code, 1927, is hereby amended by inserting the punctuation and  
3 words ", street or alley" following the word "highway" in line three  
4 (3) thereof.

1 SEC. 6. That section five thousand seventy-nine-b three (5079-b3)  
2 of the code, 1927, is hereby amended as follows:

3 a. By inserting the punctuation and words ", streets and alleys"  
4 following the word "roads" in line one (1) and following the word  
5 "roads" in line two (2) thereof.

6 b. By adding the following to said section:

7 "Provided that at intersections of such arterial highways with  
8 boulevards or heavy traffic streets in cities and towns, the council  
9 may, subject to the approval of the state highway commission, deter-  
10 mine that the arterial highway traffic shall come to a stop, erect  
11 "stop" and "go" signals, or adopt such other means of handling the  
12 traffic as may be deemed practical and proper".

1 SEC. 7. That the following be enacted and inserted in the code as  
2 section five thousand seventy-nine-b five (5079-b5):

3 "It shall be unlawful for any city or town to close or obstruct any  
4 street or highway which is used as the extension of a primary road  
5 within such city or town, except at times of fires or for the purpose  
6 of doing construction or repair work on such street or highway, or  
7 for other reasons with the consent of the highway commission, and  
8 it shall also be unlawful for any city or town to erect or cause to be  
9 erected or maintained any traffic sign or signal inconsistent with the  
10 provisions of this chapter.

1 SEC. 8. The provisions of this act shall apply to cities acting under  
2 special charter, regardless of population.

1 "SEC. 8-a. The provisions of sections six (6) and seven (7) as con-

2 cerns the erection and maintenance of stop and go signals shall not  
 3 apply to cities with a population of four thousand (4,000) or over  
 4 where said signals are situated within business districts of said city."

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## CHAPTER 162

### ELECTION OF CITY OFFICERS

AN ACT to amend section fifty-six hundred thirty-nine (5639) of the code, 1927, and to repeal sections fifty-six hundred thirty-two (5632) and fifty-six hundred thirty-three (5633) of the code, 1927, and to enact a substitute therefor, relating to the election of city solicitor, city engineer, and auditor, and the appointment of police judge excepting in cities and towns organized under the provisions of chapter three hundred twenty-eight (328), of the code, 1927, cities organized under chapter three hundred twenty-six (326) of the code, 1927, and cities with a population of less than forty thousand (40,000).

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. That section fifty-six hundred thirty-two (5632), code,  
 2 1927, be repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

3 SEC. 5632. **Officers elected at large.** In all cities and towns the  
 4 mayor, treasurer and assessor shall be elected by the entire electorate,  
 5 provided, however, that the auditor, solicitor and engineer may be  
 6 elected if it is so provided by ordinance.

1 SEC. 2. That section fifty-six hundred thirty-three (5633) of the  
 2 code, 1927, be repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

3 SEC. 5633. **Officers appointed by council.** In all cities and towns,  
 4 the council at its first meeting after the biennial election, shall appoint  
 5 a clerk and may appoint a city solicitor, a city engineer, an auditor,  
 6 and in cities of the first class, where there is no municipal or superior  
 7 court, a police judge.

1 SEC. 3. That section fifty-six hundred thirty-nine (5639), code,  
 2 1927, subdivision 7, be amended as follows:

3 By inserting after the word "officer" in the third line thereof the  
 4 words "or shall be appointed in cities entitled to appoint such officer".

1 SEC. 4. The provisions of this act shall not apply to cities and towns  
 2 organized under the provisions of chapter three hundred twenty-eight  
 3 (328) of the code, 1927.

1 SEC. 5. The provisions of this act shall not apply to cities organized  
 2 under chapter 326 of the code.

1 SEC. 6. The provisions of this act shall not apply to any city or  
 2 town with a population of less than forty thousand.

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