

TITLE VII – TRANSPORTATION  
STREETS AND ALLEYS

CHAPTER 178  
VACATION AND DISPOSAL

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**178.01 POWER TO VACATE.** When, in the judgment of the Council, it would be in the best interest of the City to vacate a street or alley or portion thereof, the Council may do so by ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 306.10)

**178.02 PLANNING COMMISSION.** Any proposal to vacate a street or alley shall be referred by the Council to the Planning Commission for its study and recommendation prior to further consideration by the Council. The Planning Commission shall submit a written report including recommendations to the Council within thirty (30) days after the date the proposed vacation is referred to the Commission.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

**178.03 NOTICE OF VACATION HEARING.** The Council shall cause to be published a notice of public hearing of the time at which the proposal to vacate shall be considered.

**178.04 FINDINGS REQUIRED.** No street or alley, or portion thereof, shall be vacated unless the Council finds that:

1. Public Use. The street or alley proposed to be vacated is not needed for the use of the public, and therefore, its maintenance at public expense is not longer justified.
2. Abutting Property. The proposed vacation will not deny owners of property abutting on the street or alley reasonable access to their property.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.15)

**178.05 DISPOSAL OF VACATED STREETS OR ALLEYS.** When in the judgment of the Council it would be in the best interest of the City to dispose of a vacated street or alley, or portion thereof, the Council may do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 364.7, Code of Iowa.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.7)

**178.06 DISPOSAL BY GIFT LIMITED.** The City may not dispose of a vacated street or alley, or portion thereof, by gift except to a governmental body for a public purpose.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.7[3])

EDITOR'S NOTE

The following ordinances, not codified herein and specifically saved from repeal, have been adopted vacating certain streets and/or alleys and remain in full force and effect.

ORDINANCE NO.ADOPTED

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September 21, 1983  
August 9, 1993  
October 29, 1998  
June 10, 2014  
December 3, 2018  
January 7, 2019