

## CHAPTER 137

# VACATION AND DISPOSAL OF STREETS

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

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [2a])*

**137.02 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.** Any proposal to vacate a street, alley, portion thereof or any public grounds shall be referred by the Council to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its study and recommendation prior to further consideration by the Council. The 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)*

**137.03 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.

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

1. Public Use. The street, alley, portion thereof or any public ground proposed to be vacated is not needed for the use of the public, and therefore, its maintenance at public expense is no 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.

**137.05 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, portion thereof or public ground, the Council may do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 364.7, Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.7)*

**137.06 DISPOSAL BY GIFT LIMITED.** The City may not dispose of real property by gift except to a governmental body for a public purpose.

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

<b>EDITOR'S NOTE</b>			
The following ordinances, not codified herein and specifically saved from repeal, have been adopted vacating certain streets, alleys and/or public grounds and remain in full force and effect.			
<b>ORDINANCE NO.</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>	<b>ORDINANCE NO.</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
49	December 7, 1967		
51	March 21, 1968		
72	November 20, 1969		
82	July 2, 1970		
126	November 2, 1972		
131	March 29, 1973		
142	August 16, 1973		
146	September 6, 1973		
210	May 27, 1977		
344	May 20, 1986		
370	April 2, 1987		
411	August 18, 1988		
438	April 27, 1989		
439	April 27, 1989		
449	October 5, 1989		
456	March 15, 1990		
463	August 2, 1990		
469	October 4, 1990		
483	March 28, 1991		
489 (Easement vacation)	May 16, 1991		
536 (Easement vacation)	March 4, 1993		
585	November 17, 1994		