

CHAPTER 155

SIGN CODE

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155.01 TITLE. This chapter shall be known as the “Indianola Sign Code,” may be cited as such and will be referred to herein as “this chapter.”

155.02 PURPOSE; SCOPE. The purpose of this chapter is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, quality of materials, construction, location, electrification and maintenance of all signs and sign structures not located within a building.

155.03 DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the meanings ascribed herein:

1. “Area sign” means a relatively large sign, whether illuminated or not, mounted on self-supporting poles away from any building, and usually meant to bring attention to an integrated business operation, such as a shopping area or subdivision, or a business, the nature of whose services offered requires that customers be notified of the service location a substantial distance away from that location, such as gasoline service stations.
2. “Awning” means any structure made of cloth type materials or metal with a metal frame attached to a building and projecting over a thoroughfare, when the same is so erected as to permit its being raised to a position flat against the building when not in use.
3. “Business” means a place where different types of trade, commerce, etc., is carried on, usually under the ownership of one person, company or partnership.

4. “Canopy” means any structure, other than an awning, made of cloth type materials or metal with metal frames attached to a building, projecting over a thoroughfare, and carried by a frame supported by the ground or sidewalk.
5. “Erect” means to build, construct, attach, hang, place, suspend, or affix, and also includes the painting of wall signs.
6. “Facing or surface” means the surface of the sign upon, against or through which the message is displayed or illustrated on the sign. The square footage of a sign, wherever the same is required to be computed for the purposes of this chapter, shall be determined by computing the square footage of the “facing” or “surface” of such sign.
7. “Free standing or ground signs” means any sign supported by uprights or braces placed into the ground and not attached to any building.
8. “Illuminated sign” means any sign which has characters, letters, figures, designs or outlines illuminated by electric lights or luminous tubes as a part of the sign proper.
9. “Incombustible material” means any material which will not ignite at or below a temperature of twelve hundred (1200) degrees Fahrenheit and will not continue to burn or glow at that temperature.
10. “Marquee” means any hood or awning of permanent construction projecting from the wall of a building above an entrance and extending over a thoroughfare.
11. “Other advertising structure” means any marquee, canopy or awning as further defined herein.
12. “Projecting sign” means any sign which is attached to a building or other structure and extends more than twelve (12) inches beyond the building.
13. “Roof sign” means any sign erected, constructed and maintained wholly upon or over the roof of any building with the principal support on the roof structure.
14. “Sign” means any and every advertising sign, identification sign, freestanding sign, ground sign, wall sign, roof sign, illuminated sign, projecting sign, temporary sign, marquee, awning and canopy and includes any announcement, declaration, demonstration, display, illustration or insignia used to advertise or promote the interests of any person when the same is placed out-of-doors in view of the general public.
15. “Structural trim” means the molding, battens, cappings, nailing strips, laticing, and platforms which are attached to the sign structure.

16. “Temporary sign” means any sign, banner, pennant, valance or advertising display constructed of cloth, canvass, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard or other light materials, with or without frames, intended to be displayed for a short period of time only.

17. “Wall sign” means any flat sign of solid face construction which is placed against a building or other structure and attached to the exterior front, rear or side wall of any building or other structure.

155.04 NONAPPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN SIGNS. The provisions and regulations of this chapter, except for Section 155.19 and Section 155.24, do not apply to the signs set forth in this section.

1. Nonilluminated signs denoting the architect, engineer or contractor when placed upon work under construction and not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area.

2. Nonilluminated professional nameplates not exceeding one square foot in area.

3. Nonilluminated real estate signs not exceeding nine (9) square feet in area in residential areas which advertise the sale, rental or lease of the premises upon which said signs are located only, and nonilluminated real estate signs not exceeding 32 square feet advertising the sale of vacant land in excess of one acre. *(Ord. 1571 – Aug. 17 Supp.)*

4. Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings and date of erection when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of bronze or other incombustible materials.

5. Traffic or other municipal signs, private traffic directional signs, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger and such temporary emergency or non-advertising signs as may be approved by the administrative officer.

6. Garage sale signs not exceeding six (6) square feet in area and removed one week after erection or twenty-four (24) hours after completion of sale, whichever comes first.

7. Nonilluminated painted or woven business identification signs on an awning provided that such signs do not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area and twelve (12) inches in height.

8. Political signs subject to the following conditions:

A. Property owner’s consent is given to the placement of the sign.

B. Signs are removed from public right-of-way within seven (7) days after the election.

C. Signs do not obstruct visibility of vehicular traffic.

D. All political signs within residential zoning districts other than highway frontage do not exceed nine (9) square feet in area.

(Ord. 1407 – Aug. 08 Supp.)

9. Menu boards used in conjunction with restaurants or drive-through eating establishments.

10. Convenience Store or fuel station pump island signs provided they are placed directly over the fuel dispenser and do not exceed three square feet.

(Ord. 1571 – Aug. 17 Supp.)

155.05 MISCELLANEOUS SIGNS. All miscellaneous signs such as overhead banners, etc. which are not specifically covered by this chapter may be permitted on an individual basis by decision of the administrative officer.

155.06 SIGNS PAINTED ON BUILDINGS. Signs painted on the exterior surface of a building or structure may be permitted on an individual basis by decision of the administrative officer, provided, however, if such signs have raised borders, letters, characters, decorations or lighting appliances, they shall be subject to the provisions of sections 155.13 and 155.25(3). All such painted signs shall also be subject to provisions of Section 155.24 of this chapter where applicable. All such signs shall be limited to one hundred twenty (120) square feet in area and shall only apply to business operations which are conducted in the building upon which they are painted.

155.07 PERMITTED SIGNS. All signs that were erected prior to November 30, 1972, or had a sign permit existing on November 5, 1984, will be allowed to stay erected as constructed. All other signs shall be constructed in accordance with this chapter.

155.08 ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY. The administrative officer appointed by the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enforce all the provisions of this chapter.

155.09 PERMIT REQUIRED. It is unlawful for any person to erect, repair, alter, relocate or maintain within the City any sign or other advertising structure as defined in this chapter, without first obtaining an erection permit from the Community Development Department, and making payment of the fee required herein. All illuminated signs shall, in addition, be subject to the provisions of the Electrical Code of the City. Minor repairs and maintenance do not come under this chapter. Banners in the public right of way shall be permitted by City Council policy as it may be amended from time to time.

(Ord. 1571 – Aug. 17 Supp.)

155.10 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT. Application for sign erection permits shall be made upon forms provided by the Community Development Department and shall contain or have attached thereto the following information:

(Ord. 1571 – Aug. 17 Supp.)

1. Name, address and telephone number of the applicant.

2. Location of building, structure, or lot to which or upon which the sign or other advertising structure is to be attached or erected.
3. Position of the sign or other advertising structure in relation to nearby buildings or structures.
4. If required by administrative officer, two (2) blueprints or ink drawings of the plans and specifications and method of construction and attachment to the building or in the ground.
5. Copy of stress sheets and calculations showing the structure is designed for dead load and wind pressure in any direction in the amount required by this chapter and all other laws and ordinances of the City.
6. Name of person, firm, corporation or association erecting the structure.
7. Written consent of the owner of the building, structure or land to which or on which the structure is to be erected.
8. Water Tank, Utility Poles. No signs other than those designating the owner or locality shall be erected on any water tank, utility pole or municipally owned structure. This subsection does not apply to banners in the public right of way as permitted by City Council policy as it may be amended from time to time. *(Ord. 1248 – May 03 Supp.)*

9. Off-premises Signs. No signs of any sort advertising any business enterprise, product or service shall be located on property other than upon the property on which said business is located. No signs of any sort advertising any general product shall be located on property other than upon the property of a bona fide business selling such product, except yard sale signs with the consent of property owner. This subsection does not apply to banners in the public right of way as permitted by City Council policy as it may be amended from time to time.

(Ord. 1248 – May 03 Supp.)

No signs of any sort that are portable, painted on or attached to an operative self-propelled vehicle, or that are otherwise designed to be capable of portability by being situated upon or within any vehicle or device capable of being moved, shall be located on property other than upon the property on which said business is located. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, changeable message signs, reader boards, trailers, panel trucks, semi-truck trailers, products bearing advertising language, and any other device whose function is to be stationary and serve as a sign. The Director of Community Development may approve temporary off-premise signs for advertising a grand opening for a business and other special promotions, sales, or events. Such exception may be granted for a time period not exceeding one week leading up to the special event. This section does not prohibit mobile signs from being temporarily located on non-business premises during the time that the business associated with the sign is being conducted.

(Ord. 1521 – Aug. 13 Supp.)

10. Such other information as the administrative officer shall require to show full compliance with this chapter and all other laws and ordinances of the City.

155.11 APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL WIRING. The application for a permit for erection of a sign or other advertising structure in which electrical wiring and connections are to be used shall be submitted to the administrative officer. The administrative officer shall examine the plans and specifications respecting all wiring and connections to determine if the same complies with the Electrical Code of the City, and the administrative officer shall approve such permit if the said plans and specifications comply with said code, or disapprove the application if noncompliance with such code is found.

155.12 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE. Every applicant for a permit for the erection of a sign to be erected within ten (10) feet of any public way shall, before the permit is granted, have public liability insurance for such sign in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). Such insurance shall be continuously maintained as long as the sign remains.

155.13 PERMIT ISSUANCE; EXPIRATION. It is the duty of the administrative officer, upon the filing of an application for an erection permit, to examine such plans and specifications and other data and the premises upon which it is proposed to erect the sign or other advertising structure, and if all the requirements of this chapter and all other laws and ordinances of the City are complied with, the administrative officer shall then issue the erection permit. If the work authorized under an erection permit has not been completed within six (6) months after date of issuance, the said permit shall become null and void.

155.14 FEES. Every applicant for a sign permit shall pay such fee to the Clerk in the following amount:

Signs 24 square feet or less	\$25.00
Signs over 24 square feet and not more than 100 square feet	\$50.00
Signs over 100 square feet	\$75.00 plus \$.20 per square foot over 100 square feet.

In computing the area of a sign, only one face of a double face sign shall be taken as the area of the sign. *(Ord. 1203 – Aug. 01 Supp.)*

155.15 REVOCABILITY OF PERMIT. All rights and privileges acquired under the provisions of this chapter, or any amendment thereto, are mere permits revocable by the Council, and all sign permits shall contain this provision. In the event that by action of the Council any permit is revoked, it shall be unlawful thereafter to permit such sign to continue to remain on the premises, and it is the duty of the owner, agent,

or person in possession of said premises, and each of them, to remove such sign forthwith.

155.16 DATE TO BE POSTED. Every sign or other advertising structure hereafter erected shall have painted in a conspicuous place thereon, the date of erection.

155.17 RIGHT OF ENTRY. Subject to constitutional limitations and upon presentation of proper credentials, the administrative officer or any duly authorized representatives may enter at reasonable times any building, structure or premises in the City to perform any duty imposed upon the administrative officer by this chapter.

155.18 INSPECTION. All signs for which a permit is required by this chapter or any ordinance of the City shall be subject to inspection by the administrative officer. Footing inspections will be required for all ground signs. Electric signs shall be inspected before erection.

155.19 UNSAFE OR UNLAWFUL SIGNS. If the administrative officer finds that any sign or other advertising structure regulated herein is unsafe or insecure, or is a menace to the public, or has been constructed or erected or is being maintained in violation of the provisions of this chapter, the administrative officer shall give written notice to the permittee thereof. If the permittee fails to remove or alter the structure so as to comply with the standards herein set forth within ten (10) days after such notice, such sign or other advertising structure may be removed or altered to comply, by the administrative officer at the expense of the permittee or owner of the property upon which it is located. The administrative officer shall recommend to the City Manager the revocation of the permit covering such sign or other structure regulated herein, and thereupon said permit may be revoked by order of the Council. The administrative officer may cause any sign or other advertising structure which is an immediate peril to persons or property to be removed summarily and without notice. Existing signs shall comply with the provisions of this section.

155.20 NONCONFORMING SIGNS.

1. Every sign or other advertising structure lawfully in existence on July 1, 2015, but which is prohibited by the terms and conditions of this chapter, shall not be altered or moved except in compliance with this chapter. Provided, however, an existing sign or structure in an unsafe condition may be reconstructed to a safe condition that does not increase its height or area and meets all other requirements reasonably determined by the Community Development Department.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an application for Exemption as provided in Section 155.22 must be filed with the Administrative Officer and approved by City Council prior to reconstruction.

(Ord. 1547 – Feb. 16 Supp.)

155.21 REMOVAL OF IRRELEVANT SIGNS. Any sign now or hereafter existing which no longer advertises a bona fide business conducted, or a product sold, shall be taken down and removed by the owner, agent or person having the use of the building or structure upon which such sign may be found, within ten (10) days after written notification from the administrative officer, and upon failure to comply with such notice within the time specified in such order, the administrative officer is hereby authorized to cause removal of such sign, and any expense incident thereto shall be paid by the owner of the building or structure to which such sign is attached.

155.22 EXEMPTION; APPLICATION TO COUNCIL. Whenever, because of unusual circumstances, there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the Council may grant a specific exemption for individual situations, provided the Council shall first find that a special and unusual, individual circumstance makes the strict application of this chapter impractical and that the exemption granted with appropriate safeguards is in conformity with the intent and purpose of this chapter. Any person requesting an exemption from the strict application of this chapter may make application to the Council for the granting of such application, provided that:

1. A written application for such an exemption is submitted indicating the section of this chapter from which the applicant requests the exemption and stating the grounds on which it is requested. The application shall be filed with the Clerk and shall be accompanied by a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00).
2. No such exemption shall be granted by the Council without a public hearing. Notice thereof shall be given at least four (4) days but no more than twenty (20) days in advance of the hearing by a single publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.
3. The Council may grant the exemption with such safeguards as it feels are necessary in order to conform with the intents and purposes of this chapter provided that the Council finds that granting of the exemption will not adversely affect the public interest.

155.23 APPEAL PROCEDURE. If an applicant is aggrieved by a decision of the administrative officer which involves the interpretation or administration of this chapter said applicant may appeal the decision to the Council, as follows:

1. A written application stating the decision appealed from, the date of the decision and the reason that the applicant feels that the administrative officer was in error shall be filed with the Clerk. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00).
2. No such appeal shall be granted by the Council without a public hearing. Notice thereof shall be given at least four (4) days, but no more than twenty (20) days in advance of the hearing by a single publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

3. On the filing of an appeal, the administrative officer shall immediately transfer all papers constituting the record to the office of the Clerk for submission to the Council. An aggrieved applicant shall have sixty (60) days within which to appeal the decision of the administrative officer.

155.24 PROHIBITED SIGNS.

1. Generally. No sign shall be erected, relocated or maintained so as to prevent free ingress to or egress from any door, window or fire escape. No sign of any kind shall be attached to a standpipe or fire escape.

2. Interference with Traffic. No sign or other advertising structure as regulated by this chapter shall be erected at the intersection of any street or alley in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision, or at any location, where, by reason of the position, shape or color, it may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device or which makes use of the words *STOP*, *LOOK*, *DRIVE-IN*, *DANGER* or any other word, phrase, symbol or character in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.

3. Flashing Lights. It is unlawful for any person to operate any sign which is wholly or partially illuminated by flashing or intermittent lights between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and dawn of the next day.

4. Revolving Beacons. It is unlawful for any person to erect or maintain any revolving beacon.

5. Obscene Matter. It is unlawful for any person to display upon any sign or other advertising structure any obscene, indecent or immoral matter.

6. Roof Signs. It is unlawful for any person to erect, relocate or alter within the City any roof sign, except within C-2 (Highway Commercial) and in compliance with the requirements of Section 155.31(6)(D).

(Ord. 1420 – May 09 Supp.)

7. Projecting Signs. It is unlawful for any person to erect, alter, relocate or maintain in the City any projecting sign except as allowed by Section 155.31(7)(E), provided the proposed location of the sign is within blocks 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18 of the Original Town Plat.

(Ord. 1508 – Apr. 13 Supp.)

8. Water Tank, Utility Poles. No signs other than those designating the owner or locality shall be erected on any water tank, utility pole or municipally owned structure.

9. Off-premise Signs. No signs of any sort advertising any business, enterprise, product or service shall be located on property other than upon the property on which said business is located. No signs of any sort advertising any general product shall be located on property other than upon the property of a bona fide business selling such product, except yard sale signs with the consent of the property owner and electronic video signs. However, the

Director of Community Development may approve temporary off-premise signs that are non-commercial and have a civic or community orientation and message.

(Ord. 1399 – Feb. 08 Supp.)

155.25 CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS GENERALLY.

1. Maintenance. All signs, together with all of their supports, braces, guys and anchors shall be kept in repair and in proper state of preservation. The display surfaces of all signs shall be kept neatly painted or posted at all times.
2. Strength of Signs. All signs and other advertising structures shall be designed and constructed to withstand a wind load and dead load as required in the Building Code or other ordinances of the City.
3. Reflectors, Lights, Glare. Gooseneck reflectors and lights are permitted on ground signs and walls signs. However, any lights shall be installed only in such manner that the direct rays of such lights are concentrated on the sign and prevented from causing a glare on, or striking, the street or nearby property; or the reflectors shall be provided with proper glass lenses concentrating the illumination upon the area of the sign so as to prevent glare upon the street or nearby property.

155.26 GROUND SIGNS.

1. Fastening Characters. All letters, figures, characters or representations in cutout or irregular form, maintained in conjunction with, attached to, or superimposed upon any ground sign shall be safely and securely built or attached to the sign structure.
2. Maximum Surface Area. The size for all ground signs shall conform with the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 165).
3. Height and Property Line Limitation. It is unlawful to erect any ground sign whose total height is greater than twenty-five (25) feet above the level of the street upon which the sign faces, or above the adjoining ground level, if such ground level is above the street level. No portion of any sign shall extend beyond the property line.
4. Location of Ground Sign. Unless otherwise stated, no ground sign shall be nearer than twenty (20) feet to any other sign or nearer than two (2) feet to any building or structure. Each business shall be allowed only one ground sign per structure, housing said business.
5. Setback Line. The setback line of any ground sign shall be in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance.
6. Maintenance of Grounds. All ground signs and the premises surrounding the same shall be maintained by the owner thereof in a clean, sanitary, and inoffensive condition, and free and clear of all obnoxious substances, rubbish and weeds.

155.26.5 ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARDS. The intent of this section is to allow electronic video message boards or screens as an accessory sign to retail and service establishments. Such signs shall provide community or civic service announcements and general community information. Off premise advertising not to exceed 80% of the total amount of messaging is permitted.

1. **Materials.** All electronic or video signs for which a permit is required under this chapter shall have a surface or facing of noncorrosive material. Every electronic sign, including frames, braces and supports thereof, shall be approved by the administrative officer as in compliance of Building and Electrical Codes.
2. **Location.** Electronic video message boards shall be placed, tilted or screened as not to interfere with vehicle traffic. Wall mount message boards are prohibited. No sign shall be placed in a required front yard.
3. **Maximum Surface Area.** The size of the signs shall conform to Section 155.31 for each specific zoning classification.
4. **Maximum Number.** The maximum number of electronic video signs, for which a permit is required, placed on a premises shall not exceed 10.
5. **Minimum Height.** Any electronic or video sign must be a minimum of 8 feet above grade when placed in areas subject to pedestrian traffic.

(Ord. 1399 – Feb. 08 Supp.)

155.27 WALL SIGNS.

1. **Materials; Design; Approval.** All wall signs for which a permit is required under this chapter shall have a surface or facing of noncorrosive material. Every wall sign, including the frames, braces and supports thereof, shall be approved by the administrative officer as in compliance with the Building and Electrical Codes of the City.
2. **Location; Placement.** No wall sign shall cover wholly or partially any wall opening, or project beyond the ends or top of the wall to which it is attached.
3. **Maximum Surface Area.** The size of wall signs shall conform with the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 165). In applying this section, a wall sign shall be that portion of a given wall of which the interior side thereof is occupied by a particular business. In determining whether or not the maximum area of wall signs has been exceeded, the total area of all wall signs displayed on a given wall shall be included.
4. **Minimum Height.** No wall sign thicker than three (3) inches shall be attached to a wall at a height of less than eight (8) feet above the sidewalk or ground.
5. **Extension From Wall.** The front facing of a wall sign shall not be permitted to extend more than twelve (12) inches beyond the surface of the

building to which it is attached. No wall sign shall overhang the public right-of-way beyond the twelve (12) inches provided in the previous sentence.

6. Obstructing Openings. No wall sign shall be erected, relocated or maintained so as to prevent free ingress to or egress from any door, window or fire escape.

7. Painted or Individual Letters. To compute the square footage of a painted or individually lettered wall sign, imaginary lines shall be established that are equal distance from each other and encompass the first, last and tallest letters of each word.

155.28 TEMPORARY SIGNS.

1. Permit Required; Duration. Permits for temporary signs, when required, shall authorize the erection of such signs and their maintenance for a period not exceeding ten (10) days, two times per calendar year. Two consecutive ten day periods are permissible. Also, permits for temporary signs may be issued for the erection of such signs and their maintenance for two additional three-day periods per calendar year separated by at least one day. Any other section of this chapter notwithstanding, no permit shall be required for a sign which is of a civic, political or religious nature providing they are removed immediately after the event in which the organization is notifying the public. *(Ord. 1241 – Feb. 03 Supp.)*

2. Contents Permitted; Exception. The advertisement contained on any temporary sign shall pertain only to the business, industry or pursuit conducted on or within the premises on which such sign is erected or maintained. This provision shall not apply to signs of civil, political or religious nature.

3. Area; Materials. No temporary sign of combustible material shall in more than one of its dimensions exceed four (4) feet or one hundred (100) square feet in area, and such signs in excess of sixty (60) square feet shall be made of rigid materials, that is, of wallboard or other light materials with frames.

4. Projection. No temporary wall sign shall extend over or into any street, alley, sidewalk or other public thoroughfare a distance greater than three (3) inches from the wall upon which it is erected.

5. Obstructing Openings. No temporary sign shall be erected so as to prevent free ingress to or egress from any door, window or fire escape, nor shall such sign be attached to any standpipe or fire escape, nor shall such sign be placed over any wall opening.

6. Attachment. Every temporary sign shall be attached to the wall or the ground with wire, steel cables or other materials acceptable to the administrative officer; and no strings, ropes or wood slats for anchorage or support purposes shall be permitted.

7. Fees. Every applicant for a temporary sign permit shall pay a fee to the Clerk as follows: \$25.00 for the first 10 day period; \$5.00 for the second 10 day period; and \$25.00 for each 3 day period.

(Ord. 1241 – Feb. 03 Supp.)

155.29 AWNINGS.

1. Permit and Fee Required. Permits and fees for awnings shall be required as provided in the Uniform Building Code. No sign fee will be required.

2. Advertising Permitted. No advertising shall be placed on any awnings, except that the name of the owner and the business, industry or pursuit conducted within the premises may be painted or otherwise permanently placed in a space not exceeding twelve (12) inches in height or twelve (12) square feet in area on the front and side portions thereof.

3. Required Materials. Awnings may be constructed of fire resistant cloth type materials or metal. All awning frames and supports shall be of metal or wood.

4. Minimum Height. All awnings shall be constructed and erected so that the lowest portion thereof shall be not less than eight (8) feet above the level of the sidewalk or public thoroughfare.

5. Projection. No awning shall be permitted to extend beyond a point twelve (12) inches inside the curb line.

6. Attachment. Every awning shall be securely attached to and supported by the building. Posts or columns beyond the building line are not permitted for awnings.

7. Compliance with Building Code. Awnings and structures authorized under this section shall meet all the specifications of the Building Code of the City.

155.30 MARQUEES AND CANOPIES.

1. Permit and Fee Required. Permits and fees for marquees and canopies shall be required as provided in the Uniform Building Code.

2. Permit Revocation. The permit required by the Uniform Building Code shall allow the City the right to revoke such permit and to cause the removal of the structure authorized thereunder, and at the expense of the owner thereof, at any time the Council may by ordinance or otherwise direct the removal thereof in the interest of public safety and welfare, or may cause the removal of all other marquees or canopies from the street and within the block in which such marquees or canopies may be located. It is hereby expressly provided that any permit which fails to contain the reservation of the right to revocation required by this section shall be without effect.

3. **Public Liability Insurance Required.** Any person having control of any marquee, canopy or fixed awning shall file with the administrative officer a certificate of insurance certifying that such applicant has public liability insurance for such marquee or canopy in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) which shall be in lieu of insurance provisions of Section 155.12. Such insurance shall be continuously maintained as long as the marquee, canopy or fixed awning remains.
4. **Compliance with Building Code.** Marquees and canopies under this section shall meet all the specifications of the Building Code of the City.
5. **Signs on Marquees and Canopies.** Signs on marquees and canopies are allowed. All such signs shall conform to all the applicable provisions of this chapter.
6. **Removal Right.** Nothing contained herein in this section, nor the payment of any fees herein required, shall abridge or be construed as denying the City the right to cause removal of the marquee or fixed awning as provided in subsection 2 of this section.
7. **Minimum Height.** All marquees and canopies shall be constructed and erected so that the lowest portion thereof shall be not less than eight (8) feet above the level of the sidewalk or public thoroughfare.
8. **Projection.** No marquee or canopy shall be permitted to extend beyond a point twelve (12) inches inside the curb line.

155.31 SIGNS PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED GENERALLY IN SPECIFIC ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS. The following signs are permitted within the designated zoning classifications and only if they are erected in compliance with and not in violation with any other part of this chapter or any other ordinance of the City. All other signs are hereby expressly prohibited.

1. **A-1 — Agricultural.** Signs permitted are:
 - A. Nameplates attached flat against the wall of the main building not to exceed one square foot in area.
 - B. Church or civic identification signs not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet in area. *(Ord. 1407 – Aug. 08 Supp.)*
 - C. Temporary signs advertising the lease or sale of the premises not to exceed nine (9) square feet in area.
2. **R-1 — Single-family Residential.** Signs permitted are:
 - A. Nameplates attached flat against the wall of the main building not to exceed one square foot in area.
 - B. Church or civic identification signs not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet in area. *(Ord. 1407 – Aug. 08 Supp.)*

- C. Temporary signs advertising the lease or sale of the premises not to exceed nine (9) square feet in area.
 - D. Illumination of signs, bulletin boards and nameplates shall not exceed one hundred (100) watts and shall be lighted only with indirect, nonintermittent lighting.
 - E. Ground signs shall be at least twenty (20) feet from the front lot line or not more than five (5) feet in front of the main building.
3. R-2 — Single and two-family Residential. Signs permitted are:
- A. Nameplates attached flat against the wall of the main building not to exceed three (3) square feet in area.
 - B. Church or civic identification signs not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet in area. *(Ord. 1407 – Aug. 08 Supp.)*
 - C. Temporary signs advertising the lease or sale of the premises not to exceed nine (9) feet in area.
 - D. Illumination of signs, bulletin boards and nameplates shall not exceed one hundred (100) watts and shall be lighted only with indirect, nonintermittent lighting.
 - E. Ground signs shall be at least twenty (20) feet from the front line or not more than five (5) feet in front of the main building.
4. R-3, R-4, R-5 and R-6 — Mixed Residential, Multiple-family, Planned, and Mobile Home Residential. Signs permitted are:
- A. Nameplates attached flat against the wall of the main building not to exceed three (3) square feet in area.
 - B. Church, civic or private nonprofit identification signs not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet in area. *(Ord. 1241 – Feb. 03 Supp.)*
 - C. Temporary signs advertising the lease or sale of the premises not to exceed nine (9) square feet in area.
 - D. Illumination of signs, bulletin boards and nameplates shall not exceed one hundred (100) watts and shall be lighted only with indirect, nonintermittent lighting.
 - E. Ground or freestanding signs shall be at least twenty (20) feet from the front lot line or not more than five (5) feet in front of the main building. Such signs shall be permitted, however, only for the purposes of advertising an apartment complex, which sign shall be limited to twenty (20) square feet in area. For purposes of this section, and for these purposes only, there must be at least four (4) separate apartments for an apartment complex to exist.
5. *(Deleted by Ord. 1252 – Aug. 03 Supp.)*

6. C-2 and C-4 — Highway Commercial and Planned Commercial. Signs permitted are:

- A. All signs, unless otherwise prohibited, provided that they:
- (1) Do not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height.
 - (2) Are not within twenty-five (25) feet of an “A” or “R” district.
 - (3) Are not within twenty-five (25) feet of another sign, except electronic video signs.
 - (4) Do not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area, or cover more than fifteen percent (15%) of the building face it covers.
 - (5) No electronic video signs are permitted in a required front or side yard.
- B. Temporary signs advertising the sale or lease of the premises, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
- C. All ground signs that are between the height of two (2) feet and ten (10) feet shall be erected no closer than twenty (20) feet from the front property line. The height shall be measured from the center of the street or the ground immediately under the sign, whichever is lower in elevation. All ground signs shall have a maximum area of 100 square feet per side, except for electronic video signs which shall not exceed 3 square feet.

(Ord. 1399 – Feb. 08 Supp.)

D. Prior to erection, relocation or alteration of any roof sign, the Council shall hold a public hearing. Notice thereof shall be at least four (4) days, but no more than twenty (20) days in advance of the hearing by a single publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City. The following restrictions shall apply:

- (1) Roof signs are permitted within C-2 (Highway Commercial) zoning only.
- (2) No ground and/or pole sign shall be allowed in conjunction with a roof sign.
- (3) The maximum area of any roof sign shall not exceed 48 square feet.
- (4) No portion of the entire roof sign shall extend more than six (6) feet above the highest portion of the roof and not more than twenty-five (25) feet above the ground.
- (5) Roof signs shall be allowed only on single story structures.

- (6) Specific engineering for compliance with building code requirements shall be submitted.
- (7) All roof signs must be designed and installed by an approved sign company. Construction details and architectural renderings for Council consideration must be submitted.
(*Ord. 1420 – May 09 Supp.*)
7. C-3 — General Retail and Office. Signs permitted are:
- A. All signs, unless otherwise prohibited, provided that they:
- (1) Do not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height.
- (2) Do not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area, or cover more than ten percent (10%) of the building face.
- B. Temporary signs advertising the sale or lease of the premises, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
- C. All ground signs that are between the height of two (2) feet and ten (10) feet shall be erected no closer than twenty (20) feet from the front property line. The height shall be measured from the center of the street or the ground immediately under the sign, whichever is lower in elevation.
- D. Projection signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.
(*Ord. 1571 – Aug. 17 Supp.*)
- E. Projection signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.
- (1) Every projection sign, including the frames, braces and supports therefor must be set at right angles to the building front and shall be securely built and designed and may require approval from a structural engineer or registered architect as requested by the Community Development Director.
- (2) Projection signs must clear sidewalks by at least ten (10) feet and may project no more than six (6) feet from the building.
- (3) Projection signs shall not extend above a point sixteen (16) feet above ground or above the roof line.
- (4) All sign illumination shall be interior only, non-flashing and shall conform to the City's electrical code.
(*Ord. 1508 – Apr. 13 Supp.*)
8. M-1 — Limited Industrial. Signs permitted are:
- A. Signs advertising the sale or lease of the premises, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
- B. Signs for the business which are located on the site provided that:

- (1) Freestanding signs shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area or twenty-five (25) feet in height.
 - (2) Signs mounted flush on the wall of a building shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area of the wall of the building on which they are located or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is smaller.
 - (3) Not more than one sign of each category above may be provided for any single use, although each sign may be a double-faced or back-to-back sign.
- C. All ground signs that are between the height of two (2) feet and ten (10) feet shall be erected no closer than twenty (20) feet from the front property line. The height shall be measured from the center of the street or the ground immediately under the sign, whichever is lower in elevation.
9. M-2 — General Industry. Signs permitted are:
- A. Signs advertising the sale or lease of the premises, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
 - B. Signs for the business which are located on the site provided that:
 - (1) Freestanding signs shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area or twenty-five (25) feet in height.
 - (2) Signs mounted flush on the wall of a building shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area of the wall of the building on which they are located or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is smaller.
 - (3) Not more than one sign of each category above may be provided for any single use, though each sign may be a double-faced or back-to-back sign.
 - C. All ground signs that are between the height of two (2) feet and ten (10) feet shall be erected no closer than twenty (20) feet from the front property line. The height shall be measured from the center of the street or the ground immediately under the sign, whichever is lower in elevation.

CHAPTER 156

BUILDING CODE

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156.01 ADOPTION OF BUILDING CODE. The International Building Code 2012 Edition; and the International Residential Building Code 2012 Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc., are adopted in full except for such portions as may be hereinafter deleted, modified or amended. An official copy of the International Building Code 2012 Edition, and the International Residential Building Code 2012 Edition, as adopted, and a certified copy of this chapter are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.02 AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS. The International Building Code, 2012 Edition (hereinafter known as the IBC), and the International Residential Code, 2012 Edition (hereinafter known as the IRC), are amended as hereinafter set out in Sections 156.03 through 156.40.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.03 REFERENCED CODES – DELETIONS. The following are deleted from the IBC and IRC and are of no force or effect in this chapter:

1. *(Repealed by Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)*
2. IRC - Sections R112 Board of Appeals, R322 Flood-Resistant Construction, R408.7 Flood Resistance. *(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)*

3. R501.3 Fire protection of floors. (Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.04 REFERENCED CODES – AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATION, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS. The remaining sections in this chapter represent amendments to the requirements contained in the IBC and IRC. In the event there are requirements that conflict with these codes the requirements of this chapter shall prevail.

156.05 101.1 & R101.1 – TITLE. Section 101.1, Title, of the IBC and R101.1, Title, of the IRC, are hereby deleted and there is enacted in lieu thereof the following section:

Section 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Building Code of the City of Indianola, hereinafter known as "this code."

Section R 101.1 Title. These provisions shall be known as the Residential Code for One- and Two- Family Dwellings of the City of Indianola, and shall be cited as such and will be referred to herein as "this code."

156.06 103.1 & R103.1 - CREATION OF ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. Section 103.1, Creation of enforcement agency, of the IBC and R103.1, Creation of enforcement agency, of the IRC, are hereby amended by adding the following paragraph to said section:

Section 103.1 and R103.1 Building and Zoning Official. The term Building Official is intended to also mean the Director of Community Development, his or her representatives or designees, who are herewith delegated the same powers, authorities, duties and responsibilities as designated for the Building Official.

156.07 103.3 & R103.3 - DEPUTIES. Section 103.3, Deputies, of the IBC and R103.3, Deputies, of the IRC, are hereby amended by adding the following paragraph to said section:

Section 103.3 and R103.3 Director of Community Development. There is also hereby established the position of Director of Community Development, who shall be designated by the City Manager, shall be responsible for the enforcement of the building code, the mechanical code, the plumbing code, the electrical code, and the zoning code of the city. The Director of Community Development shall have authority to file a complaint in any court of competent jurisdiction charging a person with the violation of this title.

156.08 105.2 & R105.2 - WORK EXEMPT FROM PERMIT. Section 105.2, Work exempt from permit, of the IBC and R105.2, Work exempt from permit, of the IRC are hereby amended by deleting the following items and adding a sentence to said sections as follows:

Section 105.2 and R105.2 Work Exempt From Permit

Section 105.2 Building- Item #1 Detached structures not exceeding 150 sq. ft.

Section 105.2 Building- Item #2 Any Fences

Section 105.2 Building- Item #9 Prefabricated swimming pools under 5000 gal.

Section R105.2 Building- Item #1 Detached structures not exceeding 150 sq. ft.

Section R105.2 Building- Item #2 Any Fences

Section R105.2 Building- Item #7 Prefabricated swimming pools under 5000 gal.

Exemption from permit requirements of this chapter shall not preclude requirements for permitting of plumbing, electrical and mechanical installations, systems, and zoning requirement.

156.09 108.2 & R108.2 AMENDED – SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES.

Building Permit Fees

<i>Total Valuation</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>\$1.00 to \$500.00.....</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>\$501.00 to \$2,000.00.....</i>	<i>\$30.00 for the first \$500.00 plus \$1.75 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000.00</i>
<i>\$2,001.00 to \$25,000.00.....</i>	<i>\$50.00 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$9.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00</i>
<i>\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00.....</i>	<i>\$276.00 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$8.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00</i>

\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$457.00 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$6.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$738.00 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$5.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00
\$500,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$2703.00 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000.00
\$1,000,001.00 and up.....	\$4546.00 for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$3.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof (Ord. 1542 – Aug. 15 Supp.)

Other Inspections and Fees

1. *Inspections outside of normal business hours (minimum charge, two hours)\$20.00 per hour**
2. *Reinspection fees assessed under provisions of Section 305(g)\$20.00 per hour**
3. *Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (minimum charge, one-half hour)\$20.00 per hour**
4. *Additional plan review required by changes, additions or revisions to approved plans (minimum charge, one-half hour)\$20.00 per hour**

**Or the total hourly cost to the jurisdiction, whichever is greater. This cost shall include supervision, overhead, equipment, hourly wages and fringe benefits of the employees involved.*

156.10 109.2.1 & R109.2.1 - PLAN REVIEW FEES. Section 109.2.1, Plan Review Fees, of the IBC, and R109.2.1, Plan Review Fees, of the IRC are hereby established by adding the following section:

*Section 109.2.1 and R109.2.1 Plan review fees. Fees for all plan reviews shall be set forth by the Director of Community Development.
(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)*

156.11 109.3 & R108.3 - BUILDING PERMIT VALUATIONS. Section 109.3, Building permit valuations, of the IBC, and R108.3, Building permit valuations, of the IRC, are hereby amended by deleting said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 109.3 and R108.3 Building Permit Valuations. The determination of value or valuations under any of the provisions of this Code shall be made by the Building Official. The value to be used in computing the building permit and building plan review fees if required shall be the total value of all construction work for which the permit is issued as well as all finish work, painting, roofing, electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, elevators, fire extinguishing systems and any other permanent equipment. Valuations shall be established using square foot values with regional modifiers for the use and construction type most closely resembling those published by the International Code Council. Where no category resembles the proposed construction, a reasonable value will be assigned by the Building Official. The latest published valuations established by the International Code Council are hereby adopted and shall be annually revised to incorporate newly published values. The Building Official shall correct the determination of value of any work for which a permit is issued if such valuation appears to be in error or misstated. If the permit or plan review fees are reduced as a result of such correction, a refund may be issued to the applicant. If such fees are increased, the applicant shall pay all additional fees. Failure to pay such additional fees may result in revocation of any permit issued, or work stoppage as otherwise provided in this code.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.12 *(Repealed by Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)*

156.13 R301.2(I) - CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA TABLE. Table R301.2(I), Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria is hereby amended by modifying said table as follows:

Table R301.2(I), Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria

Ground Snow Load	Wind Speed MPH	Seismic Design Category	Subject to Damage From:				Winter Design Temp	Ice Barrier Required	Flood Hazards	Air Freezing Index	Mean Annual Temp
			Weathering	Frost Line Depth	Termite	Decay			NFIP Adoption		
30 PSF	90	A	Severe	42"	Moderate-Heavy	Slight-Moderate	-5° F	Yes	3/2/2009	2000	48° F

156.14 R302.2A - TOWNHOUSES.

Each townhouse that does not have a sprinkler system shall be considered a separate building and shall be separated by fire-resistance-rated wall assemblies meeting the requirements of Section R302.1 for exterior walls.

Exception: A common 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 is permitted for townhouses if such walls do not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated for fire exposure from both sides and shall extend to and be tight against exterior walls and underside of the roof sheathing. Electrical installations shall be installed in accordance with the Indianola Electrical Code. Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4.

156.15 R311.7.5.1 - RISERS. Section R311.7.5.1, Risers, of the IRC is hereby amended by deleting said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section R311.7.5.1 Risers. The maximum riser height shall be 7 3/4 inches. The riser height shall be measured vertically between leading edges of the adjacent treads. The greatest riser height within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8 inch, except at the top or bottom riser of an interior stair where this dimension may deviate by a maximum of 3/4 inch. In no case shall the risers exceed the maximum height of 7 3/4 inches.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.16 R311.7.8.1 - CONTINUITY. Section R311.7.8.1, Continuity, of the IRC, is hereby amended by adding the following:

Section 311.7.8.1, Continuity, exception 3. Handrails within a dwelling unit or serving an individual dwelling unit shall be permitted to be interrupted at one location in a straight stair when the rail terminates into a wall or ledge and is offset and immediately continues.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.17 R313.1 – TOWNHOUSE AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. Subsection R313.1, Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler system, of the IRC, is hereby amended by deleting said subsection and inserting the following in lieu thereof (Exception remains unchanged):

Subsection R313.1 Townhouse automatic fire sprinkler systems. An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in townhouses containing more than 12 (twelve) dwelling units.

156.18 R313.2 – ONE AND TWO FAMILY AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. Section R313.2, One and Two Family Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems, of the IRC is hereby amended by adding the following:

Exception #2 – Dwelling units in which the gross square footage of the dwelling spaces, including all floor levels whether finished or unfinished (exclusive of attached garage area), does not exceed 8,000 square feet.

156.19 (Repealed by Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.20 R403.1.4.1 – (FROST PROTECTION) MINIMUM DEPTH. Section R403.1.4.1 of the IRC, is hereby amended by adding the following exception:

Section R403.1.4.1 (frost protection) Minimum Depth exception #1. Detached garages 750 square feet or less in size and more than 10 feet from a dwelling or attached garage may be provided with a floating slab which shall include a thickened slab edge of a minimum 8 inches thick and tapered or squared from a width of 6 inches to 12 inches and have floors of Portland cement concrete not less than 4 inches thick. Garage areas shall have all sod and/or debris removed and shall be provided with a minimum 3" compacted aggregate backfill prior to installation of said floor. The 2nd method found in R403.1.4.1 Frost Protection and R403.3 Frost Protected Shallow foundations are hereby deleted.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.21 R405.2.3 – DRAINAGE SYSTEM. Section R405.2.3, Drainage System, of the IRC, is hereby amended by adding a new section as follows:

In other than Group I soils, a sump shall be provided to drain the porous layer and footings. The sump shall be at least 24 inches (610 mm) in diameter or 20 inches square (0.0129m²), shall extend at least 24 inches (610 mm) below the bottom of the basement floor and shall be capable of positive gravity or mechanical drainage to remove any accumulated water. The drainage system shall discharge into an approved storm sewer system or to daylight.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.22 RESERVED.

156.23 RESERVED.

156.24 P3101.2.1 - VENTING REQUIRED. Section P3101.2.1, Venting Required, of the IRC is hereby amended by adding the following exception:

Section P3104.2.1 Venting Required exception. A vent is not required on a three inch basement floor drain provided its drain branches into the building drain on the sewer side at a distance of five feet or more from the base of the stack and the branch line to such floor drain is not more than twelve feet in length.

156.25 RESERVED.

156.26 903.2.8 - GROUP R. Section 903.2.8, Group R, of the IBC, is hereby amended by adding the following exception:

Section 903.2.8 Group R-1 and R-2 exception. Sprinkling of group R-1 and R-2 residential buildings of not more than 12 (twelve) dwelling units, guest rooms or combination thereof with each unit being provided with a separate means of egress and of not more than 3 (three) stories above grade plane in height, including back-to-back configurations, is not required when said dwelling units and/or guest rooms are constructed in accordance with separation requirements of section R302 of the IRC.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.27 1008.1 - DOORS. Section 1008.1, Doors, of the IBC, is hereby amended by adding a new section as follows:

Section 1008.1.5.1 Frost Protection. Exterior landings at doors shall be provided with frost protection.

156.28 RESERVED.

156.29 RESERVED.

156.30 1029.3 – (EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE) MAXIMUM HEIGHT FROM FLOOR. Section 1029.3, Maximum Height From Floor, of the IBC is hereby amended by adding the following exception:

Section 1029.3 Maximum Height From Floor. Within individual units of Group R-2 and R-3 occupancies where a window is provided as a means of escape and rescue opening from a basement it shall have a sill height of not more than 44 inches above the floor or landing. Where a landing is provided the landing shall be not less than 36 inches wide, not less than 18 inches out from the exterior wall, and not more than 24 inches in height. The landing shall be permanently affixed to the floor below and the wall under the openable area of the window it serves.

156.31 1029.5.3 - WINDOW WELLS. Section 1029.5.3, Window Wells, of the IBC is hereby amended by adding a new section as follows:

Section 1029.5.3 Window Well Drainage. All window wells shall be provided with approved drainage.

156.32 1203.3 - UNDER FLOOR VENTILATION. Section 1203.3 Under Floor Ventilation, of the IBC is hereby amended by inserting exception #6:

Section 1203.3.2 Floor Surface Crawl Space and Sub-basements exception #6. All crawl space or subbasement floors shall be entirely covered with a 6-mil vapor barrier (visqueen). Edges and minimum 12" (inch) overlapping seams (as applicable) of said vapor barrier shall be held in place with a minimum of 2" (inches) of clean aggregate or a concrete mixture of a minimum of 1500 - PSI strength capped with a minimum 1 ½ inches of concrete.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.33 1405.2 - MINIMUM THICKNESS OF WEATHER COVERINGS. Table 1405.2, Minimum Thickness of Weather Coverings, of the IBC is hereby amended by adding the following footnote:

Table 1405.2 Minimum Thickness of Weather Coverings footnote f. Vinyl siding shall be provided with a weather-resistant sheathing paper.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

156.34 1405.14 - VINYL SIDING. Section 1405.14, Vinyl Siding, of the IBC is hereby amended by adding a new section as follows:

Section 1405.14.2 Water-Resistive Barrier Required. An approved water-resistive barrier shall be provided under all vinyl siding.

156.35 1608.2 - GROUND SNOW LOADS. Section 1608.2, Ground Snow Loads, of the IBC is hereby amended by deleting said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1608.2 Ground Snow Load. The ground snow load to be used in determining the design snow load for roofs is hereby established at 30 pounds per square foot. Subsequent increases or decreases shall be allowed as otherwise provided in the building code, except that the minimum allowable flat roof snow load may be reduced to not less than 80 percent of the ground snow load.

156.36 1612 - FLOOD LOADS. Section 1612, Flood Loads, of the IBC is hereby amended by deleting said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following sections:

Section 1612.1 General Floodplain Construction Standards. The following standards are established for construction occurring within the one-hundred-year flood elevation:

A. All structures shall:

- 1. Be adequately anchored to prevent collapse or lateral movement of the structure;*
- 2. Be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage; and*
- 3. Be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage.*

B. Residential buildings: All new or substantially improved residential structures shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated a minimum of one foot above the one-hundred-year flood level. Construction shall be upon compacted fill which shall, at all points, be no lower than one foot above the one-hundred-year flood level and extend at such elevation at least eighteen feet beyond the limits of any structure erected thereon. Alternate methods of elevating (such as piers) may be allowed, subject to favorable consideration by the Building Official where existing topography, street grades, or other factors preclude elevating by fill. In such cases, the methods used must be adequate to support the structure as well as withstand the various forces and hazards associated with flooding.

C. Nonresidential buildings: All new or substantially improved nonresidential buildings shall have the first floor (including basement) elevated a minimum of one foot above the one-hundred-year flood level, or together with attendant utility and sanitary systems, be floodproofed to such a level.

D. When floodproofing is utilized, a professional engineer registered in the State of Iowa shall certify that the floodproofing methods used are adequate to withstand the flood depths, pressures, velocities, impact and uplift forces and other factors associated with the one-hundred-year flood; that the structure, below the one-hundred-year flood level, is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water. A record of the certification indicating the specific elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which any structures are floodproofed shall be maintained by the Building Official.

E. Mobile homes shall be anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral movement by providing over-the-top and frame ties to ground anchors. Specific requirements are that:

1. *Over-the-top ties be provided at each of the four corners of the mobile home with two additional ties per side at intermediate locations for mobile homes 50 feet or more in length or one such tie for mobile homes less than 50 feet in length;*

2. *Frame ties be provided at each corner of the home with five additional ties per side at intermediate points for mobile homes 50 feet in length;*

3. *All components of the anchoring system be capable of carrying a force of four thousand eight hundred pounds; and*

4. *Any additions to the mobile home be similarly anchored.*

F. Mobile homes shall be placed on lots or pads elevated by means of compacted fill so that the lowest floor of the mobile home will be a minimum of one foot above the one hundred-year flood level. In addition, the tie-down specification of Section 156.36 subsection E must be met and adequate surface drainage and access for a hauler must be provided.

G. New mobile homes, expansions to existing mobile homes and mobile home lots where the repair, reconstruction or improvement of the streets, utilities, and pads equals or exceeds fifty percent before the repair, reconstruction or improvement has commenced shall provide:

1. *Lots or pads that have been elevated by means of compacted fill so that the lowest floor of mobile homes will be a minimum of one-foot above the one hundred-year flood level;*

2. *Ground anchors for mobile homes.*

H. Storage of materials and equipment that are flammable, explosive or injurious to human, animal or plant life is prohibited unless elevated a minimum of one foot above the one-hundred year flood level. Other material and equipment must either be similarly elevated or:

1. *Not be subject to major flood damage and be anchored to prevent movement due to flood waters; or*

2. *Be readily removable from the area within the time available after flood warning.*

Section 1612.2 Special floodway standards. The following standards are established for construction occurring within a designated floodway.

A. Structures, buildings and sanitary and utility systems, if permitted, shall meet the applicable general floodplain standards and shall be

constructed or aligned to present the minimum possible resistance to flood flows.

B. Buildings, if permitted, shall have a low flood damage potential and shall not be for human habitation.

156.37 1809.5 - FROST PROTECTION. Section 1809.5 is hereby amended by adding the following to said section and by also adding the following exception #2:

Exception #2. Detached garages, accessory to Group R-2 and R-3 occupancies, 750 square feet or less in size and more than 10 feet from a dwelling or attached garage maybe provided with a floating slab which shall include a thickened slab edge of a minimum 8 inches thick and tapered or squared from a width of 6 inches to 12 inches and have floors of Portland cement concrete not less than 4 inches thick. Garage areas shall have all sod and/or debris removed and shall be provided with a minimum 3" compacted aggregate backfill prior to installation of said floor.

156.38 RESERVED

156.39 3401.3 - COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER CODES. Section 3401.3, Compliance With Other Codes, of the IBC is hereby amended by deleting said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 3401.3 Compliance With Other Codes. Alterations, repairs, additions and changes of occupancy to existing structures shall comply with the provisions for alterations, repairs, additions and changes of occupancy in the International Fire Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Plumbing Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Mechanical Code, ICC Electrical Code and the International Residential Code.

156.40 APPENDIX C, GROUP U, AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS. The Indianola Building Code shall include the following appendix of the 2012 International Building Code:

Appendix C, Group U, Agricultural Buildings

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

(Chapter 156 - Ord. 1511 – Apr. 13 Supp.)

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CHAPTER 157

ELECTRICAL CODE

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157.01 TITLE. This chapter shall be known as the “City Electrical Code” and shall be cited as such, and will be referred to in this chapter as “this chapter.”

157.02 ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED. The 2014 edition of the National Electrical Code, being the standard of the National Fire Protection Association of electric wiring and apparatus, as published by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, is hereby adopted in full except for such portions as may be deleted, modified or amended. An official copy of the National Electrical Code is on file in the office of the Building Official.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

157.03 APPLICABILITY. All electrical wiring and the installation of any electrical apparatus or appliances shall be in conformity with this chapter except that the electrical code shall not apply to any mobile home within the City. Instead, mobile homes moved into the City shall be required to bear the red seal of approval of the Department of Housing and Urban Development certifying construction in accordance with the Federal Mobile Home Construction And Safety Standards. The electrical code and any other pertinent City ordinances shall, however, be applicable to all buildings and all construction incidental to a mobile home, whether said construction be of an accessory building, an addition to a mobile home, a foundation for a mobile home, utilities or a connection of utility service to a mobile home, or any other type of construction exterior to the mobile home itself.

157.04 PERMIT REQUIRED. Before any person shall proceed to make any electrical repair, extension or other electrical installation, a permit therefor shall be secured from the Building and Zoning Official. However, simple replacement of fixtures, receptacles, switches and other components similar in size and character shall be exempt.

157.05 PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR PERMIT. Any permit required by this chapter may be issued to the owner of an existing single-family dwelling, used exclusively for living purposes, to do any work regulated by this chapter in that dwelling, including the usual accessory buildings and quarters, if the dwelling will be occupied by the owner and if the owner personally purchases all material and performs all labor in connection with the work, to comply with Section 103.22#7 of the State Code.

(Ord. 1446 – May 10 Supp.)

157.06 FEES. The fees for a permit required by this chapter are as follows: There shall be a basic minimum fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) which shall be required for any and all permits required by this chapter. In addition, there shall be additional amounts due for the following work:

Electrical Permit Fees

<u>Description of Work</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<i>Meters:</i>	
<i>1 meter</i>	<i>\$8.00</i>
<i>2 meters.....</i>	<i>\$11.00</i>
<i>Each meter in excess of 2.....</i>	<i>\$3.50 each</i>
<i>Circuits:</i>	
<i>First 10 circuits (including feeders)</i>	<i>\$3.00 each</i>
<i>11th through 100th circuits.....</i>	<i>\$2.00 each</i>
<i>Each circuit in excess of 100</i>	<i>\$1.50 each</i>
<i>Openings:</i>	
<i>All switches, outlets, receptacles</i>	<i>\$.50 each</i>
<i>Fixed Appliances.....</i>	<i>\$3.75 each</i>
<i>(including, but not limited to the following items:)</i>	
<i>Range</i>	<i>Furnace</i>
<i>Dryer</i>	<i>Air conditioner</i>
<i>Dishwasher</i>	<i>Unit heater</i>
<i>Disposer</i>	<i>Electric sign</i>
<i>Water heater</i>	
<i>Fixed electric baseboard heating equipment</i>	<i>\$0.50 kw</i>

Motors:

Up to one hp:

1 to 10.....\$1.00 each

more than 10.....\$0.75 each

One hp to 6 hp:

1 through 10\$1.50 each

more than 10.....\$1.00 each

6 hp or over:

1 through 10\$2.00 each

more than 10.....\$1.25 each

(Ord. 1446 – May 10 Supp.)

157.07 RACEWAYS REQUIRED. Any new electrical installations performed within a new or existing structure that is currently zoned C-1 (Shopping Center), C-2 (Highway Commercial), C-3 (General Retail), C-4 (Planned Commercial), M-1 (Limited Industrial) or M-2 (General Industrial) as determined by the official zoning map, shall be placed in an approved raceway, unless otherwise approved by the Building Official.

Exception: In C-2 (Highway Commercial) and C-3 (General Retail) dwelling units. Raceway not required in an approved dwelling unit used in conjunction with a business or rental above a store unit.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

157.08 PENINSULAR COUNTER SPACES. Subsection 210-52(c)(3) of the National Electrical Code is amended to read as follows:

(3) Peninsular Counter Spaces. At least one receptacle outlet shall be installed at each peninsular counter space with a short dimension of 48 in. (1220mm) or greater. A peninsular countertop is measured from the connecting edge.

157.09 RIGHT OF ENTRY. Subject to constitutional limitations, the Building Official or any authorized agent shall have authority under this chapter to enter any building, public or private, at any reasonable hour of the day for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not installation has been made or wiring or other work has been done in conformance with the provisions of this chapter.

157.10 INSPECTIONS.

1. The Building Official shall, upon notice, forthwith inspect any electrical wiring, installation, extension, appliance or connection and report either approval or disapproval, in writing, to the Clerk. In the event that the Building Official disapproves any piece of work, he or she

shall specify the reasons therefor. No electrical wiring shall be energized unless the work passes the inspection, or if energized, it shall not be maintained unless the defects are corrected to the satisfaction of the Building Official.

2. All electrical work which will be concealed when completed shall be inspected before concealment. It is the duty of the contractor or person making the installation to see that all proper inspections are made.

3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a temporary hookup of electrical energy for construction or other temporary use, if the temporary hookup meets such standards as the Building Official requires.

157.11 DAMAGED ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS. Subject to constitutional limitations, the Building Official shall, without notice or application, inspect all buildings damaged by fire, wind, tornado, cyclone or other calamity and prior to any repair or reconstruction shall make a specific inspection as to whether or not there is any exposed wiring resulting therefrom, and shall require that all exposed wiring be properly protected before any repair or improvement is permitted.

(Ord. 1553 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

157.12 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION. A permit issued pursuant to this chapter may be suspended or revoked by the Building Official for any violation by the permittee of any of the provisions of this chapter.

157.13 REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE CITY. The City shall possess all necessary power to require compliance either by injunction or abatement as a nuisance.

(Chapter 157 - Ord. 1316 – May 05 Supp.)

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