



HANDS-FREE DRIVING LAW

New Hands-Free Driving Law Takes Effect July 1

The Camanche Police Department wants to inform residents about Iowa's new "Hands-Free" driving law, which becomes effective on July 1, 2025. Under this law, drivers are prohibited from using handheld electronic devices while operating a vehicle. This means no texting, calling, or any other manual use of a phone unless the device is in hands-free mode. The law aims to reduce distractions and enhance road safety for all Iowans.

To facilitate a smooth transition, law enforcement will issue warnings for violations from July 1 through August 31, 2025. Starting September 1, 2025, officers will begin issuing citations to drivers who violate the hands-free requirement.

Distracted driving has become a significant concern in Iowa. From 2019 to 2023, distracted driving was responsible for 123 deaths and over 8,000 injuries on Iowa roads. Despite previous legislation banning texting while driving, the continued use of handheld devices has contributed to these alarming statistics. The new hands-free law seeks to address this issue by eliminating ambiguities and making enforcement more straightforward for law enforcement officers.

We urge all drivers in Camanche to familiarize themselves with the new law and make the necessary adjustments. Utilizing hands-free technology or setting your device aside while driving can make a significant difference in ensuring the safety of everyone on the road. Let's work together to make our community safer for everyone.

CHANGES TO FIREWORKS REGULATIONS

The Iowa Legislature recently passed new legislation that updates state laws regarding the sale and use of fireworks. In response, the City of Camanche is currently in the process of reviewing and updating our local ordinance to align with these changes. While we work to revise our regulations, we ask residents to stay informed and exercise caution and courtesy when using fireworks. Our primary goal is to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in our community, especially during times of celebration.

We'll share updates on the new ordinance as soon as it's finalized. In the meantime, please be mindful of neighbors, pets, and local safety guidelines. As always, your cooperation helps keep Camanche a safe and enjoyable place for all.

For questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Police Department or City Hall.

TRASH & RECYCLING

There have been many unacceptable items placed in recycling totes for pickup as of late.

If items that are not acceptable make it into the truck, the entire load is rejected. The City could incur extra fees for trash and recycling, which could result in higher rates in the future. Continued misuse of the recycling bins may result in a loss of service for repeat offenders. Please scan the code or grab copy of the guidelines at City Hall.



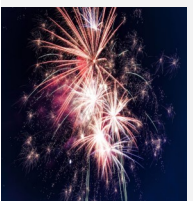
WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Scan the code or visit the City website to download and view, or pick up a copy of the Water CCR at City Hall.



PAYMENT AGREEMENT

You may enter into a payment agreement anytime between the date the bill is processed and the date final notices are processed. A 25% down-payment is required to turn in a payment agreement. Late fees are applied only to amounts owed after the due date.



GOLF CARTS

Drivers **MUST** be 18 and have a valid driver's license.

Golf carts with factory-installed seatbelts must be maintained.

All occupants will be restrained in an available seatbelt while cart is in motion.

Kids under 1 and less than 20lbs must be secured in a rear-facing car seat. Car seat must be secured to golf cart.

Kids 1-6 must be in a car seat or booster seat. Car seat must be secured to golf cart.

Do NOT carry or hold other passengers while golf cart is moving. Do NOT ride in or on cargo areas while golf cart is in motion.

Golf carts without seatbelts will have no passengers under 18.

Registration tags are ready at City Hall.

CITY HALL

Pet Registration:

If you have NOT yet registered your cat or dog, please do so ASAP. This is required.

*Proof of rabies vaccine required

Spayed/Neutered Dogs \$10.00

Not Spayed/Neutered Dogs \$15.00

Spayed/Neutered Cats \$3.00

Not Spayed/Neutered Cats \$6.00

*Late fee \$25.00 per animal

Golf Cart Registration 2025-2026:

Due by June 30th, and the cost is \$50.00.

*New golf carts **must** be inspected and approved by Camanche PD.

UTVs require a DNR permit.

ATVs NOT permitted in Camanche.

City Hall Closures:

City Hall will be closed Friday, July 4th to observe Independence Day. City Hall will also be closed on Monday, September 1st to observe Labor Day.

UTV INFO

Drivers **MUST** be 18.

Drives **MUST** have a valid license.

All occupants **MUST** use seatbelts.

Kids under 1 and less than 20lbs **MUST** be secured in a rear-facing car seat. Car seat **MUST** be secured properly to UTV. Kids 1-6 **MUST** be in a car seat or booster seat, car seat or booster seat **MUST** be properly secured to UTV. No more than 1 person per seat. No person may ride in the lap of another.

The number of passengers shall not exceed the number of factory-installed seatbelts.

No driving dangerously or recklessly.

No driving over the posted speed limit or 35 MPH, whichever is less.

SEWER

PLEASE **DO NOT** FLUSH WET/BABY WIPES! Flush toilet paper only. This causes **COSTLY** damage to our system.

BURNING

10:00AM to 5:00PM Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
YARD WASTE ONLY

Fire must be attended. Water source must be present. No open burning during burn bans, first offense \$110.

WATER METER APP

There is an app to monitor your water usage!



Scan this code to learn about text alerts from the City!



TEXT ALERTS

LIBRARY

At the Camanche Public Library, we pride ourselves on being a hub for learning, connection, and community. But like any vital institution, we face challenges that must be addressed to continue serving you well into the future. From aging infrastructure (such as our roof and air-handling systems) to the need for more space to accommodate our growing array of programs, it's clear that significant improvements are needed. Rather than approaching each issue individually and reactively, we believe in taking a forward-thinking approach. That's why we initiated a comprehensive needs assessment, which led to the development of architectural renderings—now on display at the library, City Hall, and online. These plans address current concerns while also prepare our facility and programming for the future. We are grateful for the long-standing support of community members who recognize the value of a strong, vibrant library. As we prepare for a referendum vote this November, we invite you—individuals, families, and local businesses—to consider supporting this effort through both your vote and your charitable contributions. The proposed improvements will **not** raise local taxes. Instead, your donations will help ensure that the library continues to meet the evolving needs of Camanche families, and remain a welcoming space for both residents and visitors. With your help, the library can continue to stand proudly and uniquely along the banks of the Mississippi River—an inspiring place for generations to come. We hope you'll put your stamp on the future with a "yes" vote this November, and by pledging your support to this meaningful cause. In the meantime, we invite you to visit us this summer! Check out our upcoming activities under the "Calendar of Events" tab on our website, or stop by the library to pick up a printed copy. There's something for everyone—we exist to serve you. Warm regards, **The Camanche Public Library Team**

YARD WASTE

June 16
June 30
July 14
July 28
Aug 11
Aug 25
Sept 8
Sept 22
Oct 6
Oct 20
Nov 3
Nov 10
Nov 17