

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-316
AUGUST 5, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
TRAFFIC REGULATION CHANGES	RESOLUTION ORDINANCE ◆ RECEIVE/FILE	JIM THOMPSON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

The following traffic regulation changes have been reviewed by staff and are recommended for approval:

- A. Request by Anderson Erickson Dairy for an extension to the existing corner clearance on the west side of East Twenty-third Street east of University Avenue.
- B. Requests for corner clearances:
 1. East side of Fifty-first Street south of Aurora Avenue.
 2. East side of Southwest Fourteenth Street south of Creston Avenue and east side of Casady Drive north of Creston Avenue.
- C. Modification to City ordinance in order to update illegal parking fines in handicapped spaces from \$50 to \$100.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Refer to the Legal Department for preparation of ordinance revisions.

BACKGROUND —

- A. The Department of Traffic and Transportation received a request from Anderson Erickson Dairy to extend the existing corner clearance parking restriction on the west side of East Twenty-third Street. The extended restriction from 50 feet to 140 feet will allow adequate access for the Dairy's truck traffic.

SEC. 27-1786. EAST TWENTY-THIRD STREET—DEAN AVENUE TO EAST AURORA AVENUE.

East Twenty-third Street, on the west side, from East University Avenue to a point 50 140 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

- B.1. A request was received for a *corner clearance* parking restriction on the east side of Fifty-first Street south of Aurora Avenue. Staff has reviewed this request and concurs that a 50-foot *no parking any time* restriction is appropriate. The following ordinance revision is necessary to implement this change:

SEC. 27-1913. FIFTY-FIRST STREET—WELKER AVENUE TO AURORA AVENUE.

Fifty-first Street, on the east side, from Aurora Avenue to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

- B.2. A request was received asking that parking be prohibited on the east side of Southwest Fourteenth Street/Casady Drive at the curve in the vicinity of Creston Avenue. Staff has reviewed this and concurs that a parking restriction is appropriate to both increase the visibility at the intersection and provide safer conditions through the curve area. The following ordinance revision is necessary to implement this change:

SEC. 27-1730. SOUTHWEST FOURTEENTH STREET—MARKET STREET TO HAVENS AVENUE.

Southwest Fourteenth Street, on the east side, from Creston Avenue to a point 75 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

SEC. 27-2021. CASADY DRIVE—SOUTHWEST FOURTEENTH STREET TO BELL AVENUE.

Casady Drive, on the east side, from Creston Avenue to a point 220 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

- C. In order to bring the City's ordinance governing illegal parking in handicapped spaces into agreement with Senate File 2085, p. 10, passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor of the State of Iowa, effective July 1, 1996, the following modification to the Municipal Code is necessary:

SEC. 27-617. HANDICAPPED PARKING—SPACES REQUIRED; PENALTY.

The City and any other political subdivision which provides on-street parking areas within a business district shall by ordinance define and establish a business district or districts and shall designate not less than two percent of the total parking spaces within each business district as handicapped parking spaces. A new nonresidential facility in which construction has been completed on or after July 1, 1991, providing parking to the general public shall provide handicapped parking spaces as follows:

TOTAL PARKING SPACES IN LOT OR FACILITY	REQUIRED MINIMUM NUMBER OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES
10 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1,000	Two percent of total
1,001 and over	20 spaces plus 1 for each 100 over 1,000

A person may also set aside handicapped parking spaces on the person's property provided each parking space is clearly and prominently designated as a parking space. The use of a handicapped parking space by a motor vehicle not displaying such a handicapped identification device, or by a motor vehicle displaying such a device but not being used by a handicapped person, as operator or passenger, shall be a misdemeanor for which a fine may be imposed upon the owner, operator, or lessee of the motor vehicle. The fine for each violation is ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00.