

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-480
NOVEMBER 18, 1996 AGENDA

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

SYNOPSIS —

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

- A. Requests for corner clearances:
 - 1. West side of Eighth Street north of Crocker Street.
 - 2. East side of East Twenty-third Street north of Thompson Avenue.
- B. Request to shorten existing parking prohibition—west side of East Thirty-third Court north of East University Avenue.
- C. Request for parking restriction from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., school days—both sides of California Drive between Chamberlain Avenue and 43rd Street.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Refer to Legal Department for preparation of ordinance revisions.

BACKGROUND —

- A. Requests for corner clearances:
 - 1. Per the request of Mr. C.W. Hosier, owner of Hosier Refrigeration, 927 - 8th Street, deliveries to this business are being hindered due to cars parked at curb across from his drive entrance. The following change to the Municipal Code will eliminate this problem:

SEC. 27-1658. EIGHTH STREET—PARK STREET TO AURORA AVENUE.

Eighth Street, on the west side, from a point 210 feet north of Crocker Street to a point 75 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

- 2. An Action Center Service Request reported that cars are being parked on East Twenty-third Street so close to the intersection that it is creating a vision obstruction. Drivers turning onto East Twenty-third Street from Thompson cannot get through if a car is waiting to exit East Twenty-third Street. The following changes to the Municipal Code will eliminate this problem:

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

East Twenty-third Street, on the east side, from Thompson Avenue to a point 65 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

SEC. 27-2632. THOMPSON AVENUE, EAST NINTH STREET TO EAST THIRTY-FIFTH STREET.

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

- B. On October 21, 1996, City Council received a petition from the residents of East 33rd Court requesting that the existing parking restriction on their street be shortened from 200 feet to 50 feet north of University Avenue. The petition was signed by five of the six affected residents. By Roll Call No. 96-3625, Council referred this item to the Traffic Safety Committee for review.

On October 30, 1996, staff notified all the affected residents that this item would be on the upcoming Traffic Safety Committee agenda. Following this notification, a counter-petition was submitted, signed by approximately 13 residences, requesting that the existing parking restriction not be changed. Only one of these residents is directly affected by the current restriction.

The existing parking restriction was approved by City Council in 1992, apparently as a result of a neighborhood dispute.

Based on the consensus of the directly-affected residents, and also in order to allow for turning movements at the East 33rd Court/University Avenue intersection, staff recommends that the parking restriction be shortened to a distance of 80 feet north of University Avenue. The Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff's recommendation at their November 12, 1996 meeting. The following change to the Municipal Code will place this shortened restriction into effect:

SEC. 27-1848. EAST THIRTY-THIRD COURT—EAST COURT AVENUE TO DUBUQUE AVENUE.

East Thirty-third Court, on the west side, from East University Avenue to a point ~~200~~ 80 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

- C. At the October 8, 1996 Traffic Safety Committee meeting, an item was presented to prohibit parking between 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., school days, on California Drive between Chamberlain Avenue and 43rd Street. The Traffic Safety Committee voted to table this item pending further review, and that a meeting be scheduled between the neighborhood, school, and City to further discuss the concerns.

Staff has conducted a parking usage survey of this area, identifying the number of parked vehicles along California Drive, as well as the number of available spaces along Chamberlain Avenue east of California Drive. The survey, conducted daily over the past two-week period, indicated that there are sufficient parking spaces on Chamberlain Avenue to absorb the number of vehicles parking along California Drive.

A meeting was held on Thursday, November 7, 1996, at Roosevelt High School between the school administration, student body representatives, neighborhood residents, and the City Traffic and Transportation staff to further discuss this parking issue. Following this meeting, the item was discussed by the Traffic Safety Committee, where the residents again requested that parking be restricted during school times. The school administration did not object to their request, and the Committee at their November 12, 1996 meeting recommended that parking be prohibited from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., school days, on California Drive between Chamberlain Avenue and 43rd Street. The following change to the Municipal Code will place this parking prohibition into effect:

SEC. 27-2011. CALIFORNIA DRIVE—CHAMBERLAIN AVENUE TO FORTY-THIRD STREET.

California Drive, on the east side, from a point 150 feet north of Chamberlain Drive to Forty-third Street, no parking ~~7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.~~ 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. ~~3:00 P.M.~~, school days.