

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-209
APRIL 21, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS CHANGES	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD E. SMITH CITY ENGINEER

SYNOPSIS —

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

- A. Request for Extension of Loading Zone—West Side of Fifth Avenue North of Grand Avenue.
- B. Request for Reduction in No Parking Any Time Restriction—North Side of Corning Avenue East of Fifth Avenue.
- C. Request for Change in Parking Designation from "Passenger Loading and Unloading Zone" to a "Bus Loading Zone"—North Side of Forest Avenue East of Nineteenth Street.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION —

Refer to Legal Department for preparation of ordinance revisions.

BACKGROUND —

- A. In coordination with the Des Moines Convention Center, Des Moines Police downtown parking enforcement, and the Traffic and Transportation Division, the following ordinance change is proposed to extend the loading zone on the west side of Fifth Avenue for an additional 120 feet and eliminate the existing no parking 4 PM to 9 AM time restrictions.

The purpose of this ordinance change is to provide additional loading area on Fifth Avenue to relieve some of the congestion on Keosauqua Way between Fifth Avenue and Sixth Avenue adjacent to the Des Moines Convention Center loading docks. During major shows, while exhibitors are moving displays and assorted materials in and out of the Convention Center, there is insufficient space for the loading/unloading activities. A 150-foot clearance will be maintained north of Grand Avenue to serve as a bus stop and right-turn lane. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will effect these changes:

SEC. 27-1608. FIFTH AVENUE--GRAND AVENUE TO KEOSAUQUA WAY.

Fifth Avenue, on the west side, from Grand Avenue to a point ~~270~~150 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Fifth Avenue, on the west side, from a point ~~270~~ 150 feet north of Grand Avenue to Keosauqua Way, loading zone.

~~Fifth Avenue, on the west side, from a point 270 feet north of Grand Avenue to Keosauqua Way, no parking 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.~~

- B. Staff received a citizen request to remove or reduce the existing no parking any time restriction on Corning Avenue west of Fifth Avenue. Staff reviewed this situation and concurs that the restriction should be reduced from 95 feet to 50 feet. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect:

SEC. 27-2071. CORNING AVENUE--OXFORD TO DEAD END WEST OF SEVENTH STREET.

Corning Avenue, on the north side, from Fifth Avenue to a point 95 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

- C. At the request of King Elementary School representatives, staff has reviewed several traffic-related issues around their school. One of the items involved changing the parking designation for the inset on Forest Avenue east of Nineteenth Street from the existing "passenger loading and unloading zone" to a "bus loading zone." Staff concurs that this change should be made. This item was approved by the Traffic Safety Committee at their April 8, 1997, meeting. The following ordinance modification is required to effect this change:

SEC. 27-2172. FOREST AVENUE--SIXTEENTH STREET TO TWENTY-THIRD STREET.

Forest Avenue, on the north side, from a point 380 feet west of Seventeenth Street to a point 170 feet west thereof, school ~~passenger~~ bus loading and ~~unloading zone~~, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days.