

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-442
AUGUST 25, 1997 AGENDA

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

SYNOPSIS —

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

- A. Request for extension of existing corner clearance—north side of Thornton Avenue west of South Union Street.
- B. Request for extension of existing parking restriction—south side of Bell Avenue west of South Union Street.
- C. Request for reduction in corner clearance—west side of Eighth Street south of Franklin Avenue to Hickman Road.
- D. Request for corner clearance—east side of Forty-first Street south of Germania Drive.
- E. Request for removal of commercial loading zone and installation of two ten-hour parking meters—west side of East Third Street north of East Walnut Street.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Refer to Legal Department for preparation of ordinance revisions.

BACKGROUND —

- A. The residents on Thornton Avenue west of South Union Street have requested that the existing corner clearance parking restriction be extended farther west to improve the visibility for entering the street from their driveways. An extension of this parking restriction will also facilitate vehicles turning from South Union Street onto Thornton Avenue. The following ordinance change is needed to extend this parking restriction.

SEC. 27-2633. THORNTON AVENUE—SOUTH UNION STREET TO DEAD END WEST OF SOUTHWEST THIRTY-SEVENTH STREET.

Thornton Avenue, on the north side, from South Union Street to a point 50 170 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

- B. A resident on Bell Avenue has requested an extension of the existing parking restriction to improve visibility and safety at a hillcrest and to improve visibility from their driveway. Currently, parking is prohibited on the north side of Bell Avenue, and is also prohibited on the

south side of the street for a distance of 200 feet to provide visibility for a hillcrest. Extending the existing restriction by 50 feet would further improve the visibility at this location, both for the driveway and the hillcrest. The following ordinance change is needed to extend this parking restriction.

SEC. 27-1982. BELL AVENUE—SOUTH UNION STREET TO SOUTHWEST NINTH STREET.

Bell Avenue, on the south side, from a point 575 feet west of South Union Street to a point 200 250 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

- C. A resident on Eighth Street just south of Franklin Avenue has requested a minor reduction in the corner clearance parking restriction to allow one vehicle to park north of their carriage walk without blocking access to their steps and front walk. Because this area is on the exit side of the intersection rather than the approach side, reducing the existing 50-foot corner clearance to 40 feet will not create a visibility problem at the intersection, but will allow the parking as requested. The following ordinance change is needed to shorten the existing restriction.

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

Eighth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 40 feet south of Franklin Avenue to Hickman Road, no parking any time.

- D. The Traffic and Transportation Division has received several complaints of parked vehicles on the east side of Forty-first Street creating an obstruction for traffic on Germania Drive trying to turn onto Forty-first Street. Due to the downward slope of Forty-first Street and the upward slope of Germania Drive, the vehicles on Germania Drive cannot see past the parked vehicles on Forty-first Street. Staff has determined that a no parking zone should be established on the east side of Forty-first Street from Germania Drive to a point 85 feet south. The following ordinance change is proposed:

SEC. 27-1891. FORTY-FIRST STREET—GRAND AVENUE TO NORTH CITY LIMITS.

Forty-first Street, on the east side, from Germania Drive to a point 85 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

- E. On the west side of East Third Street, north of Walnut, a commercial loading zone was installed to accommodate Bobb's Office Supply, when it was in business adjacent to this location. The business changed hands several times and the building has now been demolished, leaving an empty lot on this corner. Because there is no longer a business at this location, the commercial loading zone is no longer warranted. The removal of the commercial loading zone will also allow the installation of two ten-hour parking meters, providing more parking for the other businesses in this area. The following ordinance changes are proposed:

SEC. 27-1588. EAST THIRD STREET—EAST COURT AVENUE TO MAPLE STREET.

~~East Third Street, on the west side, from East Walnut Street to a point 60 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.~~

SEC. 27-2845. EAST THIRD STREET—EAST COURT AVENUE TO EAST LOCUST STREET.

East Third Street, on the west side, from a point 60 85 feet north of East Walnut Street to East Locust Street, ten-hour meters, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.