

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-446
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 corner clearance—south side of Allison Avenue east of Forty-fourth Street.
- B. Request for handicapped parking—south side of City Hall.
- C. Request for extension of parking restriction—east side of Cambridge Street from East Sheridan Avenue to north of Hull Avenue.
- D. Request for loading zone—east side of Southeast Third Street north of Market Street.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Refer to Legal Department for preparation of ordinance revisions.

BACKGROUND —

- A. The Traffic and Transportation Division has received several complaints regarding parked vehicles on the south side of Allison Avenue obstructing traffic on Allison Avenue for those turning onto Forty-fourth Street. Due to the raised elevation of the property on the southeast corner and vehicles parked at the intersection, it is difficult for motorists to see traffic traveling northbound on Forty-fourth Street. We have determined that a no parking zone should be established on the south side of Allison Avenue from Forty-fourth Street to a point 25 feet east.

SEC. 27-1946. ALLISON AVENUE—CHAUTAUQUA PARKWAY TO MERLE HAY ROAD.

Allison Avenue, on the south side, from Forty-fourth Street to a point 25 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

- B. With the construction of the handicapped parking inset on the south side of City Hall, we now have space for an additional handicapped parking meter. A valid need exists for an additional handicapped parking space closer to the handicapped entrance of City Hall. The following

recommended ordinance change will authorize the installation of a second handicapped parking meter at this location.

SEC. 27-2820. LOCUST STREET—EAST FIRST STREET TO SECOND AVENUE.

Locust Street, on the south side, parking meters BL-54 and BL-56 ~~is~~ are designated a ten hour meters, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., and is ~~are~~ designated a handicapped parking spaces and ~~is~~ subject to the same prohibitions as is found in section 27-616(a) of this code.

- C. This Division has been notified by the Des Moines Public Schools that school buses attempting to turn at the intersections of Hull and Oxford and Hull and Cambridge (going to Findley Elementary School) are often hindered by parked vehicles, making turning difficult or impossible. The following recommended ordinance changes will assist school bus turning and maneuvering at these intersections.

In conjunction with the extension of the above parking restrictions, Traffic and Transportation staff has reviewed all of the other parking restrictions around Findley School with the school principal and is requesting the following parking restrictions to more appropriately use the parking areas on Oxford.

SEC. 27-2012. CAMBRIDGE STREET—EAST SHERIDAN AVENUE TO EAST AURORA AVENUE.

Cambridge Street, on the east side, from East Sheridan Avenue to a point 75 feet north of Hull Avenue, no parking any time.

SEC. 27-2512. OXFORD STREET—GUTHRIE AVENUE TO EAST AURORA AVENUE.

Oxford Street, on the west side, from Hull Avenue to a point 75 feet north thereof, no parking anytime.

Oxford Street, on the east side, from a point 140 feet north of Hull Avenue to a point 150 210 feet north thereof, passenger bus loading and unloading, 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., school days.

Oxford Street, on the east side, from a point 290 350 feet north of Hull Avenue to a point 100 feet north thereof Tiffin Avenue, bus passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., school days.

- D. Traffic and Transportation staff has been contacted by Mr. John Arnold of Identify Apparel, 119 Southeast Third Street (new business opened on August 1) regarding the need for a loading zone in front of his business. Coordination at this location with Mr. Arnold confirm the need for this loading zone. The following recommended ordinance change will allow access to the loading doors and allow room for backing semi-trailers to enter the building dock.

SEC. 27-1589. SOUTHEAST THIRD STREET—EAST VINE STREET TO EAST ARMY POST ROAD.

Southeast Third Street, on the east side, from a point ~~130~~ 92 feet north of Market Street to a point 280 feet south of Market Street, no parking any time.

Southeast Third Street, on the east side, from a point 92 feet north of Market Street to a point 70 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.