

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 98-041  
FEBRUARY 9, 1998 AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:**

**TRAFFIC REGULATION CHANGES**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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CITY ENGINEER**

**SYNOPSIS –**

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

1. Request from Tom Nichols of the Graham Group, Inc., to remove three parking meters on the west side of 9th Street north of Locust Street, adjacent to the Equitable of Iowa Companies' new building, and replace with a loading zone.
2. Request to place loading zone adjacent to 811 Crocker Street and to install 20 ten-hour parking meters on the north side of Crocker between Seventh and Ninth Streets.

**FISCAL IMPACT –**

1. Loss of revenue from three parking meters is approximately \$1,800 per year.
2. Increase in revenue of approximately \$6,500 per year.

**RECOMMENDATION –**

**Refer to Legal Department for preparation of ordinance revisions.**

**BACKGROUND –**

1. Staff has reviewed a request from Tom Nichols of The Graham Group, Inc., to remove three parking meters on the west side of Ninth Street north of Locust Street to provide a loading zone for the Equitable of Iowa Companies' new building. Because of the high demand for both short-term and long-term parking in the Central Business District, the Traffic and Transportation

Division strives to provide as many parking spaces as possible, while still meeting the loading and other needs of adjacent businesses. Observed loading activity for this building that could not be handled by a recessed loading dock justifies the conversion to a loading zone.

**SEC. 27-1666. NINTH STREET– LOCUST STREET TO GRAND AVENUE.**

Ninth Street, on the west side, from Locust Street to a point 75 feet north thereof, loading zone, 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

**SEC. 27-2802. NINTH STREET– LOCUST STREET TO GRAND AVENUE**

Ninth Street, on the west side, from ~~Locust Street to~~ Grand Avenue to a point 75 feet north of Locust Street, two hour meters, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

2. The Traffic and Transportation Division has been contacted by Reverend Charles Woolery of the Burns United Methodist Church, 811 Crocker Street, regarding cars parked all day in the area, blocking access to the church during the week. Several years ago, a loading zone was established, effective on Saturday and Sunday, to provide access to the church during weekend activities.

Increased weekday activities at the church, especially those that involve the elderly, and increased parking congestion in this area have resulted in little or no access to the church. Staff recommends that the following ordinance changes be implemented to increase accessibility to the church:

- a. Shorten the length of the loading zone by 60 feet and change it to a “ full-time” loading zone.
- b. Install parking meters on the north side of Crocker between Seventh and Ninth Streets to encourage transient parkers to move to other locations or pay for all-day parking.

The change in the loading zone was specifically coordinated with Reverend Woolery. The addition of parking meters in this area is consistent with need to regulate the parking congestion in this area.

**SEC. 27-2097. CROCKER STREET– SIXTH AVENUE TO FOURTEENTH STREET.**

Crocker Street, on the north side, from a point 50 feet east of Ninth Street to a point ~~137~~ 77 feet east thereof, loading zone ~~Saturday and Sunday only~~.

**SEC. 27-2945.01. CROCKER STREET —EIGHTH STREET TO NINTH STREET.**

Crocker Street, on the north side, from a point 127 feet east of Ninth Street to Eighth Street, 10 hour meters, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

**SEC. 27-2945.02. CROCKER STREET– EIGHTH STREET TO SEVENTH STREET.**

Crocker Street, on the north side, from Eighth Street to Seventh Street, 10 hour meters, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.