

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 98-098  
MARCH 23, 1998 AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:**

**TRAFFIC REGULATION CHANGES**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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**SYNOPSIS –**

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

- A. Request to lengthen handicapped parking area– East side of East Thirteenth Street south of Grandview Avenue.
- B. Request for one-sided parking restriction– East side of Southwest Sixtieth Street south of Leland Avenue to the dead end.
- C. Request for corner clearance– South side of Leyden Avenue east of East Thirty-eighth Street.
- D. Request for no parking any time– North side of Locust Street west of Fourth Street to Fifth Street.
- E. Request for corner clearance– East side of Fifty-seventh Street north of Madison Avenue.

**FISCAL IMPACT –**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION –**

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

**BACKGROUND –**

A. The Traffic and Transportation Division has been contacted by Mike Grossbeck, a student at Grandview College, regarding a problem with the location of the handicapped parking spaces on the east side of East Thirteenth Street south of Grandview Avenue. The placement of the south end of the handicapped parking area is just north of an alley entrance and leaves just enough

space that one car can park in the area south of the handicapped parking area and north of an alley entrance. With a car parked in this area, entering and exiting the alley is difficult; and if a car is parked in the north end of the handicapped area, there is not enough maneuvering room for a second car to be able to park in the leftover space in the handicapped zone. From Mr. Grossbeck's description, it seems that a Grandview College staff member parks in this space on a daily basis. A field review of this location confirmed Mr. Grossbeck's description of the area and the problems that are being experienced.

The following ordinance change will move the existing handicapped parking sign 15 feet further south, eliminating the single unrestricted parking space at the alley entrance and will lengthen the existing handicapped parking area by 15 feet to more easily accommodate specially-equipped vehicles owned by persons with accessibility concerns.

**SEC. 27-1716. EAST THIRTEENTH STREET– EAST VINE STREET TO EAST DOUGLAS AVENUE.**

East Thirteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 75 feet south of Grandview Avenue to a point ~~45~~ 60 feet south thereof, is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibitions as is found in Section 27-707(a) of this Code.

B. The Traffic and Transportation Division was contacted by Mark Killian, the Facility Manager with TMC Trucking, 6115 SW Leland Avenue, regarding a problem with parked vehicles in the vicinity of the entrance to the TMC facility. Because many of the trucks entering and leaving TMC Trucking require a wide turning radius, vehicles parked across the street from and on either side of the drive entrances interfere with exiting and entering vehicles. Mr. Killian also related that since there are no other businesses or residences in this area, all of the parked vehicles belong to employees of TMC. Staff recommends approval of this request. The following ordinance change would implement the requested parking restriction in this area:

**SEC. 27-1929. SOUTHWEST SIXTIETH STREET– GREGORY LANE TO DEAD END SOUTH OF MUSKOGEE AVENUE LELAND AVENUE.**

Southwest Sixtieth Street, on the east side, from Leland Avenue south to the dead end, no parking any time.

C. The Traffic and Transportation Division has received calls from residents of this area regarding vehicles parking on the south side of Leyden Avenue up to the corner of East Thirty-eighth Street and blocking the visibility at the intersection. A field review of this location confirmed the limited visibility due to parked vehicles. The installation of a 50-foot corner clearance no parking area on the south side of Leyden Avenue will improve visibility at this intersection. The following ordinance change will implement this corner clearance:

**SEC. 27-2378. LEYDEN AVENUE– EAST THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET TO EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET.**

Leyden Avenue, on the south side, from East Thirty-eighth Street to a point 50 feet east thereof,

on parking any time.

D. Because of recent improvements to existing traffic controls on behalf of the Downtown Des Moines School, the following ordinance change is necessary to enhance those modifications.

**SEC. 27-2394. LOCUST STREET– FOURTH STREET TO FIFTH AVENUE.**

Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 265 feet west of Fourth Street to Fifth Street, no parking any time.

E. The Traffic and Transportation Division has been contacted by the residents of Fifty-seventh Street north of Madison Avenue regarding the visibility at the intersection of Fifty-seventh Street and Madison Avenue. A field-inspection of this location has verified the concerns of the local residents and has also noted that parked vehicles on the east side of Fifty-seventh Street north of Madison Avenue block the visibility of vehicles approaching Madison Avenue southbound. Vehicles parked in this area also narrow the width of the northbound leg of the intersection, making it difficult for vehicles to turn northbound from Madison Avenue when a vehicle is stopped on Fifty-seventh Street. The following ordinance change will establish a 65-foot corner clearance on the east side of Fifty-seventh Street north of Madison Avenue.

**SEC. 27-1922. FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET– WATERBURY ROAD TO AURORA AVENUE.**

Fifty-seventh Street, on the east side, from Madison Avenue to a point 65 feet north thereof, no parking any time.