

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

98-336

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:
AUGUST 17, 1998

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

SUBJECT:
TRAFFIC
REGULATIONS

1. Request for Handicapped Parking Only in Public Border Area Parking Inset in Front of 2121 Grand Avenue.
2. Request for Corner Clearance Parking Restriction– East Side of Fifty-seventh Street South of Aurora Avenue.
3. Request for Truck Route Designation– Searle Street from Avenue F. M. Hubbell to State Street.

TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:
HAROLD SMITH
CITY ENGINEER

FISCAL IMPACT –

N/A

RECOMMENDATION –

Refer to Legal Department for preparation of ordinance revisions.

BACKGROUND –

1. The Traffic and Transportation Division has been contacted by Mr. Mark Iles, owner of Iles Funeral Homes; the owner of Dunn’ s Funeral Home; and Mr. John Wild, Funeral Director for Dunn’ s Funeral Home, regarding a problem with parking adjacent to their business at 2121 Grand Avenue. Mr. Iles and Mr. Wild related a desire to change the unrestricted parking area, on the public border area parking inset in front of their business, to handicapped parking only. While Dunn’ s Funeral Homes does have an adjacent parking lot with parking to the west, that lot is at a lower level and requires persons with

accessibility problems to attempt to negotiate stairs. Because of the nature of Mr. Iles' and Mr. Wild's business, a high percentage of visitors have accessibility problems.

Mr. Iles also explained that during the school year, there has been an ongoing problem with high school students parking this area full during school days. An investigation of the situation by the Traffic and Transportation Division concurs with Mr. Iles and Mr. Wild.

The following ordinance change will implement a handicapped parking area in the parking inset in front of Dunn's Funeral Home on Grand Avenue.

SEC. 27-2229. GRAND AVENUE– NINETEENTH STREET TO TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET.

Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point 830 feet west of Nineteenth Street to a point 120 feet west thereof, in the paved border area parking inset only, is designated a handicapped parking area and is subject to the same prohibitions as is found in Section 27-616(a) of this Code.

2. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding visibility and turning difficulties on the south side of Fifty-seventh Street just south of Aurora Avenue. There is currently a No Parking Any Time restriction along the west side of Fifty-seventh Street, with parking being allowed on the east side. In order to provide adequate visibility for turning vehicles in the southeast corner of this intersection, the following changes to the Municipal Code are necessary.

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

Fifty-seventh Street, on the east side, from Aurora Avenue to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

3. In conjunction with their major expansion plans on the north side of Hubbell Avenue, Mr. Robert Mahaffey, Vice President/Treasurer of Anderson Erickson Dairy Company, has requested that Searle Street, for a one block section between State Street on the south and Hubbell Avenue on the north, be designated as a Truck Route. The Dairy owns all the property on the west side of Searle Street in this area and also owns all the property on the east side, except for one house at the corner

of Searle and Hubbell. The Dairy indicates that they have used Searle Street for incoming and outgoing truck traffic since the 1950s. Because Anderson Erickson trucks using Searle Street have an origin or destination of their plant at the end of Searle Street, these trucks are not in violation of the Truck Route ordinance. However, since this short section of street is an important link in the truck traffic serving Anderson Erickson Dairy, it should be designated as a Truck Route.

The following ordinance change is needed to implement this section of Searle Street as a Truck Route.

SEC. 27-1544.01. SEARLE STREET

Searle Street, from Avenue F. M. Hubbell to State Street.