



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**99-007**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

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

JANUARY 4, 1999

**SUBJECT:**

1. Request to Change Yield Sign to Stop Sign-Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and Center Street.

TRAFFIC REGULATION  
CHANGES

2. Request for Removal of Corner Clearance No Parking Restriction-North Side of Enos Avenue, East of 15th Street.

**TYPE:**

3. Request for Changes to Municipal Code to Support Current Signing for No Parking Any Time-Both Sides of SW 34th Street from Watrous Avenue to McKinley Avenue.

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
*RECEIVE/FILE*

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

N/A

HAROLD SMITH  
CITY ENGINEER

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Receive, file, and refer to Legal Department for proper legislation.**

**BACKGROUND -**

1. The Traffic and Transportation Division has been contacted by Joel Lambert, 756 - 20th Street, wanting the Yield sign located at Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway and Center Street changed to a Stop sign. Mr. Lambert states cars seldom slow for the Yield sign and at least three cars have ended up in his yard lately. A review by the Traffic and Transportation Division concurs with Mr.

Lambert. The following ordinance change will convert the Yield sign to a Stop sign at this location.

**SEC. 27-1295. CENTER STREET.**

Center Street, from the east line of Nineteenth Street to the east line of Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, with the following restrictions: (1) Westbound traffic on Center Street shall stop at Nineteenth Street - Stop; (2) The driver of a vehicle southbound on Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway using the connecting roadway to turn left at Center Street shall stop for eastbound traffic on Center Street - Stop.

~~The driver of a vehicle southbound on Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway using the connecting roadway to turn left at Center Street shall yield the right-of-way to eastbound traffic on Center Street—Yield.~~

2. Paul Chatham, the manager of the Lennox Heating and Air Conditioning dealership located at 1495 Keosauqua Way, has requested that the Traffic and Transportation Division remove the 50 foot corner clearance on the northeast corner of 15th Street and Enos Avenue, adjacent to his place of business. Because of the location of his business and the close proximity of cross streets, on-street parking is limited. Mr. Chatham believes that the removal of this corner clearance will create two new parking spaces close to his place of business. A review of this location by the Traffic and Transportation Division concurs with Mr. Chatham. Since this corner clearance parking restriction is on the north side of Enos Avenue and since 15th Street at this intersection is one-way northbound, vehicles parked closer to this corner will not obstruct the visibility of other motorists.

**SEC. 27-2151. ENOS AVENUE-EIGHTH STREET TO FIFTEENTH STREET.**

~~Enos Avenue, on the north side, from Fifteenth Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

3. Based upon routine inspection, the Traffic and Transportation Division has discovered that the City Ordinance does not include a reference to prohibit

parking on each side of SW 34th Street from Watrous Avenue to McKinley Avenue. This section of SW 34th Street is currently signed No Parking Any Time on both sides. In order to support the current signing at this location, the following changes to the Municipal Code are necessary.

**SEC. 27-1858.01. SOUTHWEST THIRTY-FOURTH STREET - PARK AVENUE TO MC KINLEY AVENUE.**

Southwest Thirty-fourth Street, on both sides, from Watrous Avenue to McKinley Avenue, no parking any time.