

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-211

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

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

MAY 17, 1999

SUBJECT:

1. Request for Corner Clearance Parking Restriction-South Side of Lincoln Avenue West of 31st Street.

TRAFFIC
REGULATION
CHANGES

2. Request for Extension of No Parking Restriction-East Side of East 16th Street North of University Avenue.

3. Request for No Parking Restriction-West Side of Maine Street South of Washington Avenue.

TYPE:

4. Request for Stop Signs-13th Street and Chautauqua Parkway.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

FISCAL IMPACT -

N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

RECOMMENDATION -

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.
ACTING CITY
ENGINEER

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

BACKGROUND -

1. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding visibility and turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on Lincoln Avenue at the intersection of 31st Street. In order to provide adequate visibility for turning vehicles at this intersection, staff recommends that a 50-foot corner clearance no parking zone be established on the south side of Lincoln Avenue west of 31st Street. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to effect this

change:

SEC. 27-2381. LINCOLN AVENUE-NINTH STREET TO SIXTY-FIRST STREET.

Lincoln Avenue, on the south side, from Thirty-first Street to a point 50 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

3. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a citizen regarding difficulties accessing the driveway at their residence. In order to provide adequate maneuvering for vehicles using the drive, staff recommends that the no parking zone be extended on the east side of East 16th Street north of East University Avenue. The following revisions in the Municipal Code are necessary to effect this change:

SEC. 27-1743. EAST SIXTEENTH STREET-EAST VINE STREET TO EAST AURORA AVENUE.

East Sixteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet south of East University Avenue to a point ~~50~~ 100 feet north of East University Avenue, no parking any time.

3. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from Central Distributors, Inc., 117 College Avenue, regarding difficulties backing into the loading dock on the west side of their business. In order to provide adequate maneuvering for vehicles backing into the loading dock, staff recommends that a no parking zone be established on the west side of Maine Street, south of Washington Avenue. The following revisions in the Municipal Code are necessary to effect this change.

SEC. 27-2428. MAINE STREET-UNIVERSITY AVENUE TO WASHINGTON AVENUE.

Maine Street, on the west side, from Washington Avenue to a point 310 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

4. On April 5, 1999, City Council received a request from the Chautauqua Park Neighborhood Association regarding traffic concerns at the intersection of 13th Street and Chautauqua Parkway. By Roll Call No. 99-998, Council referred this item to the Traffic and Transportation Division for review and recommendation.

The specific concerns that were expressed involved vehicles

approaching this "T" intersection from the south at some speed and not negotiating the turn. These vehicles would cause damage to front yards and utility equipment located near the street. The neighborhood requested consideration for placing a stop sign for 13th Street at Chautauqua Parkway, or the possibility of installing a three-way stop at this intersection.

Staff reviewed this request, which included looking at reported accident history, previous traffic counts, and also taking new counts on 13th Street south of Chautauqua Parkway. The accident history is favorable, with one reported accident in the four-year period from January 1995 through March 1999. However, most of the incidents that the neighborhood referred to would go unreported to the Police Department.

In 1994, traffic counts were taken on all of the incoming streets into the Chautauqua Park Neighborhood. Because of the recent concerns, a follow-up count on 13th Street south of Chautauqua Parkway was taken in April 1999. This new count indicated a volume of 630 vehicles per day. The count taken on 13th Street in 1994 was 600 vehicles per day, indicating no change in traffic volume in the past five-year period.

Based on the low volumes and favorable accident history, a three-way stop is not warranted at this intersection. However, a stop sign for northbound 13th Street at Chautauqua Parkway would be beneficial to the motorists in that the right-of-way would be clearly assigned. This should also reduce the number of incidents involving vehicles leaving the roadway at this intersection.

At their May 11, 1999 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee unanimously concurred with staff's recommendation to place a stop sign for northbound 13th Street at Chautauqua Parkway. The following changes to the Municipal Code are necessary to place this stop sign into effect by designating this section of Chautauqua Parkway as a through street.

SEC. 27-1297. CHAUTAUQUA PARKWAY.

Chautauqua Parkway, from the ~~west~~ east line of Thirteenth Street to the east line of Sixteenth Street - Stop.

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