

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

99-245

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

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

MAY 24, 1999

SUBJECT:

1. Request for Removal of Saturday Parking Restrictions in the Downtown Area.
2. Request for Through-Street Designations in New Residential Subdivisions.
3. Request for Corner Clearance Parking Restriction-West Side of East 25th Street North and South of Walnut Street.
4. Request to Extend Existing Parking Restriction-South Side of Davis Street East of SW 9th Street.

TRAFFIC
REGULATION
CHANGES

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

FISCAL IMPACT -

N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

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CITY ENGINEER

RECOMMENDATION -

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

BACKGROUND -

1. On March 15, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-708, the City Council approved a staff proposal to remove the Saturday parking restriction on the east side of 6th Avenue from Walnut Street to Locust Street, and referred the proposal to the Legal Department for preparation of the proper legislation. In addition, the Council requested that staff review all Saturday parking restrictions in the Central Business District and provide a report to the Traffic Safety Committee and the Downtown

Parking Committee for review and recommendation.

Staff has completed a review of Saturday parking restrictions in the Central Business District. While there are a number of restrictions at various times Monday through Friday, there are very few Saturday restrictions. The existing Saturday restrictions are listed in the table below, along with a "comments" column that identifies their status for installing new parking meters, or a recommendation for retaining or removing the Saturday restriction.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
6th Ave.	Keo to Park	East	NP Mon.-Sat.	Change to NP 7AM-6PM, Mon.-Fri.
High St.	6th to 125' West	North	NP Mon.-Sat.	Change to NP Mon.-Fri.
High St.	8th to 9th	South	NP Mon.-Sat.	New Meters, Loading Zone
Keo Way	3rd to 4th	South	NP 7AM-6PM, Mon.-Sat.	New Meters, NPAT @ Turn Lane

(NP = No Parking / NPAT = No Parking Anytime)

Staff recommends approval of the proposed new short-term parking meter locations identified in the table, which will allow free Saturday parking, along with the other proposed Saturday parking changes in the table. At their April 13, 1999 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee approved staff's recommendation.

The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to complete the removal of Saturday parking restrictions in the Downtown Area:

SEC. 27-1621. SIXTH AVENUE-KEOSAUQUA WAY TO CROCKER STREET.

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from Keosauqua Way to Park Street, no parking Monday through Saturday Friday.

SEC. 27-2275. HIGH STREET-SIXTH AVENUE TO SEVENTH STREET.

High Street, on the north side, from Sixth Avenue to a point 125 feet west thereof, no parking Monday through Saturday Friday.

2. Over the past few years, several new subdivisions have been constructed, resulting in a number of four-way intersections that are currently uncontrolled. These include the Woods on the River subdivision (northeast of SE 22nd and Park) and the Easter Lake Estates subdivision (Easter Lake Drive at SE 31st Street).

In order to provide appropriate stop sign control within these areas, staff recommends that the following through streets be approved:

- Riverwoods Avenue from Park Avenue to River Ridge Road - Stop.
- SE 29th Court from Easter Lake Drive to the South Dead End - Stop.
- SE 31st Street from Easter Lake Drive to the South Dead End - Stop.
- East Porter Avenue at SE 30th Street - Stop.

At their May 11, 1999 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee approved staff's recommendation. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to designate the through streets:

SEC. 27-1182.01 SOUTHEAST SEVENTH STREET.

Southeast Seventh Street, from the south line of Raccoon Street to the north line of Scott Street - Stop.

SEC. 27-1187. SOUTHEAST EIGHTH STREET.

Southeast Eighth Street, from the south line of Raccoon Street to the north line of Scott Street - Stop.

SEC. 27-1190.01 SOUTHEAST NINTH STREET.

Southeast Ninth Street, from the south line of Raccoon Street to the north line of Scott Street - Stop.

SEC. 27-1193.01 SOUTHEAST TENTH STREET.

Southeast Tenth Street, from the south line of Raccoon Street to the north line of Scott Street - Stop.

SEC. 27-1241.01 SOUTHEAST TWENTY-NINTH

COURT.

Southeast Twenty-ninth Court, from the south line of Easter Lake Drive to the south dead end - Stop.

SEC. 27-1247.01 SOUTHEAST THIRTY-FIRST STREET.

Southeast Thirty-first Street, from the south line of Easter Lake Drive to the south dead end - Stop.

SEC. 27-1403. EAST PORTER AVENUE.

East Porter Avenue, at Southeast Thirtieth Street - Stop.

SEC. 27-1405. RACCOON STREET.

Raccoon Street, from the east line of Southeast Sixth Street to the west line of Southeast Eleventh Street - Stop.

SEC. 27-1007.01 RIVERWOODS AVENUE.

Riverwoods Avenue, from the north line of Park Avenue to the west line of River Ridge Road - Stop.

3. On May 3, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-1391, the City Council directed staff to modify the design of the pavement on East 25th Street south of Walnut Street to reduce the width from 31 feet to 26 feet, and further directed staff to eliminate parking on the west side of the street. Traffic and Transportation staff has reviewed this location and has discussed the parking restriction with a representative of the Fairgrounds Neighbors. Based on this review, it is recommended to remove parking on the west side of East 25th Street from a point 50 feet south of Walnut Street to a point 50 feet north of Walnut. This parking restriction will improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection by providing the full street width for vehicles turning onto East 25th Street, while still providing some needed parking in this area. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to implement this parking restriction:

SEC. 27-1800. EAST TWENTY-FIFTH STREET-DEAN AVENUE TO EAST AURORA AVENUE.

East Twenty-fifth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet south of Walnut Street to a point 50 feet north of Walnut Street, no parking any time.

4. Traffic and Transportation staff has received a request, through former Council Member Harold Belken, from a resident on Davis Avenue east of SW 9th Street, to extend the existing parking restriction on the south side of the street. This extension will improve visibility over the hillcrest, and will make it easier to pull into and out of the driveways. Staff has reviewed this location and concurs with the request to extend the parking restriction 80 feet east. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to implement this parking restriction:

SEC. 27-2106. DAVIS AVENUE-SOUTH UNION STREET TO DEAD END WEST OF SOUTHWEST TWELFTH STREET.

Davis Avenue, on the south side, from Southwest Ninth Street to a point ~~350~~ 430 feet east thereof, no parking any time.