

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

99-336

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

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

JULY 26, 1999

SUBJECT:

TRAFFIC
REGULATION
CHANGES

1. Two-Sided Parking Restriction-Both Sides of Dickman Road from SW 9th Street east to the Dead End.

2. Extend Existing Parking Restriction-South Side of Guthrie Avenue east and west of East 14th Street.

3. Delete Proposed Placement of Parking Meters-Mulberry Street between 7th Street and 8th Street, 7th Street between Grand Avenue and Locust Street and between Mulberry Street and Walnut Street.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

4. Prohibit Right Turns on Red-Intersection of 8th Street and Mulberry Street.

5. Corner Clearance Parking Restriction-South Side of Davisson Road east of 38th Street.

SUBMITTED BY:

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CITY ENGINEER

FISCAL IMPACT -

N/A

RECOMMENDATION -

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

BACKGROUND -

1. In conjunction with the commercial development along the recently-completed Dickman Road east of SW 9th Street, the

following parking restriction is necessary for the safe and efficient flow of traffic:

SEC. 27-2118.01. DICKMAN ROAD-SW 9TH STREET TO EASTERLY DEAD END.

Dickman Road, on both sides, from SW 9th Street east to the dead end (700'), no parking any time.

2. As part of the East 14th Street and Guthrie Avenue intersection improvement, Guthrie Avenue will be widened to provide three lanes at East 14th Street. The following parking restriction changes are needed to prohibit parking in this three-lane section:

SEC. 27-2253. GUTHRIE AVENUE-FIRST STREET TO EAST FOURTEENTH STREET.

Guthrie Avenue, on the south side, from East Fourteenth Street to a point ~~40~~ 220 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

SEC. 27-2254. GUTHRIE AVENUE-EAST FOURTEENTH STREET TO EAST THIRTY-SECOND STREET.

Guthrie Avenue, on the south side, from East Fourteenth Street to a point ~~40~~ 220 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

3. As part of the program to install up to 350 on-street metered parking spaces throughout the Central Business District, the following three locations were proposed for the installation of parking meters. Because of a heating element buried below the sidewalk on the north side of Mulberry Street between 7th and 8th Streets and on the west side of 7th Street south of Walnut, it is not feasible to install parking metered spaces in these areas.

A study of the usage of the east side of 7th Street south of Grand Avenue and several interviews with some of the tenants of this building have determined that for security reasons and because the high usage is consistent with current signing, it is not feasible to install parking meters in this area. The following ordinance changes will return these two areas to their previous parking restrictions:

SEC. 27-2836.02. MULBERRY STREET-SEVENTH STREET TO EIGHTH STREET.

~~Mulberry Street, on the north side, from a point 130 feet west of Seventh Street to a point 65 feet west thereof, two hour meters, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.~~

~~SEC. 2794.01. SEVENTH STREET-MULBERRY STREET TO WALNUT STREET.~~

~~Seventh Street, on the west side, from a point 180 feet north of Mulberry Street to a point 90 feet north thereof, two hour meters, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.~~

~~SEC. 27-2475. MULBERRY STREET-SEVENTH STREET TO EIGHTH STREET.~~

~~Mulberry Street, on the north side, from Seventh Street to a point 130 feet west thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Mulberry Street, on the north side, from a point 130 feet west of Seventh Street to a point 65 feet west thereof, no parking 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.~~

~~Mulberry Street, on the north side, from a point 195 feet west of Seventh Street to Eighth Street, no parking any time.~~

~~SEC. 27-2793.02. SEVENTH STREET-LOCUST STREET TO GRAND AVENUE.~~

~~Seventh Street, on the east side, from a point 160 feet north of Locust Street to Grand Avenue, two hour meters, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.~~

4. Because of the high volume of pedestrians crossing 8th Street at Mulberry Street, the Traffic and Transportation Division investigated restricting right turns on red at 8th and Mulberry for northbound to eastbound and westbound to northbound. The investigation observed that a significant number of pedestrian and automobile conflicts occur, especially during the morning and evening rush hours. The following ordinance change will prohibit right turns on red at this intersection:

~~SEC. 27-257.01. PROHIBITED RIGHT TURN ON RED.~~

~~(8) At the intersection of Eighth Street and Mulberry Street, prohibiting right turns from westbound Mulberry Street to~~

northbound Eighth Street.

(9) At the intersection of Eighth Street and Mulberry Street, prohibiting right turns from northbound Eighth Street to eastbound Mulberry Street.

5. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding visibility and turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on Davisson Road at the intersection of 38th 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 Davisson Road east of 38th Street. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to effect this change:

SEC. 27-2108. DAVISSON ROAD-THIRTY-FOURTH STREET TO THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET.

Davisson Road, on the south side, from Thirty-eighth Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.