



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**99-484**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

Staff has reviewed the following traffic regulation changes and recommended them for approval:

OCTOBER 25, 1999

**SUBJECT:**

TRAFFIC  
REGULATION  
CHANGES

1. Stop Sign for Northbound Traffic at SW 22nd Street and Rittenhouse.
2. Designate Handicapped Parking Space-North Side of Capitol Avenue West of East 21st Street.
3. Corner Clearance Parking Restriction-East Side of Irving Street South of Summit Street.
4. Corner Clearance Parking Restriction-East Side of 6th Avenue South of Indiana Avenue.
5. Speed Limit Modification--East 33rd Street from Hubbell Avenue to Euclid Avenue.
6. Extension of Parking Restriction-South Side of Guthrie Avenue from York Street to East 14th Street.
7. Change in Snow Route Designation due to Relocation of MTA Bus Route to from 12th Street to 11th Street from Euclid to Madison.

**TYPE:**

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
**RECEIVE/FILE**

**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. At the request of the Airport Commerce Park South developer, staff reviewed the intersection of SW 22nd and Rittenhouse Street and recommended that a stop sign be installed for northbound traffic at the "T" intersection. Rittenhouse Street is being expanded and developed as an east-west collector street serving this new business park. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this stop sign into effect:

### **SEC. 27-1407. RITTENHOUSE STREET.**

Rittenhouse Street, at Southwest Twenty-second Street, Stop.

2. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from the resident at 2032 Capitol Avenue regarding a handicapped parking space on the north side of Capitol Avenue. In order to provide a convenient location for ease of access to the home, staff recommends that a 30-foot handicapped parking space be established on the north side of Capitol Avenue west of East 21st Street. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to effect this change:

### **SEC. 27-2013. CAPITOL AVENUE-EAST TWELFTH STREET TO EAST TWENTY-SECOND STREET.**

Capitol Avenue, on the north side, from a point 175 feet west of East Twenty-first Street to a point 30 feet west thereof, is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in Section 27-616(a) of this code.

3. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding visibility and turning difficulties because of parked vehicles on Irving Street at the intersection of Summit 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 east side of Irving Street south of Summit Street. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to effect this change:

### **SEC. 27-2319. IRVING STREET-HOLMES STREET TO BANCROFT STREET.**

Irving Street, on the east side, from Summit Street to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

4. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding visibility and turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on 6th Avenue at the intersection of Indiana Avenue. 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 east side of 6th Avenue south of Indiana Avenue. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to effect this change:

**SEC. 27-1623. SIXTH AVENUE-UNIVERSITY AVENUE TO FOREST AVENUE.**

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from Indiana Avenue to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

5. In a review of the "through" street and speed limit ordinances, staff determined that the section of East 33rd between Hubbell Avenue and Euclid Avenue is not covered within either of these two ordinances.

In order to provide consistency in the speed limit on East 33rd to the south of Hubbell Avenue, staff recommends that the section of East 33rd between Hubbell and Euclid be (1) identified as a through street, and (2) have a speed limit established at 35 miles per hour. North of Euclid Avenue, the speed limit on East 33rd Street will remain at 25 miles per hour. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to effect this change:

**SEC. 27-743. EAST THIRTY-THIRD STREET.**

East Thirty-third Street, from a point 250 feet south of Easton Boulevard to Euclid Avenue ~~Frederick M. Hubbell~~, 35 miles per hour.

**SEC. 27-1249. EAST THIRTY-THIRD STREET.**

East Thirty-third Street, from the north line of East University Avenue to the south line of East Euclid Avenue ~~Avenue~~ ~~Frederick M. Hubbell~~ - Stop.

6. The parking restrictions on Guthrie Avenue in the vicinity of East 14th Street require minor changes in order to match the

field conditions based on the newly completed East 14th Street/Guthrie Avenue intersection improvement. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to effect these changes:

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

Guthrie Avenue, on the south side, from York Street to East Fourteenth Street ~~to a point 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 ~~220~~ 290 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

7. On February 15, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-439, City Council adopted several recommendations concerning "traffic calming" on 12th Street north of Euclid Avenue. One of the recommendations was to relocate the MTA bus route from 12th Street to 11th Street. This issue was again discussed at an Oak Park Neighbors meeting on May 11, 1999, at which the consensus of those present concurred in this recommendation.

In June 1999 the MTA changed its bus route so that buses now use 11th Street between Euclid and Madison Avenues. The City has historically designated all bus routes as snow routes; and with the MTA change, a change in the "snow route" ordinance is necessary to delete 12th Street and add 11th Street between Euclid Avenue and Madison Avenue. Twelfth Street will remain a snow route between Madison and Aurora Avenues.

The following ordinance revisions in the Municipal Code is necessary to effect this change:

**SEC. 27-959A. ELEVENTH STREET.**

Eleventh Street, from Euclid Avenue to Madison Avenue.

**SEC. 27-960. TWELFTH STREET.**

Twelfth Street, from ~~Euclid Avenue~~ Madison Avenue to North

## City Limits.

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