

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-151

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

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

APRIL 17, 2000

SUBJECT:

1. Two-Sided Parking Restriction--Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway from Euclid Avenue to Lynner Drive.

TRAFFIC
REGULATION
CHANGES

2. Two-Sided Parking Restriction--East 30th Street North of Ovid Avenue.

TYPE:

Minor costs for signing, to be paid from Traffic and Transportation Division operating budget.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE

RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

SUBMITTED BY:

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

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CITY ENGINEER

BACKGROUND -

1. Council Member Vlassis requested staff to consider a two-sided parking restriction on Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway north of Euclid Avenue. Vlassis expressed concern that parked vehicles, primarily from the apartment complex at 3800 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, cause difficulties for traffic flow, especially during the morning and evening peak periods. Parking is currently prohibited on the east side of the street in this area. It is also prohibited on the west side of the street for a distance of 200 feet north of Euclid Avenue.

Traffic counts were taken during the week of March 27, 2000. These counts indicate a traffic volume of 2,200 vehicles per

day on Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway south of Lynner Drive. The current City-adopted policy indicates that on a 24-foot-wide street such as Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, a two-sided restriction should be considered if volumes exceed 1,200 vehicles per day.

Field observations were also made during the same week for both A.M. and P.M. peak times. During all observations, there were approximately six to eight vehicles parked on Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway in front of the apartments in the 3800 block. A count of the apartment's parking lot showed that there were generally at least twice as many vacant spaces available in the lot as there were vehicles parked on Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. The loss of daytime on-street parking should, therefore, not create a shortage of parking space.

Staff notified all of the affected properties and informed them of our recommendations. No comments were received.

The Traffic Safety Committee, at their April 11, 2000 meeting, approved staff's recommendation that parking be prohibited on the west side of Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. from a point 200 feet north of Euclid Avenue to Lynner Drive. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this restriction into effect.

SEC. 27-2442.04. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARKWAY--EUCLID AVENUE TO MADISON AVENUE.

Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, on the west side, from a point 200 feet north of Euclid Avenue to Lynner Drive, no parking 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

2. At their March 20, 2000 meeting, City Council received a neighborhood petition from the residents in the vicinity of East 30th and Ovid, asking that parking be restricted on the east side of East 30th Street north of Ovid Avenue for a distance of 160 feet. Concern was expressed that turning traffic, including school buses, cannot negotiate this corner when vehicles are parked.

By Roll Call No. 00-779, this item was referred to the City Manager for review and recommendation. Parking is currently prohibited on the west side of the street. Parking is also

restricted on both sides of Ovid Avenue in the immediate vicinity of East 30th Street.

The proposed restriction is adjacent to two residences and the petition indicates that both are in support of this request. Based on the consensus of the immediately affected residents, staff recommends that the requested parking be approved.

Staff notified each of the affected residences and the resident at 2970 East Ovid Avenue asked that his name be removed from the petition because he thought a corner clearance was all the intersection needed.

The Traffic Safety Committee, at their April 11, 2000 meeting, approved staff's recommendation that parking be prohibited on the east side of East 30th Street from Ovid Avenue north for a distance of 160 feet. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this restriction into effect.

SEC. 27-1833. EAST THIRTIETH STREET--EAST COURT AVENUE TO EAST AURORA AVENUE.

East Thirtieth Street, on the east side, from East Ovid Avenue north for a distance of 160 feet, no parking any time.