



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

00-513

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

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

NOVEMBER 6, 2000

SUBJECT:

1. Changes in Maximum Load Limits on Certain Bridges.
2. Corner Clearance Parking Restriction-West Side of SW 13th Street North and South of Wade Street and on the North Side of Wade Street East and West of SW 13th Street.
3. No Stopping or Standing Restriction-Both Sides of SE 5th Street from East Jackson Avenue to East Granger Avenue and North Side of East Granger Avenue West of SE 5th Street and an Extension of the Current No Parking Restriction on SE 5th Street to East Jackson Avenue.
4. Corner Clearance Parking Restriction-West Side of East 6th Street North of Buchanan Street.
5. Corner Clearance Parking Restriction-North Side of East Seneca Avenue East of East 9th Street.
6. Corner Clearance Parking Restriction-North Side of Cherry Street West of 9th Street.
7. One-Sided Parking Restriction-North Side of Franklin Avenue from 62nd Street to 63rd Street.

TRAFFIC
REGULATION
CHANGES

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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CITY ENGINEER

FISCAL IMPACT -

Minor costs for signing, to be paid from Traffic and Transportation Division Operating Budget.

RECOMMENDATION -

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

BACKGROUND -

1. A recent structural evaluation of the Avenue Frederick M. Hubbell Bridge over Four Mile Creek showed that the eastbound lanes (originally constructed in 1916) are deteriorated and unable to safely carry heavy loads. The westbound lanes were added in 1969, and are still adequate for normal loads. This bridge is scheduled to be completely reconstructed in 2001 and is currently being designed. Until the new bridge is built, it is necessary to limit the maximum load on the eastbound lanes to five tons.

The Traffic and Transportation Division has posted load limit signs and truck detour signs under an emergency police order, pending the ordinance change. In addition, the maximum load limit for the East Douglas Avenue Bridge over Four Mile Creek is no longer necessary since the bridge has been replaced. The maximum load limit for the SW 5th Street Bridge over the Raccoon River is no longer necessary since the bridge has been closed to vehicular traffic.

SEC. 114-460.03. MAXIMUM LOAD LIMIT FOR CERTAIN DESIGNATED BRIDGES AND VIADUCTS.

~~(1) East Douglas Avenue Bridge, over the Four Mile Creek, a maximum load limit of ten tons.~~

~~(2) Southwest Fifth Street Bridge, over the Raccoon River, a maximum load limit of four tons.~~

~~(3)~~(1) East Payton Avenue, over the creek south of Easter Lake, a maximum load limit of 14 tons per straight truck, 20 tons per truck plus semi-trailer, and 25 tons per truck plus trailer.

(2) Eastbound Avenue Frederick M. Hubbell Bridge, over the Four-Mile Creek, a maximum load limit of five tons.

SEC. 114-460.04. SPECIFIC VEHICLES PROHIBITED FROM USING CERTAIN BRIDGE.

~~No person shall drive a motor truck having a freight capacity greater than one ton or any trailer, semi-trailer, tractor, road tractor or truck tractor unit at any time, upon the following designated bridge: East Douglas Avenue Bridge, over the Four Mile Creek.~~

2. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on SW

13th Street at the intersection of Wade Street. In order to provide adequate visibility for vehicles at this intersection, staff recommends that a 50-foot "corner clearance" no parking zone be established on the west side of SW 13th Street north and south of Wade Street and on the north side of Wade Street east and west of SW 13th Street. The following revisions in the Municipal Code are necessary to effect this change and to adjust sections of the Code to comply with existing signs:

**SEC. 114-2744. SOUTHWEST THIRTEENTH STREET-
PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE TO HAVENS AVENUE.**

Southwest Thirteenth Street, on ~~both~~ the east sides, from Army Post Road to a point 35 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Southwest Thirteenth Street, on the west side, from ~~Army Post Road~~ Leland Avenue to a point 50 feet south of ~~thereof~~ Army Post Road, no parking any time.

Southwest Thirteenth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet north of Wade Street to a point 50 feet south of Wade Street, no parking any time.

~~Southwest Thirteenth Street, on the west side, from Leland Avenue to Havens Avenue, no parking any time.~~

**SEC. 114-3716. WADE STREET-SOUTHWEST NINTH
STREET TO SOUTHWEST FOURTEENTH STREET.**

Wade Street, on the north side, from 50 feet west of Southwest Thirteenth Street to 50 feet east of Southwest Thirteenth Street, no parking any time.

3. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from the Police Department regarding congestion during drop-off and pick-up times at McKinley School due to stopped vehicles on SE 5th Street north of East Granger Avenue. In order to relieve congestion during these times, staff recommends that the current "No Parking Any Time" restriction be changed to "No Stopping or Standing" on both sides of SE 5th Street from East Granger Avenue to East Jackson Avenue and also on the north side of East Granger Avenue west of SE 5th Street. The principal at McKinley Elementary School has concurred in this request. The following revisions in the Municipal Code are necessary to place these changes into effect:

SEC. 114-2636. SOUTHEAST FIFTH STREET-EAST VINE

STREET TO EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD.

Southeast Fifth Street, on both sides, from East Livingston Avenue to ~~East Granger Avenue~~ East Jackson Avenue, no parking any time.

Southeast Fifth Street, on both sides, from East Jackson Avenue to East Granger Avenue, no stopping or standing.

SEC. 114-3278. EAST GRANGER AVENUE-SOUTH UNION STREET TO SOUTHEAST THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET.

East Granger Avenue, on the north side, from Southeast Fifth Street to a point 50 feet west thereof, ~~no parking any time~~ no stopping or standing.

4. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding difficulties loading and unloading from wheelchair accessible buses due to parked vehicles on East 6th Street north of Buchanan Street. In order to provide adequate maneuverability for buses in this area, staff recommends that a 75-foot no parking zone be established on the west side of East 6th Street north of Buchanan Street. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place this change into effect and to adjust sections of the Code to comply with existing signs:

SEC. 114-2656. EAST SIXTH STREET-DES MOINES STREET TO EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE.

East Sixth Street, on the west side, from a point 125 feet north of Buchanan Street to a point 75 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

East Sixth Street, on the east side, from ~~Filmore Street~~ 775 feet north of Buchanan Street to East University Avenue, no parking any time.

~~East Sixth Street, on the east side, from a point 775 feet north of Buchanan Street to Filmore Street, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.~~

5. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on East Seneca Avenue at the intersection of East 9th Street. In order to provide adequate visibility for vehicles at this intersection, staff recommends that a 70-foot "corner clearance" no parking zone be established on the north side of East Seneca Avenue east of East 9th Street. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect:

SEC. 114-3629. EAST SENECA AVENUE-FIRST STREET TO EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET.

East Seneca Avenue, on the north side, from East Ninth Street to a point 70 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

6. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on Cherry Street at the intersection of 9th Street. In order to provide adequate visibility for vehicles at this intersection, staff recommends that a 60-foot "corner clearance" no parking zone be established on the north side of Cherry Street west of 9th Street. In addition, a short corner clearance east of the alley has been requested by the Fire Department to provide visibility for vehicles exiting onto Cherry Street. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these changes into effect:

SEC. 114-3074. CHERRY STREET-NINTH STREET TO TENTH STREET.

Cherry Street, on the north side, from Ninth Street to a point 60 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Cherry Street, on the north side, from a point 60 feet west of Ninth Street to a point ~~140~~ 60 feet west thereof, reserved for fire department use.

Cherry Street, on the north side, from a point ~~140~~ 120 feet west of Ninth Street to Tenth Street, no parking any time.

7. In conjunction with the resurfacing of Franklin Avenue, a westbound right-turn lane has been constructed on Franklin Avenue at 63rd Street. The following parking restriction is necessary in order to provide proper usage of this turn lane:

SEC. 114-3215. FRANKLIN AVENUE-THIRTY-FOURTH STREET TO WEST CITY LIMITS.

Franklin Avenue, on ~~both sides~~ the south side, from Sixty-third Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

Franklin Avenue, on the north side, from Sixty-second Street to Sixty-third Street, no parking any time.

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