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COMMUNICATION:

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

01-121

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

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

MARCH 12, 2001

SUBJECT:

TRAFFIC
REGULATION
CHANGES

1. Parking Restriction--North Side of Des Moines Street East of Pennsylvania Avenue.

2. Corner Clearance--South Side of East Madison Avenue East of East 23rd Street.

3. Corner Clearance--East Side of 43rd Street South of College Avenue.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

4. Corner Clearance--West Side of SE 13th Street South of East Watrous Avenue.

5. Installation of Handicapped Parking Meters and Loading Zone--Adjacent to 1206 Mulberry Street.

SUBMITTED BY:

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

6. Shorten Corner Clearance and Remove Handicapped Parking--West Side of 3rd Street North of New York Avenue.

7. Handicapped Parking Meters--West End of Grand Avenue Bridge

FISCAL IMPACT -

Minor costs for signing and parking meter changes to be paid from the Traffic and Transportation operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION -

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

BACKGROUND -

1. At the request of Shirley K. Walker, Supervisor of the Customer Service Center, State of Iowa Department of General Services, the Traffic and Transportation Division investigated the possible removal of existing parking on the north side of Des Moines Street, east of Pennsylvania Avenue, across from the loading area of the Wallace Building. The removal of parking in this area will primarily affect State of Iowa employees if restricted from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will facilitate the backing of trucks that use the loading dock at the Wallace Building. Inserting this parking restriction in this area will also facilitate turning vehicles from northbound Pennsylvania Avenue to eastbound Des Moines Street by providing additional vehicle clearance at the intersection.

The Traffic and Transportation Division concurs with this request. The proposed ordinance below will implement this parking restriction.

SEC. 114-3147. DES MOINES STREET--EAST FIRST STREET TO EAST NINTH STREET.

Des Moines Street, on the north side, from Pennsylvania Avenue to a point 100 feet east, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

2. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on East Madison Avenue at the intersection of East 23rd 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 south side of East Madison Avenue east of East 23rd Street. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this restriction into effect.

SEC. 114-3451. EAST MADISON AVENUE--FIRST STREET TO DEAD END EAST OF EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET.

East Madison Avenue, on the south side, from East Twenty-third Street to a point 60 feet east, no parking any time.

3. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on Forty-third Street at the intersection of College Avenue. 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 east side of 43rd Street south of College Avenue. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place this restriction in effect.

SEC. 114-2926. FORTY-THIRD STREET--GREENWOOD DRIVE TO DEAD END NORTH OF AURORA AVENUE.

Forty-third Street, on the east side, from 50 feet south of College Avenue to a point 200 feet south thereof, passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days.

Forty-third Street, on the east side, from College Avenue to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

4. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request through the McKinley/Columbus Park Neighborhood Association regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on SE 13th Street south of East Watrous Avenue. In order to provide adequate visibility for vehicles at this intersection, staff recommends that a 100-foot corner clearance no parking zone be established on the west side of SE 13th Street south of East Watrous Avenue. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to effect this change.

SEC. 114-2742. SOUTHEAST THIRTEENTH STREET--EAST VINE STREET TO DEAD END SOUTH OF EAST THORNTON AVENUE.

Southeast Thirteenth Street, on the west side, from East Watrous Avenue to a point 100 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

5. At the request of Knapp Properties, Allied Development, and InTrust (Home Healthcare Arm of Iowa Methodist Hospital), Evan L. Oster, the owner of 1206 Mulberry Street, has asked the City of Des Moines to install two handicapped parking meters and a loading zone adjacent to 1206 Mulberry Street. These areas will accommodate patients who will visit this location for services provided by the new tenant, InTrust. The Traffic and Transportation Division has reviewed this area and agrees with installation of the loading zone and the installation of two four-hour handicapped parking meters where 10-hour unrestricted parking meters are currently in place. The Traffic and Transportation Division will evaluate the usage of these two handicapped meters and will adjust the total number of handicapped meters based on actual usage and

need. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to implement these changes.

SEC. 114-2723. TWELFTH STREET--CHERRY STREET TO MULBERRY STREET.

Twelfth Street, on the west side, from a point 25 feet south of Mulberry Street to a point 20 feet south thereof, loading zone.

SEC. 114-3983. TWELFTH STREET--CHERRY STREET TO MULBERRY STREET.

Twelfth Street, on the west side, parking meter 12-110, is designated a four-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

SEC. 114-4032. MULBERRY STREET--TWELFTH STREET TO THIRTEENTH STREET.

Mulberry Street, on the south side, parking meter M-1200 is designated a four-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

6. At the request of Jodi Allen, Human Resources Manager for Formed Steel Products, Inc., 220 New York Avenue, the Traffic and Transportation Division reviewed the parking restrictions on 3rd Street, north of New York Avenue. Several businesses, EMCO and Bonded Fibers, had requested the existing long corner clearance on the west side of 3rd Street and the handicapped parking zone, 75 feet north of the intersection with New York Avenue. Since these two parking restrictions were installed, both businesses have sold their properties and are no longer in business at the adjacent properties. Formed Steel Products has asked for the current 75 foot corner clearance to be shortened to 25 feet and to have the unused handicapped parking area removed. This will allow parking for an additional four to five vehicles in this area. Formed Steel has over ninety employees and this will assist with additional parking spaces that are needed in this area. After a review of this area and discussion with Ms. Allen, the Traffic and Transportation Division concurs with this request. The following ordinance changes are necessary to implement this additional parking.

SEC. 114-2610. THIRD STREET--UNIVERSITY AVENUE TO AURORA AVENUE.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point 75 feet north of New York Avenue to a point 25 feet north thereof, handicapped parking.

Third Street, on the west side, from New York Avenue to a point 75 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

7. At the request of the Riverfront YMCA, the Traffic and Transportation Division has reviewed the need for handicapped parking spaces adjacent to this location. Mr. James P. Andrews of the Riverfront YMCA indicates that approximately eight percent of the population of the YMCA seeking shelter and services are physically handicapped. Traffic and Transportation recommends the conversion of three meters, as requested by the YMCA, on the west end of the Grand Avenue Bridge, on the south side of the street, adjacent to the YMCA. The following ordinance change will place these handicapped meters into effect.

SEC. 114-4096. EAST GRAND AVENUE--WATSON POWELL, JR. WAY TO EAST FIRST STREET.

East Grand Avenue, on the south side, parking meters BG-1, BG-3 and BG-5, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., are designated handicapped parking spaces and are subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.