

Meeting Agendas/Info

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

01-534

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

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 22, 2001

SUBJECT:

**TRAFFIC
REGULATION
CHANGES**

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

SUBMITTED BY:

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SYNOPSIS -

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

1. Corner Clearance--West Side of East 27th Street South of East Madison Avenue.
2. Commercial Loading Zone Removal--North Side of Pleasant Street East of 10th Street.
3. Two-Sided Parking Revision--East 25th Street South of University Avenue.
4. Speed Limit Change--SE 34th Street Between Evergreen and Easter Lake Drives.
5. Corner Clearance--South Side of Maple Street East and West of East 28th Street.

FISCAL IMPACT -

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

RECOMMENDATION -

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

BACKGROUND -

1. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on East 27th Street at the intersection of East Madison Avenue. 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 west side of East 27th Street. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this parking restriction into effect.

SEC.114-2845. EAST TWENTY-SEVENTH STREET--DEAN AVENUE TO EAST AURORA AVENUE.

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

2. The former loading zone on the north side of Pleasant Street east of 10th Street was not removed from the Municipal Code when the installation of parking meters was approved in this area. The following ordinance change will reconcile the Code with the meters installed on the street.

SEC.114-3574. PLEASANT STREET--NINTH STREET TO TENTH STREET

Pleasant Street, on the north side, from a point 45 feet east of Tenth Street to a point 40 feet east thereof, commercial loading zone.

3. A petition was received signed by several residents of East 25th Street south of University Avenue, requesting that the existing "no parking any time" restriction on the west side of the street be shortened. Currently, parking is prohibited on the west side of the street from University Avenue south for a distance of 150 feet. The petition requests that this restriction be shortened to a distance of 50 feet south of University Avenue. Parking is also prohibited on the east side of the street. The petition was signed by two of the three affected residents. Staff notified all of the affected residents of this request. There were no comments received from these residents. Staff is in support of the consensus of the neighborhood and recommends that the existing parking restriction be shortened to 50 feet. At their October 16, 2001 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee approved staff's recommendation. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to shorten the current parking restriction.

SEC.114-2830. EAST TWENTY-FIFTH STREET--DEAN AVENUE TO EAST AURORA AVENUE.

East Twenty-fifth Street, on the west side, from East University Avenue to a point 150 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

4. Staff received a request from a resident on SE 34th Street, asking

that an evaluation be made of the speed limit on SE 34th Street between Evergreen Drive and Easter Lake Drive. The current speed limit is 40 miles per hour. Staff has reviewed the conditions along and adjacent to this section of SE 34th Street. Recently, there have been a number of new residences constructed along SE 34th Street in this area. The speed limits on the two connecting streets, Evergreen Drive and Easter Lake Drive, are 35 miles per hour. Based on this information, staff recommends that the speed limit on SE 34th Street be revised to 35 miles per hour in this area. At their October 16, 2001 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee approved staff's recommendation. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to lower the current speed limit to 35 miles per hour.

SEC.114-1269. SOUTHEAST THIRTY-FOURTH STREET.

Southeast Thirty-fourth Street, from Evergreen Avenue to Easter Lake Drive, 40 35 miles per hour.

5. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on Maple Street at the intersection of East 28th 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 Maple Street west of East 28th Street and a 70-foot corner clearance no parking zone be established on the south side of Maple Street east of East 28th Street. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this parking restriction into effect.

SEC.114-3461. MAPLE STREET--EAST FIRST STREET TO KNOB HILL DRIVE.

Maple Street, on the south side, from a point 70 feet east of East Twenty-eight Street to a point 60 feet west of East Twenty-eight Street, no parking any time.
