

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

02-033

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JANUARY 28, 2002

SUBJECT:

LOADING ZONE--
300 BLOCK OF EAST
5TH STREET

At the January 7, 2002 meeting, City Council received a request from Contemporary Furniture, 501 East Locust Street, for a loading zone on East 5th Street in front of their building and referred this request to the Traffic Safety Committee for review and recommendation. Because there are currently two loading zones in this block, with one located approximately 20 feet from the building entrance of Contemporary Furniture, no change in these existing loading zones is proposed.

FISCAL IMPACT -

None

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE

RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Receive and file.

SUBMITTED BY:

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.
ACTING CITY
ENGINEER

BACKGROUND -

At the January 7, 2002 meeting, City Council received a request from Contemporary Furniture, 501 East Locust Street, for a loading zone on East 5th Street in front of their building. By Roll Call No. 02-104, this item was referred to the Traffic Safety Committee for review and recommendation. City Council also requested that this be brought back to them at their January 28, 2002 meeting. Traffic and Transportation staff has reviewed this location and has discussed this request with Kelli Linnemeyer of Contemporary Furniture.

Loading zones are established in the downtown area to serve the adjacent business needs, in conjunction with on-street parking, which is usually metered to regulate the usage. By being located on a public street, both the parking and the loading zone are available for use on a first-come first-served basis and are not reserved for the use of any individual business. Generally, there is one loading zone on each side

of the street in each block located to best serve all the businesses in that block.

For this block of East 5th Street between Locust Street and Walnut Street, there are two existing loading zones on the east side of the street. One is located about in the middle of the block and a second loading zone toward the north end of the block in front of the building at 501 E. Locust. This loading zone is located about 20 feet south of the entrance to Contemporary Furniture, where it can serve that business, as well as other businesses south of them.

Because there are currently two loading zones in this block, with one located approximately 20 feet from the building entrance of Contemporary Furniture, no change in these existing loading zones is proposed. At their January 15, 2002 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with the staff recommendation on this item.
