



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-086

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

FEBRUARY 18, 2002

A request from Central Lutheran Church to allow nighttime and weekend parking on Des Moines Street between East 9th Street and East 12th Street has been reviewed by staff and the Traffic Safety Committee and is recommended for approval.

SUBJECT:

TRAFFIC REGULATION
CHANGE

FISCAL IMPACT -

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

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE

RECOMMENDATION -

RECEIVE/FILE

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

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

At their January 28, 2002 meeting, City Council received a petition from Central Lutheran Church, 525 E. 9th Street, to allow parking on the south side of Des Moines Street after 5:00 p.m. during the week and all day on Saturdays. By Roll Call No. 02-269, Council referred this item to the Traffic Safety Committee for review and recommendation.

Staff has reviewed the area to determine the feasibility of the request. On this portion of Des Moines Street, the street width is 34 feet, with parking allowed on the north side. Parking is prohibited on the south side of the street Monday-Saturday, but is allowed on Sundays. Mr. Ralph Wilson, representing Central Lutheran Church, has advised that the church in the past utilized parking lots owned by the State of Iowa for their parking needs during the week evenings. However, he stated that this has recently changed, and the lots are no longer available for church use.

Staff concurs that parking can be allowed on evenings and weekends in this area. Generally, evening parking is identified as beginning after 6:00 p.m., and we recommend that the revised parking restriction provide that parking is prohibited between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, "no parking" corner clearances should be placed on Des Moines Street at E. 9th and E. 12th Streets. At their February 12, 2002 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee approved staff's recommendations.

The following ordinance changes are necessary to allow the parking on the south side of Des Moines Street on evenings and weekends.

SEC.114-3148. DES MOINES STREET--EAST NINTH STREET TO EAST EIGHTEENTH STREET.

Des Moines Street, on the south side, from East Ninth Street to a point ~~140~~ 70 feet east thereof, no parking ~~Monday through Saturday~~ any time.

Des Moines Street, on the south side, from a point ~~140~~ 70 feet east of East Ninth Street to a point 50 feet west of East Twelfth Street, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through ~~Saturday~~ Friday.

Des Moines Street, on the south side, from East Twelfth Street to a point 50 feet west, no parking any time.
