



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-131

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

MARCH 18, 2002

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

SUBJECT:

1. Designate Space for Marked Police Vehicles Only and Provide One Additional Handicapped Parking Meter--Adjacent to Polk County Courthouse.

TRAFFIC
REGULATION
CHANGES

2. Provide One Handicapped Parking Meter--East Side of 4th Street between Court and Walnut.

TYPE:

3. Corner Clearance--North Side of Enden Lane, East of Hickory Hill Lane.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

4. Installation of Handicapped Parking Meters: 300 Block of 3rd Street; 500 block of 4th Street; and 200 block of East 2nd Street, and Municipal Code Correction.

SUBMITTED BY:

5. Petition for Two-Sided Parking Restriction--41st Street between Beaver Avenue and Northwest Drive.

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6. Provide Handicapped Parking Meter--West Side of East 5th Street between East Locust Street and East Grand Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT -

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

RECOMMENDATION -

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

BACKGROUND -

1. Due to recent construction on the curb and sidewalk areas adjacent to the Polk County Courthouse, the Traffic and Transportation Division has been requested to change the existing signing on the east side of 6th Avenue north of Cherry Street to designate this restricted parking area for "Marked" Police Vehicles only. This will eliminate parking of unmarked police vehicles in this area while conducting official business in the Polk County Courthouse.

Recent construction initiated by Polk County has also provided one additional ADA accessible parking space on Mulberry Street. Five existing handicapped parking spaces on 6th Avenue adjacent to the accessible entrance of the courthouse will not be affected by the addition of this new handicapped parking space. The following ordinance changes are necessary to implement the addition of this handicapped parking meter and the police vehicle parking on 6th Avenue north of Cherry Street.

SEC. 114-2639. SIXTH AVENUE--CHERRY STREET TO MULBERRY STREET.

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from Cherry to a point 135 feet north thereof, Reserved Parking, Marked Police Vehicles Only.

SEC. 114-3883. SIXTH AVENUE--CHERRY STREET TO MULBERRY STREET.

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from Cherry Street to a point 135 feet north thereof, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SEC. 114-3927. MULBERRY STREET--FIFTH AVENUE TO SIXTH AVENUE.

Mulberry Street, on the south side, parking meter M-506, two-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

2. At the request of a citizen, the Traffic and Transportation Division was asked to investigate the installation of a handicapped parking meter on the east side of 4th Street between Court Avenue and Walnut Street. A review of this area indicates that the closest existing handicapped parking meter to this area is on the south side of Court Avenue, midway between 4th Street and 5th Avenue. The following ordinance change will implement the installation of a new handicapped parking meter in this area.

SEC. 114-3870. FOURTH STREET--COURT AVENUE TO WALNUT STREET.

Fourth Street, on the east side, parking meter 4-209, two-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

3. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on Enden Lane at the intersection of Hickory Hill Lane. 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 Enden Lane east of Hickory Hill Lane. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect.

SEC. 114-3183. ENDEN LANE--DEAD END WEST OF HICKORY HILL LANE TO WINEGARDNER ROAD.

Enden Lane, on the north side, from Hickory Hill Lane to a point 60 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

4. The Traffic and Transportation Division was asked to install a handicapped parking meter in the 300 block of 3rd Street and the 500 block of 4th Street by several customers of area retail businesses. These two handicapped parking meters were installed by Police Order and their usage was evaluated to determine if usage warranted permanent installations. In both instances, over a period of four months, the occupancy rate of these handicapped parking meters averaged approximately 25 percent to 35 percent. While this occupancy rate would be low for an on-street unrestricted parking meter in the Central Business District, it is consistent with the occupancy rate of other established handicapped parking meters within the Central Business District. Traffic and Transportation recommends approval of the permanent installation of these two new handicapped parking meters.

Traffic and Transportation has been contacted by the United States District Court, Chief U.S. District Judge Ronald Longstaff, regarding the relocation of handicapped parking in the vicinity of the United States Courthouse, in the 100 block of East Walnut Street. Because the two existing handicapped parking meters on East Walnut Street are currently hooded because of security concerns, we are asked to permanently install a new handicapped meter in the 200 block of East

2nd Street. This new location is closer to the accessible entrance and is currently the best and most practical location for handicapped parking. Because of the ongoing security concerns and the inability to use the two existing handicapped meters in the 100 block of East Walnut Street, Traffic and Transportation is asking for the handicapped designation of the existing two handicap signed parking meters be eliminated. If additional demand arises for handicapped parking in this area, Traffic and Transportation will evaluate the need and work with the area property owners or businesses to provide additional on-street handicapped parking.

Traffic and Transportation recommends the deletion of two sections of the Municipal Code dealing with the establishment of handicapped parking meters which include duplications. The deletion of these two sections of the Municipal Code related to handicapped parking meters in the 100 block of 10th Street and the 500 block of East 1st Street would correct the Municipal Code and not result in the removal of any handicapped parking meters in these areas.

The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.

SEC. 114-3864. THIRD STREET--LOCUST STREET TO GRAND AVENUE.

Third Street, on the east side, 3-406 two-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 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. 114-3868. FOURTH STREET--GRAND AVENUE TO WATSON POWELL, JR. WAY.

Fourth Street, on the west side, 4-520, two-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 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. 114-4110. EAST WALNUT STREET--EAST FIRST STREET TO EAST SECOND STREET.

East Walnut Street, on the south side, parking meters EW-101 and EW-115, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., are designated as handicapped parking spaces and are subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

SEC. 114-4079. EAST SECOND STREET--EAST COURT

AVENUE TO EAST WALNUT STREET.

East Second Street, on the east side, parking meter E2-201, ten-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., is designated a handicapped parking spaces and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

SEC. 114-3902. TENTH STREET--CHERRY STREET TO MULBERRY STREET.

Tenth Street, on the west side, parking meters 10-108 and 10-110, ten-hour meter, 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.

SEC. 114-4072. EAST FIRST STREET--DES MOINES STREET TO EAST RIVER DRIVE.

East First Street, on the west side, parking meter E1-520, two-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

5. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a petition from the residents of 41st Street between Beaver Avenue and Northwest Drive, asking that parking be prohibited on the east side of the street in this block. Parking is currently prohibited on the west side of the street. The petition was signed by four of the five directly affected residents (80 percent in favor).

Based on the residents' desire to have parking removed from this section of 41st Street, staff recommends that parking be eliminated on the east side of the street. At their March 12, 2002 meeting, the

Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff's recommendation. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this parking restriction into effect.

SEC. 114-114-2921. FORTY-FIRST STREET--GRAND AVENUE TO NORTH CITY LIMITS.

Forty-first Street, on the east side, from Beaver Avenue to a point 150 feet south thereof Northwest Drive, no parking any time.

6. The Traffic and Transportation Division was contacted by Paul

Seghi, the owner of Locust Tap, 434 East Locust Street, regarding the installation of a handicapped sign on an existing parking meter adjacent to his business. Mr. Seghi explained that several of his customers were handicapped and that this would be of benefit to them. The closest existing handicapped parking space is south of East Locust Street on the opposite side of the street, which would require the crossing of two busy streets and walking at least half a block to go to this location. Traffic and Transportation has reviewed this issue and concurs with the request for installation. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect.

**SEC. 114-4084. EAST FIFTH STREET--EAST LOCUST STREET
TO EAST GRAND AVENUE.**

East Fifth Street, on the west side, E5-400, four-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.
