

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

02-170

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

At the request of the City Council, the Traffic and Transportation Division has recommended a change in the City's ordinance to allow for a waiver of parking permit fees in the Court Avenue District.

APRIL 8, 2002

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

WAIVER OF \$15
PARKING PERMIT
FEES FOR SPECIAL
EVENTS

Because there are no fees for parking meters after 6:00 p.m. weekdays, on weekends, and on holidays, the loss of revenue to the City will be minimal.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

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

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

At the December 3, 2001 City Council meeting, by Roll Call No. 01-3602, Council requested that staff consider an ordinance amendment that provides for waiver of the \$15 parking permit fees for special events adjacent to a business in the downtown Court Avenue District.

The loss of parking during weekdays has a considerable impact on the retail trade on Court Avenue and the generation of parking fees for the parking enterprise system. Therefore, it is recommended a change in the City's ordinance to allow for a waiver of parking permit fees in the Court Avenue District to occur only for events on weekdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. the following day and anytime during the weekends or established holidays be approved.

SEC. 114-361.19. SPECIAL PARKING PERMIT ISSUANCE.

(a) The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to issue a public service

parking permit for a vehicle to park or stand on a public street where such parking or standing is otherwise prohibited or regulated by the provisions of this chapter. Application therefor may list one or more specific vehicles, shall be directed to the office of the City Traffic Engineer, and may contain such information, including vehicle characteristics and license, as the City Traffic Engineer shall deem pertinent to the application. Such permit shall only be issued when said parking or standing is required in the performance of a public service, special event, or to satisfy a public need as heretofore set forth. Such permit shall grant permission for:

(1) Vehicular parking or standing in a specific area which may be designated as "point or points of service"; or

(2) Vehicular parking or standing in any public way in the City which, by the nature of the service, becomes a point of service.

(b) The effective period of the permit may be a set number of days, not to exceed one year, and the inclusive dates of the permit shall be clearly displayed thereon. The permit may also specify the time or times of day when such parking is authorized as well as the days of the week to which it is limited.

(c) Except in situations of immediate emergency or in unique situations which have been identified to and approved by the City Traffic Engineer, such parking shall be prohibited on arterial and collector streets during the hours from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. where signs are currently in place prohibiting parking during these hours.

(d) The permit so issued for the specific vehicle or a clearly legible copy thereof shall be placed conspicuously in the window of the vehicle for which issued in a manner which clearly displays the restrictions contained in the permit.

(e) The phrases "point of service" and "point or points of service" shall not include parking of a vehicle while the owner or operator awaits call or service. Vehicles in such status or condition shall be subject to the remaining provisions of this chapter regulating the parking, standing, and stopping of vehicles.

(f) The City Traffic Engineer may either collect a fee of \$15 per vehicle for a period of 30 days or less in advance or direct the applicant to consider the permit as an invoice with payment due immediately upon receipt by mail or facsimile. At such time as parking meter spaces are hooded or removed for special permit purposes, the permittee shall also be responsible for a daily rate of

the metered use. If parking meters are hooded specifically for a special event after 6:00 p.m. and until 8:00 a.m. the following day, or on meter holidays and weekends, the only charges shall be the \$15 permit fee and \$1 for each meter hooded. The charges for the fee and the hooding of parking meters for a non-recurring special event, after 6:00 p.m. and until 8:00 a.m. the following day, or on meter holidays and weekends, may be waived at the discretion of the City Traffic Engineer or his or her designated representative. In such cases tThe following rates shall apply during normal hours of parking meter operation:

- (1) At all \$0.20 per hour meters, the rate shall be \$2.00 per day.
- (2) At all \$0.25 per hour meters, the rate shall be \$2.50 per day.
- (3) At all \$0.40 per hour meters, the rate shall be \$3.00 per day.
- (4) At all \$0.50 per hour meters, the rate shall be \$4.00 per day.
- (5) At all \$0.75 per hour meters, the rate shall be \$6.00 per day.

Vehicles owned or operated by governmental agencies, shall be exempt from the permit fee requirements. Vehicles and equipment working directly under contract to the City of Des Moines shall also be exempt from these permit fee requirements. Subcontractors are not exempt.

SEC. 114-361.21. STANDARDS FOR ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PARKING PERMITS.

For the purposes of section 114-361.19 of this article, the term "parking or standing required in the performance of a public service or to satisfy a public need" is defined by means of illustration to be such parking or standing of vehicles as shall generically include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Funeral vehicles during performance of funeral service.
- (2) Moving vans at points of service.
- (3) School buses Vehicles or equipment parked for to facilitate special events, which shall be limited to the period immediately before, during and after such events.
- (4) Charter buses or school buses parked for special events, which shall be limited to the period immediately before, during and after

such events.

(5) Sidewalk replacement vehicles.

(6) Construction vehicles while delivering materials or special equipment (e.g., concrete trucks).

(7) Mobile construction equipment during times of actual use.

(8) Armored vehicles in actual service.

(9) Local ambulances in actual service.

(10) Community blood bank vehicles in actual service.

(11) Mobile library vehicles in actual service.

(12) Vehicles involved in utility or city construction or maintenance work in streets.
