



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-379

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

JULY 16, 2002

Pursuant to City Council direction, staff has prepared an ordinance revision that will establish a Resident Permit Parking Program for overnight parking on specified downtown streets. The permit will be issued annually based on a fee of \$25/month. The streets designated by the current action are Locust Street and Grand Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets, and 13th and 14th Streets between Grand Avenue and Locust Street.

SUBJECT:

DOWNTOWN
RESIDENTIAL
PARKING PERMIT

FISCAL IMPACT -

TYPE:

Minimal administrative expenses will be incurred, including modifications to existing on-street signing.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

SUBMITTED BY:

Approval.

JEB BREWER, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

BACKGROUND -

At the July 8, 2002 meeting, by Roll Call No. 02-1721, the City Council referred an item to the City Manager to implement a resident permit parking program within the downtown area.

Staff has reviewed this item and has prepared a proposed ordinance revision that will accommodate overnight and weekend parking for residents within the downtown area on designated streets where parking is currently prohibited at night. The current Parking Meter Districts have been utilized to define the limits of this residential boundary. The boundaries generally are Interstate 235 (I-235) on the north, Elm Street on the south, 18th Street on the west, and the State Capitol on the east.

The following are details of the proposed ordinance:

1) Any resident who lives within the specified boundary may purchase a "resident parking permit" that will allow them to park a vehicle within a designated parking area during evenings and weekends. No other vehicles will be allowed to park within these areas.

2) The permit is valid between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. daily, but does not supersede any additionally posted parking restrictions. For instance, on a street where there is a 7-9 a.m. parking restriction, the resident parking permit would not be valid on this street after 7:00 a.m.

3) The permit will be issued on an annual basis (January 1 - December 31), and will include a sticker to be placed in the windshield of the vehicle. The fee is based on a cost of \$25 per month. The permit will be issued by the City's Traffic and Transportation Division.

4) As part of this ordinance, "resident permit parking only" will be designated on the south side of Grand Avenue and the north side of Locust Street between 12th and 14th Streets; and on the west side of 13th Street and both sides of 14th Street between Grand Avenue and Locust Street. Other areas may be designated by future Council action.

If approved by City Council, it is anticipated that this permit will be implemented beginning August 1, 2002.
