

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-448

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

SUBJECT:

TRAFFIC
REGULATION
CHANGES

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

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

1. Designation of Handicapped Parking Meters—East and West Sides of 6th Avenue North of Walnut Street.
2. Corner Clearance—North Side of East Locust Street West of Pennsylvania Avenue.
3. Loading Zone—North Side of Locust Street East of 2nd Avenue.
4. Loading Zone—North Side of Raccoon Street East of SE 8th Street.

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. The Traffic and Transportation Division has received a request from the Central Iowa Center for Independent Living (CICIL) for designating handicapped parking meters in the vicinity of their office located at 655 Walnut Street. Many of their clients have mobility difficulties, and the additional handicapped parking meters would be very useful. The City had established several handicapped meters at the former CICIL location at 10th and Walnut. Staff has met with representatives of CICIL and concurs with the request for designated handicapped parking. The following ordinance changes are necessary to implement two handicapped meters, one on the west side of 6th Avenue and another on the east side of 6th Avenue, which would serve well as a van accessible space. In addition, there are two existing handicapped meters, one on 6th Avenue and one on 7th Street, that can also provide parking for clients if the newly-designated handicapped meters are occupied.

SEC. 114-2641. SIXTH AVENUE—WALNUT STREET TO LOCUST STREET.

Sixth Avenue, parking meter 6-301, on the east side, is designated as a handicapped meter, and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

Sixth Avenue, parking meter 6-304, on the west side, is designated as a handicapped meter, and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

2. In conjunction with the new two-way street improvement changes on East Locust Street and in order to provide adequate visibility for vehicles at intersections, staff recommends changes to the existing parking on the north and south sides of East Locust Street east of East 1st Street to Pennsylvania Avenue as follows:

- 180-foot “corner clearance” no parking zone on the north side of East Locust Street west of Pennsylvania Avenue.
- 60-foot “corner clearance” no parking zone on the north side of East Locust Street west of East 2nd Street.
- 40-foot “corner clearance” no parking zone on the north side of East Locust Street east of East 2nd Street.
- 30-foot “corner clearance” no parking zone on the south side of East Locust Street west of East 3rd Street.

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

SEC. 114-3434. EAST LOCUST STREET—EAST FIRST STREET TO EAST SECOND STREET.

East Locust Street, on the north side, from East Second Street to a point 60 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

SEC. 114-3434.01. EAST LOCUST STREET—EAST SECOND STREET TO EAST THIRD STREET.

East Locust Street, on the north side, from East Second Street to a point 40 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

East Locust Street, on the south side, from East Third Street to a point 30 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

SEC. 114-3438. EAST LOCUST STREET—EAST SIXTH STREET TO FINKBINE DRIVE.

East Locust Street, on the north side, from East Sixth Street to

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Pennsylvania Avenue to a point 180 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

3. In conjunction with the new two-way street improvement changes on Locust Street east of the intersection of 2nd Avenue, staff recommends extending the existing "corner clearance" no parking zone by 40 feet on the north side of Locust Street east of 2nd Avenue, and recommends the existing loading zone at the Y.M.C.A. be moved to the east within the existing inset to provide room for the new westbound traffic lane. In order to provide an area for loading and unloading, staff recommends that a 35-foot commercial loading zone be relocated on the north side of Locust Street, starting 265 feet east of 2nd Avenue. The following revisions in the Municipal Code are necessary to place this change into effect.

SEC. 114-3419. LOCUST STREET—EAST FIRST STREET TO SECOND AVENUE.

Locust Street, on the north side, from a point ~~225~~ 265 feet east of Second Avenue to a point ~~70~~ 35 feet east thereof, commercial loading zone.

Locust Street, on the north side, from Second Avenue to a point ~~225~~ 265 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

4. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from Patterson Redemption Center to install a loading zone on the north side of Raccoon Street at 810 Raccoon Street. In order to provide an area for loading and unloading, staff recommends a 50-foot loading zone be established on the north side of Raccoon Street, 90 feet east of SE 8th Street. Per Council direction, by Roll Call No. 03-2004, staff has installed a loading zone under a Special Police Order pending approval of the ordinance change. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this loading zone into effect.

SEC. 114-3586. RACCOON STREET—DEAD END WEST OF SOUTHEAST SECOND STREET TO SCOTT AVENUE.

Raccoon Street, on the north side, from a point 90 feet east of Southeast Eighth Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, loading zone.

