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GENERAL INFORMATION—

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SUBJECT—

Traffic Regulation Changes

SYNOPSIS—

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

- A. Revisions to Parking Restrictions in the Vicinity of the Science Center of Iowa.
- B. Revisions to Parking Restrictions on SE 2nd Street from East Jackson Avenue to East Edison Avenue.
- C. Revisions to Parking Restrictions on Oakridge Drive from Keosauqua Way to 15th Street.
- D. Clarification of Parking Restrictions in Municipal Facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT—

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

BACKGROUND—

- A. In conjunction with the construction of the Science Center of Iowa and the restoration of sidewalk adjacent to Des Moines Iron, the following traffic control changes are proposed. The addition of a no parking any time corner clearance restriction at the intersection of Market Street

and SW 3rd Street is needed because of the increase in traffic on Third Street, southbound, related to the opening of Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and the Science Center of Iowa. Because of the close proximity of the Science Center of Iowa, the on-street parking demand has significantly increased. To accommodate this demand, we recommend to change the time limit on the parking meters on the east side of SW 3rd Street to match the four-hour time limit of the meters on the west side of the street.

Sec. 114-3867. Southwest Third Street—Vine Street to West Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.

Southwest Third Street, on the east side, from Vine Street to a point 25 feet north of West Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, ~~ten-hour~~ four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-2614. Southwest Third Street—Vine Street to Army Post Road.

Southwest Third Street, on the east side, from Market Street to a point 32 feet north, no parking any time.

- B. At the request of the resident at 203 E. Edison Avenue, Traffic and Transportation has reviewed on-street parking on SE 2nd Street south of E. Edison Avenue. Numerous activities at Columbus Park and the Bellizzi-McRae American Legion Post have resulted in the drive entrance to 203 E. Edison being blocked on a regular basis by illegally parked cars, limiting the ability of the owner to enter and exit their property. SE 2nd Street is currently restricted no parking any time on the east side. There is space for no more than three compact vehicles on the west side of the street. Adjacent to this street area is the entrance to the parking lot for Columbus Park. The width of SE 2nd Street and the short length of the street south of E. Edison Avenue would indicate that completely restricting the parking in this area would have minimal impact on area residents, improve the ability of enforcement officers to enforce parking restrictions, clearly indicate that parked cars are not allowed in this area and clear this area so that the drive entrance to the property at 203 E. Edison can be used without restriction. Traffic and Transportation recommends implementation of the following parking ordinance change to resolve this problem.

Sec. 114-2599. Southeast Second Street—East Vine Street to East Army Post Road.

Southeast Second Street, on the east side, from East Jackson Avenue to ~~a point 150 feet south of~~ East Edison Avenue, no parking any time.

Southeast Second Street, on both sides and at the dead end, from East Edison Avenue to the dead end south, no parking any time.

- C. Traffic and Transportation was asked to review additional on-street parking during daylight hours in the area of Oakridge Drive between Keosauqua Way and 15th Street. This review was at the request of Ms. Bobretta Breuton, with the Outreach Clinic, 979 Oakridge Drive. Traffic and Transportation has reviewed the area and recommends changing the current ordinance to provide parking on the north side of the street adjacent to the Outreach Clinic. Parking would be allowed during the daytime when the clinic is open, but would be restricted between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The opposite side of the street (south) would be restricted with a no parking any time restriction. The following changes to the Municipal Code would put these revised restrictions in place.

Sec. 114-3534. Oakridge Drive—Keosauqua Way to Fifteenth Street.

Oakridge Drive, on the north side, from a point 280 feet west of Keosauqua Way to Fifteenth Street, no parking any time 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Oakridge Drive, on the north side, from Keosauqua Way to a point 280 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Oakridge Drive, on the south side, from Keosauqua Way to Fifteenth Street, no parking any time.

- D. A recent review of traffic ordinances indicated that the provision in §114-646 regarding parking wholly within designated parking spaces did not clearly apply to parking spaces in municipal lots and parking garages. To avoid the possibility of having enforcement for this type of violation curtailed in areas other than parking metered spaces, the following ordinance change is requested for clarification within the Municipal Code.

Sec. 114-628.01 Parking in Municipal Facilities.

- (a) No person shall park any vehicle across any line or marking or in an area designated as a public parking space in a City owned or controlled parking garage or City owned or controlled parking lot in such a manner that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the parking area designated by lines, markings or traffic control signing that indicates the limits of a designated parking space.
- (b) A person who violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of \$15.00.