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## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

### GENERAL INFORMATION—

Agenda Date: 10/24/2005  
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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. **New Administrative Process for Corner Clearance Parking Restrictions up to 150 Feet Corner**
- B. Clearance Extension—North Side of Arthur Avenue East of E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
- C. Corner Clearance—South Side of Chamberlain Drive West of 45<sup>th</sup> Place.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

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

### BACKGROUND—

- A. The Traffic and Transportation Division receives many requests for corner clearance parking restrictions, where parked vehicles would create visibility problems or restrict turning vehicles at the intersection. These are generally very routine in nature, and staff will recommend a parking restriction of an appropriate length, based on a review of the site conditions. However, implementation of the parking restriction currently requires individual ordinance changes, with the required three readings by Council.

Staff recommends a one-time ordinance change that would authorize the City Traffic Engineer to install no parking signs in such corner clearance areas for a distance up to 150 feet from the intersection, based on a determination of need. Typically, these restrictions do not exceed 50 feet in length, but occasionally the adjacent property owner will want a longer restriction and we work with them to try to accommodate their needs. If any person believes that a parking restriction implemented under this procedure creates a problem for them, they can request a review of the restriction through staff, the Traffic Safety Committee or a final appeal to the City Council. This recommended procedure would simplify the administrative process for implementing corner clearance parking restrictions and remove the routine and sometimes very lengthy restrictions from the busy Council agenda.

The following ordinance change is needed to implement this new procedure for corner clearance parking restrictions.

Sec. 114-358. Prohibited in specified places.

- (b) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid a conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:
  - (4) Within a distance up to one hundred fifty (150) feet from an intersection, where the city traffic engineer has determined that parking in such area would restrict the turning movement or visibility of traffic on an approaching side street and has caused official parking restriction signs to be installed to clearly identify the restricted parking area.

- B. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding turning difficulty due to parked vehicles on Arthur Avenue at the intersection of E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. In order to provide adequate visibility for vehicles at this intersection, staff recommends that the 50-foot “corner clearance” no parking zone be extended to 75 feet on the north side of Arthur Avenue east of E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect.

Sec. 114-2993. Arthur Avenue—First Street to East City Limits.

Arthur Avenue, on the north side, from First Street to a point ~~50~~ 75 feet east of East Fourteenth Street, no parking any time.

- C. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a Police Officer regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on Chamberlain Drive at the intersection of 45<sup>th</sup> Place. In order to provide adequate maneuverability for MTA buses at this intersection, staff recommends that a 75-foot “corner clearance” no parking zone be established on the south side of Chamberlain Drive west of 45<sup>th</sup> Place. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect.

Chamberlain Drive, on the south side, from Forty-fifth Place to a point 75 feet west thereof, no parking any time.