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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 51 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>09-</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>09-271</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.</b> <span style="padding-left: 100px;">City Engineer</span>	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding traffic regulation changes as follows:

- A. Two-Sided Parking Restriction—Pleasant Drive from 6115 to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- B. Designation of Stop Controls—Carman Estates Plat 6.
- C. Loading Zone---West Side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South of Court Avenue.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the Traffic and Transportation Division recommendations for minor parking adjustments, including first reading of the Ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: Minor costs.

Funding Source: 2008-2009 Operating Budget, Page 131, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation—Sign Installation and Maintenance, ENG100413.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- A. At the March 10, 2009 Traffic Safety Committee meeting, staff presented a request from a resident to remove parking on the north side of a portion of Pleasant Drive between 61<sup>st</sup> Street and 62<sup>nd</sup> Street due to reduced visibility. Like most residential streets, traffic must alternate around parked vehicles due to the width of the street. In this case, visibility of oncoming traffic is reduced due to a hillcrest.

Parking is currently allowed on the north side of Pleasant Drive in this section but is prohibited on the south side between 56<sup>th</sup> Street and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. Due to the reduced visibility, staff recommended restricting parking on the north side of Pleasant Drive in the area of the hillcrest.

After hearing the recommendation and comments from residents, the Committee asked staff to survey the residents on Pleasant Drive to determine which of three options a majority of residents support. Surveys were sent to all residents on Pleasant Drive between 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and 56<sup>th</sup> Street;

a total of 43 homes. Twenty-nine responses were received as follows: 22 (68%) prohibit parking at all times; 5 (16%) prohibit parking 7A – 6P Mon – Fri; and 5 (16%) no change.

The Waterbury Neighborhood Association also requested a copy of the survey to distribute to people in the neighborhood who are not directly affected but use Pleasant Drive. Forty-four responses were received as follows: 38 (75%) prohibit parking at all times; 11 (21%) prohibit parking 7A – 6P Mon – Fri; and 2 (4%) no change.

The Committee also requested that staff gather information on the number of crashes that have occurred in the area of the parking restriction. Crash data from 2003 through mid-2008 was reviewed on Pleasant Drive between 56th Street and 63rd Street. No crashes were reported in the vicinity of the proposed restriction (6100 block) during the 5½-year period. The average daily traffic on Pleasant Drive is 1,570 vehicles per day based on a traffic count taken in April 2008 between 61st Street and 62nd Street.

Due to the reduced visibility in this area and the results of the survey, staff recommended parking be restricted at all times on the north side of Pleasant Drive from the west side of the driveway at 6115 Pleasant to 62nd Street. However, based on the lack of accident history, the lesser restriction of Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. would also be appropriate.

At their April 14, 2009 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff's recommendation that parking be restricted at all times on the north side of Pleasant Drive from the west side of the driveway at 6115 Pleasant to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. The following revision to the Municipal Code will place this parking restriction into effect. In addition, a minor correction is needed for a similar parking restriction at the curve just east of Cummins Parkway.

Sec. 114-3572. Pleasant Drive—Fifty sixth Street to Sixty-third Street.

Pleasant Drive, on the north side, from a point 235 feet west of Sixty-first Street to Sixty-second Street, no parking any time.

Pleasant Drive, on the north side, from ~~Ronwood Drive~~ Cummins Parkway to a point 210 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

- B. With the approval of Carman Estates Plat 6, the Traffic and Transportation Division recommends the following through streets be designated to provide stop control for various streets in the subdivision. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to designate these through streets.

Sec. 114-2063.5. Southeast Twenty-fourth Street.

Southeast Twenty-fourth Street, at Hart Avenue, stop.

Sec. 114-2224. Hart Avenue.

Hart Avenue, at Southeast Twenty-fifth Street, stop.

Sec. 114-2316. East Porter Avenue.

East Porter Avenue, at Southeast Twenty-fourth Street, stop.

- C. Recently the Polk County Juvenile Court Office moved from the building located at 120 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. There is no longer a need for the designated juvenile court officers parking directly in front of the building, but there is a need for a 24-hour loading zone for the Polk County Election Commission at this location. Traffic and Transportation recommends the removal of the court officials' parking and the installation of the 24-hour loading zone in this area. Immediately to the south has been an area that was designated as No Parking Any Time. Traffic and Transportation recommends the addition of four new parking meters in the area from the recommended loading zone south to the existing parking meters. The ordinance changes below will implement these recommended changes.

Sec. 114-3861. Second Avenue--Vine Street to Court Avenue.

Second Avenue, on the west side, from a point 250 ~~320~~ feet south of Court Avenue to Vine Street, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-2586. Second Avenue--Vine Street to Walnut Street.

Second Avenue, on the west side, from a point 180 feet south of Court Avenue to a point 70 feet south thereof, is designated ~~juvenile court officers parking only and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in section 114-615 of this code.~~ a 24-hour loading zone.

~~Second Avenue, on the west side, from a point 250 feet south of Court Avenue to a point 70 feet south thereof, no parking any time.~~

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Date: April 14, 2009

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Jim Windsor made a motion to restrict parking at all times on Pleasant Drive from 6115 Pleasant Drive to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. Seconded by Kevin Williamson. Motion passed 7:2. John Morrissey and Carl McPherson were opposed.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Second and third readings of Ordinance.

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