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	Agenda Item No. 47 Roll Call No. 10-738 Communication No. <u>10-245</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer	

AGENDA HEADING:

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

- A. Request for Two-Sided Parking Restriction—300 Block of East Creston Avenue.
- B. Code Revision to match posted signs – Holcomb Circle.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Traffic and Transportation Division staff recommendations, including first reading of the Ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Minor costs for signing modifications.

Funding Source: 2009-2010 Operating Budget, Page 93, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation - Sign Installation and Maintenance, ENG100413.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. At their March 22, 2010 meeting, the City Council received a request from a resident to prohibit parking on both sides in the 300 block of East Creston Avenue due to a hillcrest in the street. Parking is currently prohibited on the north side of the street, but allowed along the south side. Concern was expressed over the safety of the street due to the reduced visibility. By Roll Call No. 10-448, this item was referred to the Traffic Safety Committee for review and recommendation.

Staff has field-checked this area, and also reviewed the crash history. East Creston is a lower-volume residential street in this area, connecting between South Union and Indianola Avenue. There is a hillcrest in the 300 block that reduces visibility for approaching motorists. The crash history is relatively light, with only two reported crashes in this vicinity over the past five years—one of which was a vehicle backing out of a driveway that hit a parked vehicle. The other was a head-on crash. No injuries occurred in either crash.

This section of East Creston is similar to quite a number of other streets in Des Moines where there is relatively hilly terrain in residential areas. Staff receives a number of requests for two-sided parking restrictions on these hillcrest areas. When received, the crash history is reviewed to

determine if a safety problem exists. If the crash history is low, the process to remove parking follows the standard policy for two-sided parking restrictions, which is based on the consensus of the directly affected residents – those that live adjacent to the proposed parking restriction. A notification letter was sent to each of the directly-affected residents regarding this parking request.

At their April 13, 2010, meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee unanimously approved staff's recommendation to prohibit parking on both sides of the street at the hillcrest in the 300 block of East Creston Avenue. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this restriction into effect.

Sec. 114-3126. East Creston Avenue--South Union Street to King Avenue.

East Creston Avenue, on the south side, from a point 1,350 east of South Union Street to a point 260 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

- B. Traffic and Transportation Division staff has identified a revision to the parking restrictions for Holcomb Circle that is necessary to have the municipal code match the posted signs.

Sec. 114-3323. Holcomb Circle—Holcomb Avenue to dead end south of Holcomb Avenue.

Holcomb Circle, on the west side, from Holcomb Avenue south to and including any part of the cul-de-sac, no parking 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mondays.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 22, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-448

Action: [From](#) Council Member Brian Meyer to speak regarding parking in the 300 block of SE Creston Avenue. Moved by Meyer to receive, file and refer to Traffic Safety Committee for review and recommendation, and to inform Mr. Nick Sposeto of the time and place of the meeting. Motion Carried 7-0

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: April 13, 2010

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Scott Galenbeck made a motion to approve staff's recommendation to prohibit parking on both sides of the street at the hillcrest in the 300 block of East Creston Avenue. Seconded by Kevin Williamson. Motion passed 8:0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Second and third readings of Ordinance.

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