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|  <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p> | Date: February 13, 2012 |
| | Agenda Item No. 47 Roll Call No. [_____] Communication No. <u>12-062</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. Resident Parking Permit Regulations—13th Street from Locust Street to Walnut Street.
- B. Removal of Handicap Parking Space—South Side of Ingersoll Avenue East of 23rd Street.
- C. One-Sided Parking Restriction—Kenyon Avenue between South Union Street and SW 9th Street.
- D. One-Sided Parking Restriction—Crocker Street between 8th Street and 9th Street.
- E. One-Sided Parking Restriction—West Side of 37th Street, South of Grand Avenue.
- F. Parking Restrictions on the West Side of 3rd Street from South of Walnut Street to Vine Street—6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday.

SYNOPSIS:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Minor costs for signing modifications.

Funding Source: 2011-2012 Operating Budget, Page 98, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation - Sign Installation and Maintenance, ENG100413.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. During a review of the traffic ordinances Traffic and Transportation Division staff found instances wording was needed for consistency and discovered an area on the west side of 13th Street that had been appropriately signed and covered by a Police Order, but the actual ordinance change request was not yet incorporated.

The following changes will make those corrections to the code.

Sec. 114-3256. Grand Avenue--Thirteenth Street to Fifteenth Street.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 20 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 260 feet west thereof, resident parking permit parking.

Sec. 114-2737. Thirteenth Street--Walnut Street to Locust Street.

Thirteenth Street, on the east side, from Walnut Street to Locust Street, ~~no parking any time~~ resident parking permit parking.

Thirteenth Street, on the west side, from Walnut Street to a point ~~400~~ 25 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3256. Grand Avenue--Thirteenth Street to Fifteenth Street.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 20 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 260 feet west thereof, resident parking permit parking.

B. In 2006, the business at 2212 Ingersoll requested a designated, on-street handicap parking space. Their business had many elderly customers and it was determined that additional handicap parking was needed. Recently, the business at this location has changed. The new business owner has requested that the on-street handicap space be removed since it is not needed for his business. Staff has reviewed the location and concurs with the request. The following text should be removed from the code.

Sec. 114-3343. Ingersoll Avenue--Martin Luther King Jr Parkway to Twenty-eighth Street.

~~Ingersoll Avenue, on the south side, from a point 145 feet east of Twenty-third Street to a point 30 feet east thereof, is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in section 114-616(a) of this code.~~

C. Staff received a request from residents along SW 3rd Street to restrict parking on Kenyon Avenue from SW 9th Street to South Union Street due to sight visibility and safety concerns related to the hilly terrain. These concerns were expressed as they drive Kenyon Avenue daily. Currently, parking is allowed on both sides of Kenyon Avenue which is a 26-foot-wide street in this area.

Parking is currently prohibited on one side of Kenyon on other sections of this street west of SW 9th Street and east of South Union Street. A historical count of daily traffic volumes on Kenyon in the area of SW 14th Street showed 1,350 vehicles/day. It is assumed that the volumes would be similar on the section from SW 9th Street to South Union Street due to the connectivity Kenyon provides in the area.

The *City of Des Moines Traffic and Transportation Department Parking Restriction Policy* dated March 15, 1990, states that for streets that have a daily traffic volume over 600 vehicles/day and are 26 feet wide, parking should be prohibited on one side of the street. Due to the concerns expressed by the residents, the guidance given in the *Parking Restriction Policy*, and to be consistent with what is present on the other portions of Kenyon, staff recommended that the parking restriction be approved.

At their January 17, 2012 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff recommendation that parking be prohibited on the south side of Kenyon Avenue from SW 9th Street to South Union Street. This area should be posted "No Parking Any Time." This will provide increased passing

distance for vehicles at the hills on Kenyon Avenue and better access to residential mailboxes. The following revision to the Municipal Code will place this parking restriction into effect.

Sec. 114-3365. Kenyon Avenue--South Union Street to Fleur Drive.

Kenyon Avenue, on the south side, from South Union Street to Southwest Ninth Street ~~to a point 145 feet east thereof~~, no parking any time.

D. Earlier this year, Crocker Street between 5th Avenue and 9th Street was resurfaced. As part of that project the roadway was restriped to accommodate a new westbound bicycle lane, which is consistent with the Bicycle and Trails Master Plan that was adopted by City Council in June 2011. The new lane configuration allows for the existing parking on the north side of the street to remain, but there is no longer room for parking to occur along the south side of the street, since the eastbound travel lane is adjacent to the curb. Parking is already prohibited at all times on the south side of Crocker Street between 5th Avenue and 8th Streets, so no change in parking regulations is needed in these 3 blocks. Between 8th Street and 9th Street; however, parking is currently prohibited between 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, but is allowed during nights and weekends. This on-street parking was generally for the old Burns United Methodist Church, which was located on the north side of Crocker Street in this block. In the spring of 2011, the church body moved to a different facility, located at 1909 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, so the existing church building is no longer in use.

Parking will still be allowed on the north side of the street in this block and is also available on 8th Street. Parking is also allowed on 9th Street, with a 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. rush-hour restriction. At their January 17, 2012 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff recommendation that parking be prohibited at all times on the south side of Crocker Street between 8th and 9th Streets. The following revision to the Municipal Code will place this parking restriction into effect.

Sec. 114-3129. Crocker Street--Sixth Avenue to Fourteenth Street.

Crocker Street, on the south side, from Eighth Street to Ninth Street, no parking any time. ~~7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.~~

E. Staff received a request from the International Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood Executive Office requesting that parking be prohibited on the west side of 37th Street south of Grand Avenue near their driveway. They are concerned about the limited visibility for vehicles entering and exiting their office driveway on 37th Street.

Currently parking is allowed with some restrictions in the area. The east side is No Parking, Stopping or Standing for 800 feet south of Grand Avenue and the west side is prohibited parking for 100 feet south to just after the first driveway. Parking on the street is extensive. Greenwood Elementary School is located just to the south and Des Moines University is located one block to the east. Vehicles for both schools occupy the available on-street parking. Often vehicles are parked right up to or even within the P.E.O.'s driveway. It is common to have limited driveway visibility in residential areas; however, this driveway although located in a residential area, serves a commercial office building with many visitors and deliveries.

At their January 17, 2012 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff recommendation that a parking restriction be approved for the west side of 37th Street to improve visibility at this office driveway. The following revision to the Municipal Code will place this restriction into effect.

Sec. 114-2900. Thirty-seventh Street--John Lynde Road to Douglas Avenue.

Thirty-seventh Street, on the west side, from a point 230 feet south of Grand Avenue to a point 140 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

F. The Traffic and Transportation Division, at the request of the Des Moines Police Department, has been asked to review the parking on the west side of 3rd Street, from south of Walnut Street to Vine Street. Specifically the request has been to remove parking, for safety reasons, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday, to assist with removal of parked vehicles that contributes to a significant number of vehicle – pedestrian conflicts, related to the crowds loitering in this area on Friday and Saturday evenings. This will aide in reducing criminal activity in and around parked vehicles.

The Police Department conducted outreach with the affected property owners along 3rd Street and other businesses along Court Avenue in January 2012. They also contacted the Downtown Community Alliance (DCA) and The Downtown Farmers Market. Twelve businesses, the DCA, and the Downtown Farmer’s Market are in support of these permanent parking restrictions.

The following requested ordinance change implements this requested parking restriction and adjusts some of the existing parking and loading areas locations on 3rd Street to reflect placement noted in the field.

Sec. 114-601. Parking prohibited during certain hours.

(a) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle between the hours specified in this section on any day at any of the locations designated in division 9 of article XVI of this chapter as subject to such restriction:

(9) No parking 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Sec. 114-2603. Third Street--Vine Street to Court Avenue.

Third Street, on the west side, from Vine Street to a point ~~125~~ 83 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point ~~150~~ 115 feet north of Vine Street to a point 25 feet north thereof, ~~commercial~~ twenty-four (24) hour loading zone.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point ~~175~~ 108 feet north of Vine Street to a point ~~225~~ 30 feet ~~south of Court Avenue~~ north thereof, no parking any time.

Third Street, on the west side, from Court Avenue to a point 40 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Third Street, on the west side, from Court Avenue to Vine Street, no parking 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday.

Sec. 114-3866. Third Street--Vine Street to Court Avenue.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point ~~125~~ 83 feet north of Vine Street to a point 25 feet north thereof, is designated as a handicapped parking meter ~~3-104~~ 3-100 and is subject to the same prohibitions as are found in subsection 114-616(a) and in section 114-406 of this chapter.

~~Third Street, on the west side, parking meters 3-100 and 3-102 are designated as handicapped parking meters and are subject to the same prohibitions as are found in subsection 114-616(a) and in section 114-406 of this chapter.~~

Third Street, on the west side, from a point 180 feet north of Vine Street to a point 27 feet north thereof, is designated a handicapped parking meter 3-102 and is subject to the same prohibitions as are found in subsection 114-616(a) and in section 114-406 of this chapter.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point 185 feet south of Court Avenue to a point 27 feet south thereof, is designated as a handicapped parking meter 3-106 and is subject to the same prohibitions as are found in subsection 114-616(a) and in section 114-406 of this chapter.

Third Street, on the east side, from a point 80 feet south of Court Avenue to a point ~~125~~ 326 feet south thereof, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point 40 feet south of Court Avenue to a point ~~225~~ 229 feet south thereof, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-2604. Third Street--Court Avenue to Walnut Street.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point ~~90~~ 104 feet north of Court Avenue to a point ~~60~~ 50 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point ~~150~~ 154 feet north of Court Avenue to a point ~~20~~ 29 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point ~~265~~ 207 feet north of Court Avenue to a point ~~25~~ 115 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Third Street, on the west side, from ~~a point 375 feet north of Court Avenue to Walnut Street~~ to a point 90 feet south thereof, loading zone, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

Third Street, on the west side, from Court Avenue to a point 207 feet north thereof, no parking 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday.

Sec. 114-3865. Third Street--Court Avenue to Walnut Street.

~~Third Street, on the west side, parking meter 3-208, two-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.~~

Third Street, on the west side, from a point 76 feet north of Court Avenue to a point ~~90~~ 28 feet north thereof, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point ~~170~~ 183 feet north of Court Avenue to a point ~~115~~ 24 feet north thereof, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point ~~290~~ 322 feet north of Court Avenue to a point ~~85~~ 68 feet north thereof, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point 90 feet south of Walnut Street to a point 25 feet south thereof, parking meter 3-208, two-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: January 17, 2012

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by Carl McPherson to approve staff's recommendation that parking be prohibited on the south side of Kenyon Avenue from SW 9th Street to South Union Street; seconded by Scott Galenbeck. Motion passed 7:0.

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: January 17, 2012

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by Scott Galenbeck to approve staff's recommendation that parking be prohibited at all times on the south side of Crocker Street between 8th and 9th Streets; seconded by Carl McPherson. Motion passed 5:0.

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: January 17, 2012

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by Scott Galenbeck to approve staff's recommendation that parking be prohibited 50 feet on each side of the PEO driveway, or as otherwise deemed appropriate by the City Traffic Engineer, on the west side of 37th Street south of Grand Avenue; seconded by Sgt. Jack Beardsley. Motion passed 5:0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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