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AGENDA HEADING:

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

- A. Passenger Loading and Unloading Restrictions.
- B. Revisions to Loading Zones near the Downtown School.
- C. Additional Metered Parking adjacent to ING Building.
- D. Additional Metered Parking adjacent to The Des Moines Register Building.
- E. Passenger Loading and Unloading on Park Street between 7th and 8th Streets.
- F. Revision to Match Municipal Code with Current Field Conditions.

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: 2012-2013 Operating Budget, Page 80 Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation - Sign Installation and Maintenance, ENG100413.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. While doing a review of various loading and unloading areas, it was determined that several new sections needed to be added to the Municipal Code to maintain consistency with the needs served and the many different messages transmitted to the public in various loading and unloading areas. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will add several sections to meet signing changes already approved by the Council and changes already made in the field.

Sec. 114-612. Passenger loading and unloading zones.

(2) Passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, 20 minutes only.

(23) Passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(34) Passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., 20 minutes only, Monday through Friday.

(45) Passenger loading and unloading, ten minutes only.

(6) Passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 20 minutes only.

Sec. 114-610. School passenger loading and unloading zones.

(7) School passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., 30-minute limit.

- B. After review of several sections of the Municipal Code, two minor changes need to be made to maintain consistency with the way the traffic section of the code is organized. The requested changes will move the wording in §114-3915 to §114-3249, a section of the Municipal Code where loading zones would normally be listed, and add the time restriction and limit on 10th Street between Locust and Walnut near the Downtown School.

Sec. 114-3249. Grand Avenue--Sixth Avenue to Seventh Street.

Grand Avenue, on the north side, from Sixth Avenue to a point 50 feet west thereof, commercial loading zone.

Sec. 114-3915. Grand Avenue--Sixth Avenue to Seventh Street.

~~Grand Avenue, on the north side, from Sixth Avenue to a point 50 feet west thereof, commercial loading zone.~~

Sec. 114-2704. Tenth Street--Walnut Street to Locust Street.

Tenth Street, on the east side, from Walnut Street to a point 185 feet north thereof, school passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. school days, except on Wednesday, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. when school early-out loading and unloading is allowed. An authorized school placard is required to identify vehicles dropping off and picking up during these restricted hours. Twenty-minute limit for all school loading and unloading. 20 minutes only.

- C. In recognition of the need to add on-street parking where and when possible, the Traffic and Transportation Division has reviewed the area in the vicinity of the ING Building. This area is now needed for parking to serve the needs of the growing number of businesses and destinations in this area. We have been in contact with the building management company and have coordinated the placement of a loading and unloading area at the entrance of the building to meet their current needs. The following recommended ordinance change will add ten (10) new metered parking spaces in this area and install a 60-foot long loading zone at the entrance of the building.

Sec. 114-3427. Locust Street--Ninth Street to Tenth Street.

~~Locust Street, on the north side, from Ninth Street to Tenth Street, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.~~

- D. In recognition of the need to add on-street parking where and when possible, the Traffic and Transportation Division has reviewed the area in front of The Des Moines Register Building. This area is no longer needed for a loading zone nor is there a need for this area to have two “free” 15-minute parking meters, considering the projected move of The Des Moines Register operations. The following recommended ordinance change will add three (3) new metered parking spaces and add two (2) regular spaces, with the removal of the “special” 15-minute meters, in this area.

Sec. 114-3925.5. Locust Street--Seventh Street to Eighth Street.

~~Locust Street, on the north side, from Seventh Street to a point 125 feet west thereof, two-hour meters, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.~~

~~Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 225 feet west of Seventh Street to Eighth Street, two-hour meters, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.~~

Sec. 114-3425. Locust Street--Seventh Street to Eighth Street.

~~Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 125 feet west of Seventh Street to a point 100 feet west thereof, commercial loading zone.~~

- E. At the request of Principal Financial Group an area on Park Street, between 7th and 8th Streets was reviewed for a passenger loading and unloading area. The following revisions will allow limited passenger loading and unloading in an area that is safe for pedestrian drop off and pick up, and it will not hinder the flow of traffic.

Sec. 114-3556. Park Street--Seventh Street to Eighth Street.

Park Street, on the north side, from 8th Street to a point 235 feet to the east, no parking anytime.

Park Street, on the south side, from Seventh Street to a point 145 feet west thereof, Eighth Street, no parking any time.

- F. In reviewing a routine request for a “No Parking” corner clearance, it was determined that the existing parking signs on East 15th Street between Garfield Avenue and Cleveland Avenue did not match the current ordinance. In order to bring the Municipal Code into compliance with the existing signing conditions, and also to establish a 50-foot corner clearance “no parking” zone, the following revisions are necessary.

Sec. 114-2761. East Fifteenth Street--East Vine Street to East Ovid Avenue.

East Fifteenth Street, on the west east side, from Garfield Avenue to Cleveland Avenue, no parking any time.

East Fifteenth Street, on the east side, from Garfield Avenue to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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