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AGENDA HEADING:

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

- A. Passenger Loading and Unloading Area—Park Street between 7th and 8th Streets.
- B. Parking Restrictions—East Side of E 7th Street between East Locust Street and East Walnut Street.
- C. Parking Restrictions and Traffic Restrictions removal related to former Walnut Transit Mall.

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.

<u>Funding Source</u>: 2013-2014 Operating Budget, Page 80 Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation - Sign Installation and Maintenance, ENG100413.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. At the request of Sandy Cowie, Security & Continuity Director, Principal Financial Group, an area on Park Street between 7th and 8th Streets was reviewed for a passenger loading and unloading area. After review of the area, Traffic and Transportation concurs with this request. At the Council meeting on February 11, 2013, a section of the no parking any time area was changed to allow the insertion of passenger loading zone in this location, as well as a new time designation for loading and unloading that is now used. The following requested changes 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 south side, from a point 145 feet west of Seventh Street to a point 175 feet west thereof, passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 20 minutes only.

Park Street, on the south side, from a point 320 feet west of Seventh Street to Eighth Street, no parking any time.

B. The City of Des Moines Engineering Department's Traffic and Transportation Division has received a formal request from the State of Iowa's Department of Public Safety to remove the parking on the east side of E 7th Street between E Locust Street and E Walnut Street. This request is the result of a security review of this area that highlights the importance of no parking in the area adjacent to the Department of Public Safety's Oran Pape Building, located at 215 E 7th Street. The initial request removed the meters one block north of the desired area in error. The information below reinstalls the removed parking restrictions and removes the meters in the correct area.

Sec. 114-4089. East Seventh Street--East Court Avenue to East Walnut Street.

East Seventh Street, on the east side, from East Court Avenue to East Walnut Street, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

East Seventh Street, on the east side, parking meter E7-207, two-hour meter, is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

Sec. 114-4088. East Seventh Street--East Walnut Street to East Locust Street.

East Seventh Street, on the east side, from East Walnut Street to a point 110 feet north thereof, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

East Seventh Street, on the east side, from a point 140 feet north of East Walnut Street to East Locust Street, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

East Seventh Street, on the east side, parking meter E7-305, ten-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.

Sec. 114-2670. East Seventh Street--East Vine Street to East Aurora Avenue.

East Seventh Street, on the east side, from East Walnut Street to East Locust Street, no parking anytime.

East Seventh Street, on the east side, from East Court Avenue to East Walnut Street, no parking anytime.

C. To accommodate the removal of the transit operations on Walnut Street and prepare for the anticipated redevelopment of the Walnut Street Transit Mall, a considerable amount of change to the parking restrictions on Walnut Street needs to be made. In the area of the former Transit Mall, the removal of movement restrictions between 5th Avenue and 10th Street that limited the area for exclusive use by transit vehicles are listed below. Some areas on Walnut Street will now

be available to provide on-street parking for area businesses. Walnut Street between 4^{th} and 5^{th} Streets will be redeveloped in the future. In the interim we will provide needed on-street parking to area businesses. In addition, with the approval of the business on the southwest corner of 4^{th} and Walnut Streets, we are removing the loading zone on the west side of 4^{th} Street and changing it to one metered parking space.

Sec. 114-3735. Walnut Street--Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue.

Walnut Street, on both sides, from Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue, no parking any time.

Walnut Street, on the north side, from Fourth Street to a point 40 feet west thereof, no parking anytime.

Sec. 114-2616. Fourth Street--Court Avenue to Walnut Street.

Fourth Street, on the west side, from a point 27 feet south of Walnut Street to a point 35 feet south thereof, loading zone.

Sec 114-3933.001 Walnut Street – Fourth Street to Fifth Street

Walnut Street, on the north side, from a point 40 feet west of Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue, fourhour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Walnut Street, on the south side, from Fourth Street to 5th Avenue, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to <u>6:00 p.m.</u>

Sec. 114-3870. Fourth Street--Court Avenue to Walnut Street.

Fourth Street, on the west side, from a point $\frac{62}{27}$ feet south of Walnut Street to a point 72 feet south thereof, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sec 114-257.05 Walnut Transit Mall Traffic Restrictions

No person shall drive a vehicle other than a bus or emergency vehicle on Walnut Street west of the intersection at Fifth Avenue and Walnut Street and east of the intersection of Tenth Street and Walnut Street except to traverse Walnut Street from the north or south at the intersections of Sixth Avenue and Walnut Street, Seventh Street and Walnut Street, Eighth Street and Walnut Street and Ninth Street and Walnut Street.

No person shall drive a vehicle other than a bus in the curb lane of Walnut Street west of the intersection at Second Avenue and Walnut Street and east of the intersection at Fifth Avenue and Walnut Street except for the purpose of making a legal right turn into an intersecting street, alley, driveway or loading inset.

Sec 114-320.02 Walnut Transit Mall Turning Restrictions

Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person shall make a left turn with a vehicle other than a public bus or emergency vehicle at the following locations:

At the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Walnut Street prohibiting left turns from northbound Sixth Avenue to westbound Walnut Street.

At the intersection of Seventh Street and Walnut Street prohibiting left turns from southbound Seventh Street to eastbound Walnut Street.

At the intersection of Eighth Street and Walnut Street prohibiting left turns from northbound Eighth Street to westbound Walnut Street.

At the intersection of Ninth Street and Walnut Street prohibiting left turns from southbound Ninth Street to eastbound Walnut Street.

At the intersection of Tenth Street and Walnut Street prohibiting left turns from southbound Tenth Street to eastbound Walnut Street.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person shall make a right turn with a vehicle other than a public bus or emergency vehicle at the following locations:

At the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Walnut Street prohibiting right turns from southbound Fifth Avenue to westbound Walnut Street.

At the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Walnut Street prohibiting right turns from northbound Sixth Avenue to eastbound Walnut Street.

At the intersection of Seventh Street and Walnut Street prohibiting right turns from southbound Seventh Street to westbound Walnut Street.

At the intersection of Eighth Street and Walnut Street prohibiting right turns from northbound Eighth Street to eastbound Walnut Street.

At the intersection of Ninth Street and Walnut Street prohibiting right turns from southbound Ninth Street to westbound Walnut Street.

At the intersection of Tenth Street and Walnut Street prohibiting right turns from northbound Tenth Street to eastbound Walnut Street.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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