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AGENDA HEADING:

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

- A. Parking Restriction—6th Avenue from Cherry Street to Mulberry Street.
- B. Revision of Parking Meter Time Limits—E 4th Street from E Walnut Street to Des Moines Street.

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: 2013-2014 Operating Budget, Page 80 Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation - Sign Installation and Maintenance, EG062080, S360

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. To accommodate the installation of the crosswalk between the old Polk County Jail building and the Polk County Courthouse, several signs were moved. This resulted in an area that is not large enough to meter for parking, but is large enough that the occasional small car will park there, partially obstructing motorists' visibility of pedestrians starting to cross 6th Avenue. The following changes to the Municipal Code will extend a no parking anytime area from the marked police vehicle parking area north through the crosswalk area. The handicapped parking meter locations north of this area are also more clearly defined.

Sec. 114-2639. Sixth Avenue—Cherry Street to Mulberry Street.

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point 135 feet north of Cherry Street to a point 50 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3883. Sixth Avenue—Cherry Street to Mulberry Street.

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point 185 feet north of Cherry Street to Mulberry Street, parking meter 6-101, 6-103, 6-105, 6-107 and 6-109 four (4) hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00

p.m., are designated as handicapped parking spaces and are subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

- B. As an adjustment in the field, we are asking to change the time limits on the parking meters on the east side of E 4th Street from E Grand Avenue to Des Moines Street. The meters were originally designated as long-term meters to support the apartments in this area. Usage of these meters by residents or employees in this area has been minimal, while there has remained a need for parking to support the retail activity. The shorter-term, four (4) hour meters on the other side of the street are used on a regular basis. This change to the Municipal Code will place shorter time limits on the meters on the east side of the street and will then be the same rate and time limit as the meters on the west side of the street. This change will require turnover of these parking spaces, since they are also located right in front of very busy retail activity.

Sec. 114-4081. East Fourth Street—East Walnut Street to Des Moines Street.

East Fourth Street, on the east side, from a point fifty feet north of East Grand Avenue to a point 50 feet south of Des Moines Street, ~~ten~~ four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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