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	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>14-198</u></b>
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**AGENDA HEADING:**

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code Regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows:

- A. Installation of Parking Meters on Both Sides of Mulberry Street west of 9th Street.
- B. Removal of Handicapped Parking Meter—South Side of Grand Avenue between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue.
- C. Additional Handicapped Parking Meter—North Side of Locust Street between 10th Street and 11th Street.
- D. Boundary Changes to Parking Meter District III.
- E. Revisions to the Municipal Code to Agree With Current Signing Conditions in the Court Avenue Entertainment District.

**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: 2014-2015 Operating Budget, Page 74 Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation – Sign Installation and Maintenance, EG062080.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

At the request of Paul Rottenberg, representing Orchestrate (Des Moines Social Club), the Traffic and Transportation Division has been requested to investigate the possibility of installing parking metered spaces on both sides of Mulberry Street west of 9th Street. This area had been posted No Parking Any Time because of the proximity of Des Moines Fire Station Number 1. Since the fire station has moved from this location, the No Parking requirement is no longer required. Traffic and Transportation recommends the installation of five (5) metered parking spaces on the north side of Mulberry Street and four (4) metered parking spaces on the south side of Mulberry Street. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.

Sec. 114-3508. Mulberry Street--Ninth Street to Tenth Street.

Mulberry Street, on the north side, from Ninth Street to a point ~~76~~ 15 feet west thereof ~~east of Tenth Street~~, no parking any time.

Mulberry Street, on the north side, from a point 125 feet west of Ninth Street, to a point 15 feet west thereof, no parking anytime.

Mulberry Street, on the south side, from Ninth Street to a point ~~145~~ 30 feet ~~east of Tenth Street~~ west thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3929. Mulberry Street--Ninth Street to Tenth Street.

Mulberry Street, on the north side, from a point 15 feet west of Ninth Street to a point 110 feet west thereof, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mulberry Street, on the south side, from a point 30 feet west of 9th Street to a point 100 feet west thereof, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Since 5th Avenue has been restriped to create a bike lane against the median southbound between Locust Street and Walnut Street, there is no longer a need for a rush-hour restriction in this area. The following changes to the Municipal Code will remove the peak-hour parking restrictions and allow parking in the area against the median between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-2630. Fifth Avenue--Walnut Street to Locust Street.

~~Fifth Avenue, on the east side, (southbound – median), from Walnut Street to Locust Street, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.~~

Fifth Avenue, on the east side, (southbound – median), from a point 95 feet north of Walnut Street to a point 100 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone, ~~9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.~~ 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ~~No stopping or standing 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.~~

Fifth Avenue, on the west side, from Locust Street to a point 30 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Fifth Avenue, on the west side, from Walnut Street to a point 30 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3874. Fifth Avenue--Walnut Street to Locust Street.

Fifth Avenue, on the east side, (southbound – median), from a point 10 feet north of Walnut Street to a point 85 feet north thereof, two-hour meters, ~~9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.~~ 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fifth Avenue, on the east side, (southbound – median), from a point 195 feet north of Walnut Street to a point 15 feet south of Locust Street, two-hour meters, ~~9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.~~ 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

During a review of parking meters in the field it was noted that parking meter G-510 is not a handicapped parking meter. The requested change below will correct this section of the Municipal Code.

Sec. 114-3914. Grand Avenue--Fifth Avenue to Sixth Avenue.

~~Grand Avenue on the south side, parking meter G-510, 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.~~

Paul Rottenberg, representing Orchestrate (Centro), has requested that an additional handicapped parking space that is closer to the entrances of the businesses on the north side of Locust Street west of 10th Street. The Traffic and Transportation Division has reviewed this area and determined that the best meter to convert, because of proximity to the curb ramp at the intersection, would be the meter on the northwest corner of 10th and Locust Streets, or Meter #L-1001. It was noted that the existing handicapped meter at a special ramp leading to the Des Moines Library was not ordinances as being a handicapped meter. That change in designation is also below. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will put these changes into effect.

Sec. 114-4025. Locust Street--Tenth Street to Twelfth Street.

Locust Street, on the north side, parking meter L-1001, 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

Locust Street, on the north side, parking meter L-1009, 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

The Traffic and Transportation Division has reviewed the existing boundary of Parking Meter District III and is requesting two (2) significant changes to the boundary. The existing boundary for the parking meter district on the west side of the Des Moines River is the north side of West Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Traffic and Transportation is asking that this same boundary be used on the east side of the Des Moines River. This will move the existing boundary south three (3) to four (4) blocks and encompass areas that are prime development areas. This has been discussed with the Planning & Zoning Division, the Police Department, and the City Manager's Office, and the consensus is that this is the opportune time to make this change, before significant development occurs when a boundary realignment like this would be seen as a change to existing conditions. The northeast boundary of Parking Meter District III includes an area east of Pennsylvania Avenue and north of East Grand Avenue. Changes of ownership in this area over time and with the majority of the property now being owned by the State of Iowa, would indicate that this section of District III will not be metered for parking by the City of Des Moines at any time in the foreseeable future. Traffic and Transportation recommends adjusting this area of boundary in Parking Meter District III to Pennsylvania Avenue. The following changes to the Municipal Code will make the adjustments to the boundary as noted above.

Sec. 114-638. Parking meter and resident permit parking district no. III.

Parking meter district no. III shall be constituted of all the streets and avenues located within the area bounded by the west side of the Des Moines River, ~~south~~ north of ~~Court Avenue~~ West M. L. King Jr. Parkway; thence north to the north side of Grand Avenue; thence east to the west side of Robert D Ray Drive; thence north 700 feet; thence east to a point east of East Fifth Street, on the north side of Lyon Street; thence east to the ~~west~~ east side of ~~East Twelfth Street~~ Pennsylvania Avenue; thence south to the south side of ~~Des Moines~~ East Locust Street; thence ~~west south on the east side of East Seventh Street to the east~~ north side of ~~Pennsylvania Avenue~~ West M. L. King Jr. Parkway, ~~north east of East Locust~~ Southeast Seventh Street; ~~thence south to the south side of East Locust Street at East Seventh Street;~~ ~~thence south to the south side of East Vine Street;~~ thence west along the north side of West M. L. King

~~Jr. Parkway to the west side of Robert D Ray Drive; thence north to the south side of East Court Avenue; thence west to the point of beginning, except parking meter districts no. I and II as described in sections 114-636 and 114-637 of this division.~~

A review of signing conditions in the field by a Traffic and Transportation sign crew indicates that the following changes should be made to ordinance signs currently placed in the Court Avenue Entertainment District. The following requested changes will fully implement these restrictions.

Sec. 114-611. Bus loading zones.

- (a) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park any vehicle, other than a bus for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers at any of the locations designated in division 9 of article XVI of this chapter as subject to such restriction.
  - a. If days and times are indicated on the sign, bus loading and unloading is allowed only during those dates and times.
  - b. Unless posted otherwise, ~~S~~such bus shall not park for such purpose for a time exceeding 20 minutes.
- (b) A person who violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of \$15.00.

Sec. 114-3112. Court Avenue--Second Avenue to Third Street.

Court Avenue, on the north side, from Second Avenue to a point ~~115~~ 45 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Court Avenue, on the north side, from a point 45 feet west of Second Avenue to Third Street, bus loading and unloading:

- a. 6:00 p.m. Friday to 3:00 a.m. Saturday
- b. 6:00 p.m. Saturday to 3:00 a.m. Sunday

Sec. 114-3908. Court Avenue--Second Avenue to Third Street.

Court Avenue, on the north side, from a point ~~115~~ 45 feet west of Second Avenue to a point 45 feet east of Third Street, two-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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