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	Agenda Item No. 31 Roll Call No. <u>14-1387</u> Communication No. <u>14-443</u> Submitted by: Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., Interim City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

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

- A. Long-Term Metered Parking—15th Street between Walnut Street and Mulberry Street
- B. Relocation of Loading Zone—East 7th Street between East Locust Street and East Walnut Street
- C. Physically Handicapped Person Parking Space Violation Fine Change to Coincide with Iowa State Code.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. At the request of a tenant of the Fitch Building located at 304 – 15th Street, Traffic and Transportation Division staff monitored the usage of the parking in this area due to the 15th Street reconfiguration and reinstallation of parking meters.

Traffic and Transportation Division staff reviewed this location and concurs that there is an area of decreased usage based on the auditing of parking meter payment activity. This area would be suitable to provide longer-term parking that would be of benefit to the local employees and the residents of the various apartments or lofts in this area. Changing the time limit on these meters would not decrease their ability to be used by restaurant or retail patrons now or into the future.

The following ordinance change will make the fourteen (14) parking meters on both sides of the 15th Street curve from Walnut Street to Mulberry Street ten (10) hour parking meters.

Sec. 114-3998. Fifteenth Street--Mulberry Street to Walnut Street.

Fifteenth Street, on the west side, from Mulberry Street to a point 115 feet east south thereof, ~~three~~ ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fifteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet east of Mulberry Street to a point 40 feet south of Walnut Street, ~~three~~ ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- B. Kelly Green, Chief Operating Officer, Central Procurement Enterprise, Iowa Department of Administrative Services (DAS), 301 East 7th Street, has asked the Traffic and Transportation Division staff to relocate the existing loading zone to a more convenient location on the east side of East 7th Street north of East Walnut Street. Since usage of the adjacent buildings has changed, having the loading zone closer to the DAS primary office location would be more appropriate.

Traffic and Transportation Division staff reviewed this location and concurs with the relocation and extension of the existing loading zone. The existing handicapped parking space will remain in the same location and one of the two displaced parking metered spaces will move to the former location of this loading zone. All of the parking meters on the east side of the street will be renumbered (handicapped parking meter E7-305 will become meter E7-301). These changes will result in the net loss of one metered parking space in this block.

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

East Seventh Street, on the east side, from a point 80 feet north of East Walnut Street to ~~a point 110 feet north thereof~~ 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~~ E7-301, 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 to a point 20 feet north thereof, no parking anytime.

East Seventh Street, on the east side, from a point ~~40~~ 20 feet north of East Walnut Street to a point ~~30~~ 60 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.

- C. The Iowa State Code has been changed to increase the fee for violations of physically handicapped person parking spaces from \$100 to \$200. In an effort to coordinate on a local level with the fee defined by the State, staff recommends that section 114-616 in the City Code be changed to reference the fee defined in the State Code for persons with disabilities for consistency in future changes. Signage for these parking spaces will be updated to match this change and what is required by State Code and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Sec. 114-616. Parking in spaces for physically handicapped person.

(c) A person who violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.00 for each violation or the fine as established in section 805.8A, subsection 1, paragraph "c" of the Iowa State Code, whichever is greater.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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