

# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

**Date:** March 21, 2016

Agenda Item No. 42

Roll Call No. <u>16-495</u> Communication No. <u>16-156</u>

Submitted by: Pamela S. Cooksey,

P.E., City Engineer

### **AGENDA HEADING:**

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

- A. Speed limit revisions to match existing conditions Grand Avenue west of 19th Street.
- B. Parking restriction revisions to match existing conditions SW 33rd Street north and south of Stanton Avenue.
- C. Speed limit revisions to match existing conditions Hubbell Avenue, northeast of E 42nd Street.
- D. Parking Restriction—Vine Street from SW 2nd Street to SW 12th Street.
- E. Parking Restriction—SE 17th Street between King Avenue and E Glenwood Drive.

### **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.

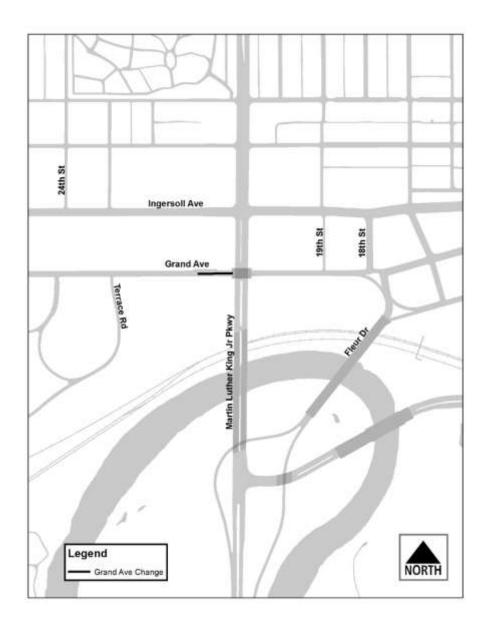
<u>Funding Source</u>: FY2017 Recommended Operating Budget, page 78 Engineering Department Traffic and Transportation—Sign Installation and Maintenance, EG062080.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

A. These changes are necessary to update the code to match existing field conditions. The bridge and driveways do not allow the signs to be placed any closer to 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

Sec. 114-1319. Grand Avenue.

Grand Avenue, from a point 700 950 feet west of Nineteenth Street to Fifty-sixth Street, 30 miles per hour.



B. These changes are necessary to update the code to match existing field conditions.

Sec. 114-2883. Southwest Thirty-third Street--Park Avenue to McKinley Avenue cul-de-sac south of Stanton Avenue.

Southwest Thirty-third Street, on the west side, from Stanton Avenue to a point 460 feet north of Stanton Avenue and any part of the cul-de-sac, no parking any time.

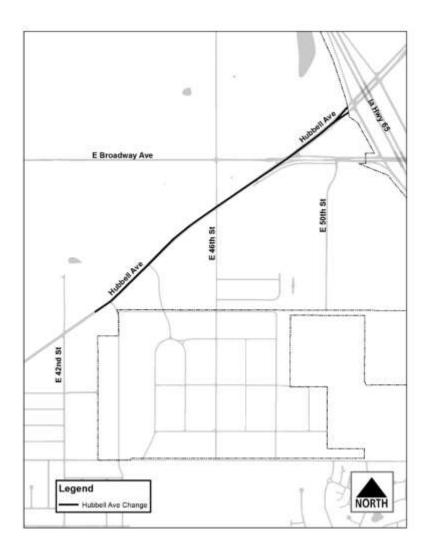
Southwest Thirty-third Street, on the west side, from Stanton Avenue to McKinley Avenue <u>a</u> point 570 feet south of Stanton Avenue and any part of the cul-de-sac, no parking any time.



C. These changes are necessary to update the code to match existing field conditions. The Iowa Department of Transportation posts this section of Hubbell Avenue/US Highway 6 at 45 mph.

Sec. 114-1323.01. Hubbell Avenue.

Hubbell Avenue, <u>from 700 feet northeast of</u> East Forty-third-second Street to northeasterly city limits, 40 <u>45</u> miles per hour.



D. Vehicle parking is occurring adjacent to the railroad tracks on Vine Street. Many of these portions of Vine Street are unpaved. Vehicle parking in these areas could be hazardous as the vehicles are driving adjacent to the tracks or even encroaching on the tracks when maneuvering into and out of the parking spaces. The changes below are needed to post this are "No Parking" to further enforce that vehicle parking in this area is unsafe and should not occur.

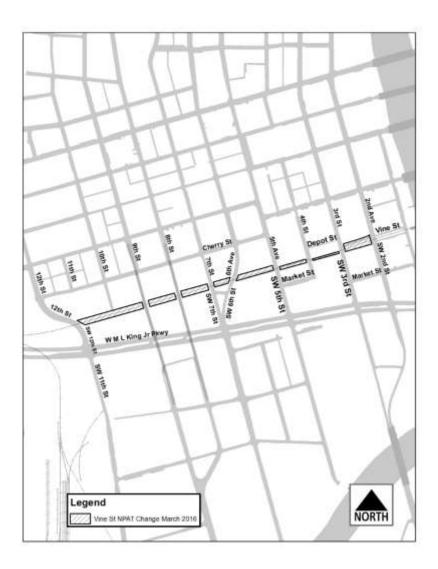
Sec. 114-3710. Vine Street—Southwest Second Street to Southwest Twelfth Street.

<u>Vine Street (westbound)</u>, on the south side, from Southwest Second Street to Southwest Third Street, no parking any time.

<u>Vine Street (eastbound), on both sides, from Southwest Second Street to Southwest Third Street, no parking any time.</u>

Vine Street, on both sides, from Southwest Second Third Street to Southwest Fifth Twelfth Street, no parking any time.

Vine Street, on the south side, from Southwest Seventh Street to Southwest Ninth Street, no parking any time.



E. Staff received a request from the Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association to address sight distance concerns on SE 17th Street from King Ave to E Glenwood Drive. They expressed concerns related to sight distance on the hill and curve when traveling on SE 17th Street due to parked cars. Currently parking is allowed on both sides of SE 17th Street from King Avenue to E Glenwood Drive.

SE 17th Street is a 27-feet wide street in this area and runs for 0.5-miles from Pioneer Road to where it terminates at E Glenwood Drive. Staff completed a field survey of the area to examine the concerns presented by the Neighborhood Association. From this field review, it was recommended that the vegetation on the east side of SE 17th Street north of E Glenwood Drive be trimmed back, and that the on-street parking be removed from the east side of SE 17th Street. This will provide more distance for two (2) vehicles to pass a parked car with the limited visibility due to the hill and curved roadway section in this area.

The City of Des Moines Parking Restriction Policy, March 15, 1990 states that "on those one-side parking restrictions initiated by the Traffic and Transportation Department...a notification process is required via a mailed notification."

This recommendation is based upon the safety of the traveling public and initiated by Traffic and Transportation; therefore, a petition was not required. However, as part of the required

notification process, the residents that live along this section of SE 17th Street from King Avenue to E Glenwood Drive were notified about this proposed change prior to the March 8, 2016 Traffic Safety Committee meeting. No comments were received from the residents.

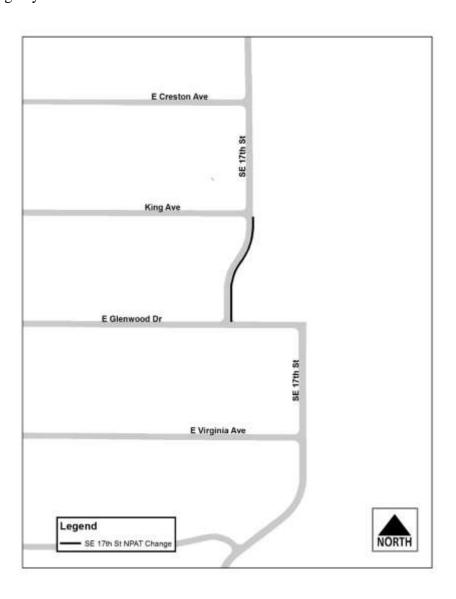
At their March 8, 2016 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff recommendation to restrict parking on the east side of SE 17th Street from King Avenue to E Glenwood Drive. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place this restriction into effect.

Sec. 114-2777. Southeast Seventeenth Street--Pioneer Road to East Park Avenue.

Southeast Seventeenth Street, on the east side, from King Avenue to East Park Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2778. Southeast Seventeenth Street--East Leach Avenue to East Emma Avenue.

Southeast Seventeenth Street, on the east side, from Glenwood Drive to East Park Avenue, no parking any time.



# PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

# **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

**Board**: Traffic Safety Committee

<u>Date</u>: March 8, 2016

Resolution Number: N/A

<u>Action</u>: Moved by Jim Windsor to approve staff recommendation to restrict parking on the east side of SE 17th Street between King Avenue and E Glenwood Drive; seconded by Kevin Williamson. Motion was approved by a consensus of the membership present.

## ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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