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	Agenda Item No.	44
	Roll Call No.	<u>16-2016</u>
	Communication No.	<u>16-665</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. Removal of Parking Restriction—North side of Wall Avenue from SW 9th Street to SW 8th Street.
- B. Addition of Parking Restriction—South Side of Wall Avenue from SW 3rd Street to SW 2nd Street.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the staff recommendations and the ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Minor costs for sign installations.

Funding Source: 2016-17 Operating Budget, page 78, Engineering Department Traffic and Transportation—Sign Installation and Maintenance, EG062080

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. Staff received a request from the Principal and the Business Manager at Christ the King School (701 Wall Avenue) to consider removal of the signs that prohibit parking on the north side of Wall Avenue between SW 9th Street and SW 8th Street that state "No Parking 7am-5pm School Days."

Christ the King school staff stated that traffic patterns around the school have changed and there is no longer a need for this School Days restriction. Allowing parking on the north side of Wall Avenue from SW 9th Street to SW 8th Street would be beneficial at certain times during the day and for special events as they do not have enough parking in their parking lot for all of their families.

Wall Avenue runs for one (1) mile from SW 9th Street to SE 5th Street on the south side of Des Moines. It is a 30-foot wide street from SW 9th Street to SW 7th Street, with parking prohibited on the south side.

The City of Des Moines Parking Restriction Policy, March 15, 1990, states that parking can be allowed on one (1) side of a 30-foot wide street as long as the volume does not exceed 6,000

vehicles per day. Traffic volumes on Wall Avenue from SW 9th Street to SW 7th Street are not estimated to exceed 6,000 vehicles per day.

Staff recommends that the "No Parking 7am-5pm School Days" parking restriction on Wall Avenue from SW 9th Street to SW 8th Street should be removed. The corner clearance at SW 9th Street shall remain.

Sec. 114-3729. Wall Avenue--South Union Street to Southwest Thirteenth Place.

~~Wall Avenue, on the north side, from Southwest Eighth Street to a point 50 feet east of Southwest Ninth Street, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.~~

- B. Staff received a request from a resident regarding concerns with parking on Wall Avenue from SW 7th Street to South Union. From SW 7th Street to South Union Street, Wall Avenue is a 27-foot wide street with parking allowed on both sides. The resident stated that there is decreased ability to see oncoming traffic when travelling around parked vehicles in the area of the large hill between SW 3rd Street and SW 2nd Street.

Staff conducted field observations of this area and developed recommendations for improvement.

Staff recommends that the parking be restricted on the south side of Wall Avenue from 50 feet west of SW 3rd Street to SW 2nd Street. This change will provide increased room for vehicles to navigate around parked vehicles while travelling over the crest of the hill. In addition, a 50-foot corner clearance will be placed on Wall Avenue at the intersection with South Union to improve the ability for vehicles to turn at this intersection.

Sec. 114-3729. Wall Avenue--South Union Street to Southwest Thirteenth Place.

Wall Avenue, on the north side, from South Union Street to a point 50 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Wall Avenue, on the south side, from South Union Street to a point 50 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Wall Avenue, on the south side, from Southwest Second Street to a point 50 feet west of Southwest Third Street, no parking any time.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: October 11, 2016

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Approved staff recommendations.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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