

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-034	Meeting:	January 27, 2020
	Agenda Item:	35	Roll Call:	20-169
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

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

- A. Proposed parking restriction—E Pleasant View Drive between South Union Street and SE 5th Street.
- B. Proposed commercial loading zone—1150 Polk Boulevard.
- C. Code modification related to one-way to two-way conversion of Pennsylvania Avenue from E Locust Street to E Grand Avenue.

SYNOPSIS:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Costs for sign installations.

Funding Source: 2019-20 Operating Budget, page 83 Engineering Department Traffic and Transportation—Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. A resident expressed concern about parked vehicles at the hill crests on E Pleasant View Drive between South Union Street and SE 5th Street creating sight distance concerns. Parking is currently prohibited on the north side of E Pleasant View Drive from South Union Street and SE 5th Street. There are periodic parking restrictions on the south side for corner clearances. A field review of the two (2) hill crests between South Union Street and SE 5th Street was completed by Traffic and Transportation staff. Based on the posted speed and the sight distance requirements, staff recommends removing parking on the south side of E Pleasant View Drive in the two (2) hill crest locations. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.

Sec. 114-3579. East Pleasant View Drive--South Union Street to Southeast Seventeenth Street.

East Pleasant View Drive, on the south side, from a point 505 feet east of South Union Street to a point 445 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

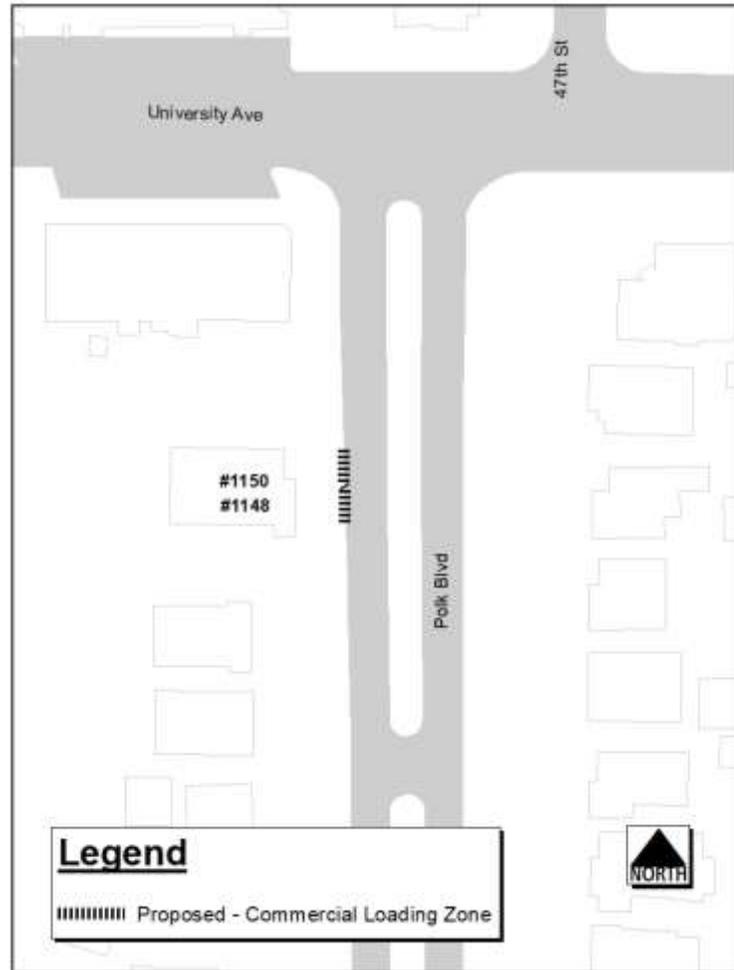
East Pleasant View Drive, on the south side, from a point 1095 feet west of Southeast Fifth Street to a point 380 feet east thereof, no parking any time.



- B. The property owner at 1150 Polk Boulevard has requested the existing on-street handicap parking area adjacent to the property on the west side of Polk Boulevard be replaced with a commercial loading zone. The handicap parking area was installed at the request of the previous business owner in 1996. The business function has changed and a designated, on-street handicap parking space is no longer needed. The proposed commercial loading zone would prohibit parking in this 50-foot area between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturdays except for loading and delivery. Parking for loading and delivery would be limited to 20 minutes. Parking would be allowed in this area during all other times. Like on-street parking, this loading area would be public and could be used for deliveries for any adjacent properties. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.

Sec. 114-3581. Polk Boulevard--Grand Avenue to University Avenue.

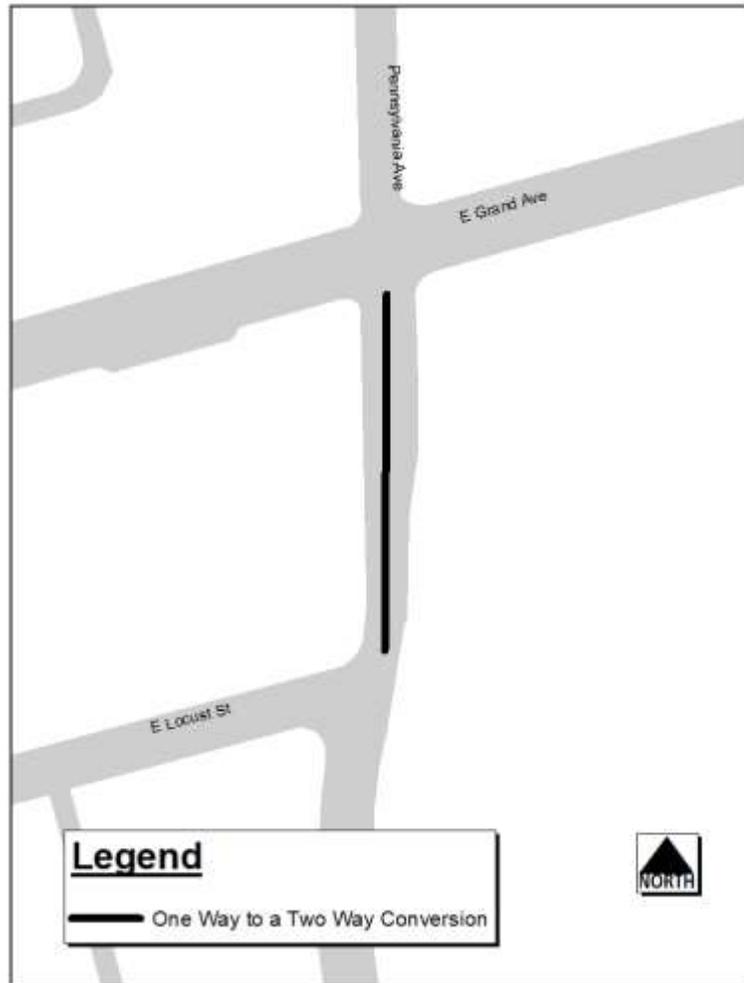
Polk Boulevard, on the west side, from a point 140 feet south of University Avenue to a point 35 50 feet south thereof, commercial loading zone. ~~is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.~~



- C. Pennsylvania Avenue from E Locust Street to E Grand Avenue was converted from one-way to two-way traffic with the 2017 E Grand Complete Streets Project. The proposed code modifications are necessary to add this change to the Municipal Code.

Sec. 114-1913. Pennsylvania Avenue

Pennsylvania Avenue, from ~~East Locust Street~~ East Grand Avenue to Buchanan Street, northbound.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 10, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-1194](#) and [17-1195](#)

Action: [On](#) 2017 Traffic Signal Repairs and E. Grand Complete Street Conversion: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer's estimate and designating lowest responsible bidder as Iowa Signal, Inc. (Wayne Lesley, President), \$341,662.69. ([Council Communication No. 17-534](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A) [Approving](#) contract and bond and permission to sublet. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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