


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-454	Meeting:	October 18, 2021
	Agenda Item:	57	Roll Call:	21-1611
	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. Code correction - Locust Street between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue.
- B. Parking modification - E 7th Street between Fremont Street and Buchanan Street.
- C. Code correction - addition of the intersection of 6th Avenue and University Avenue to the section relating to pedestrian safety and use of medians.
- D. Code correction - E Bell Avenue between SE 5th Street and King Avenue.
- E. Code correction - 12th Street between Grand Avenue and Locust Street.

SYNOPSIS:

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

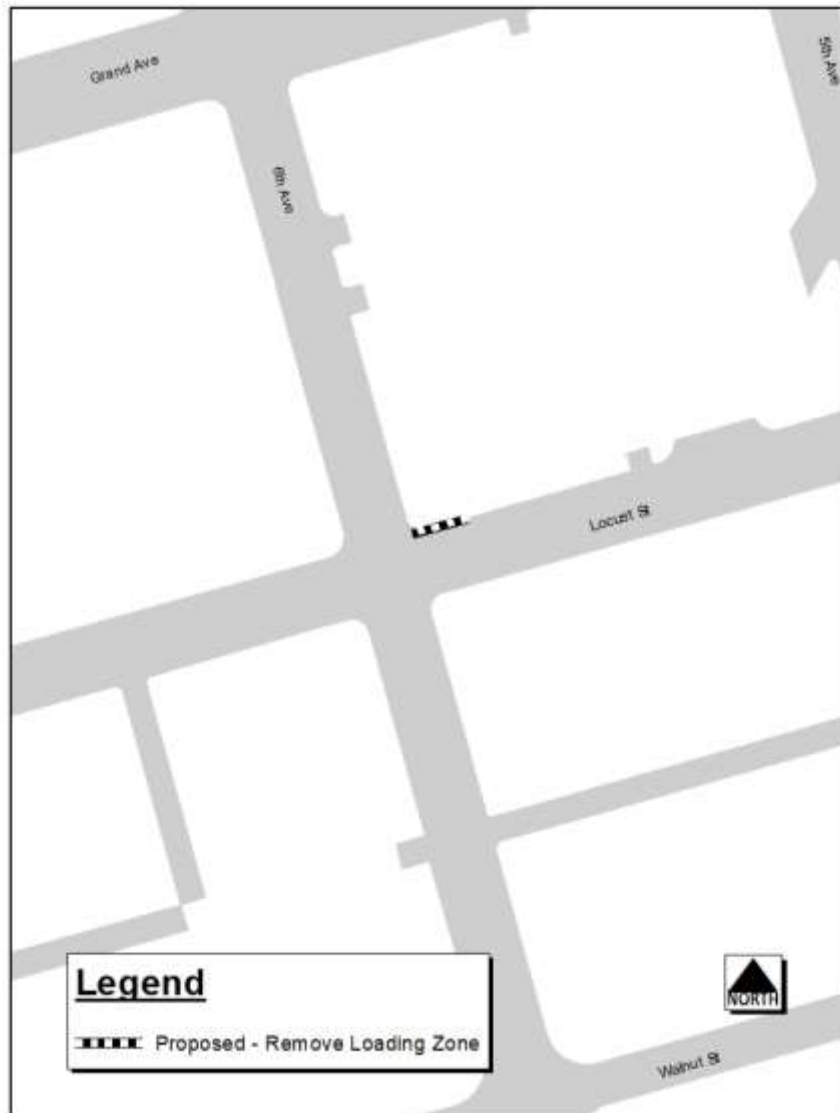
FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Costs for sign installations and periodic maintenance of signs and markings.

Funding Source: 2021-2022 Operating Budget, Page 61, Engineering Department, T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. While reviewing field conditions on Locust Street from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue, it was found that the loading zone had been removed and replaced with a handicapped accessible meter. The proposed action will revise the Municipal Code to appropriately reflect the presence of on-street handicap parking and not a loading zone.



Sec. 114-3423. Locust Street--Fifth Avenue to Sixth Avenue.

~~Locust Street, on the north side, from Sixth Avenue to a point 40 feet east thereof, commercial loading zone.~~

- B. A resident requested that the existing passenger loading zone on the east side E 7th Street between Fremont Street and Buchanan Street and adjacent to Carver Elementary School be removed to allow parking at all times in this section. Parking is prohibited on the west side of E 7th Street in this section. The passenger loading zone was originally put in place at the request of the Des Moines Public Schools to facilitate drop-off and pick-up operations for the preschool program. Staff discussed the proposed change with Des Moines Public Schools. The preschool program is no longer in place at Carver Elementary School and this area is not utilized for drop-off and pick-up operations for the elementary students. Des Moines Public Schools is supportive of removing the passenger loading zone. The proposed code changes will remove the passenger loading zone to allow parking at all times. The existing parking restriction at the corner to facilitate turning movements will remain. The following changes to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these changes into effect.

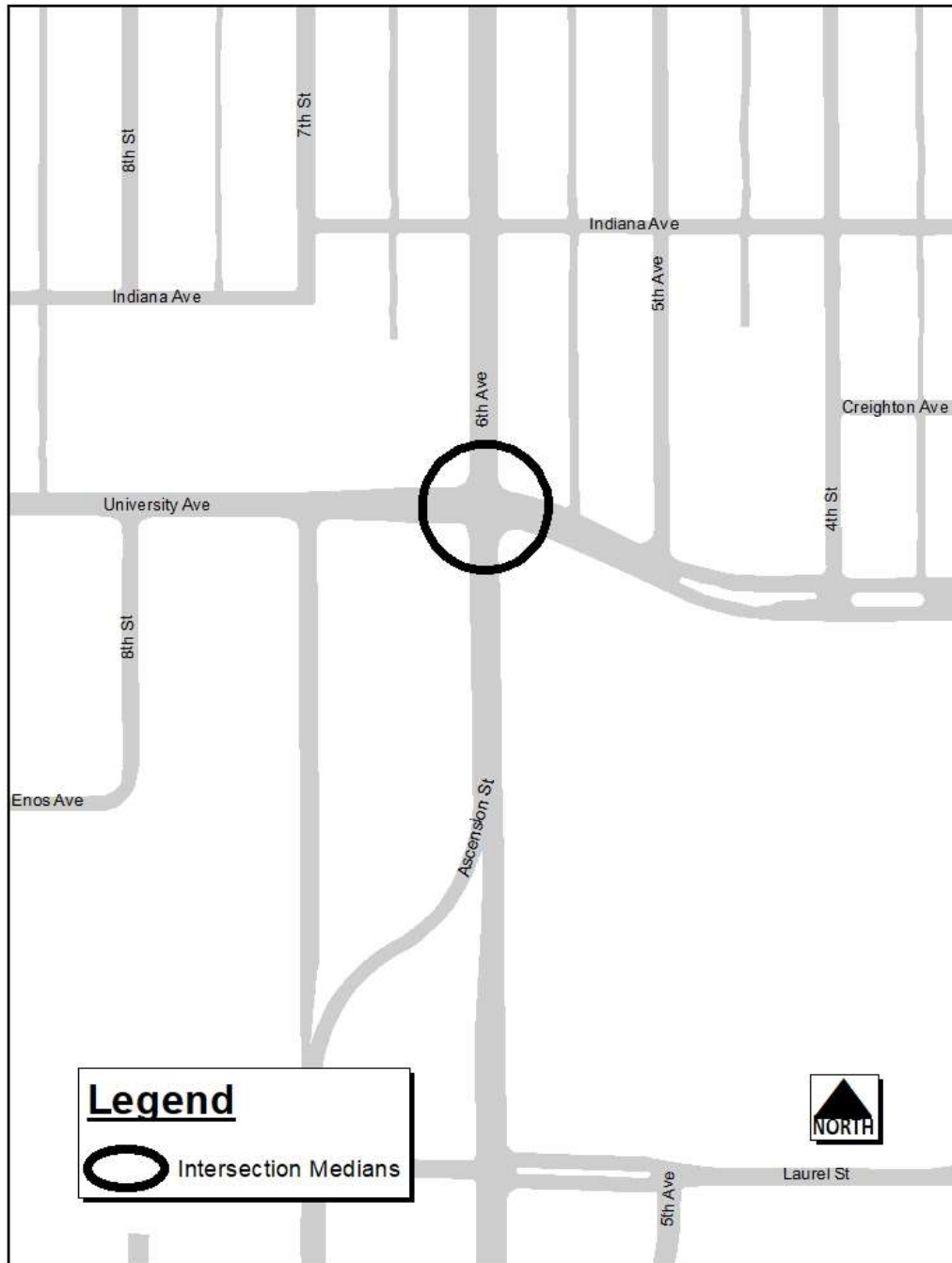


Sec. 114-2670. East Seventh Street--East Vine Street to East Aurora Avenue.

East Seventh Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet south of Fremont Street to a point 50 feet south thereof Fremont Street, no standing or stopping parking any time.

~~East Seventh Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet south of Fremont Street to a point 120 feet south thereof, passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.~~

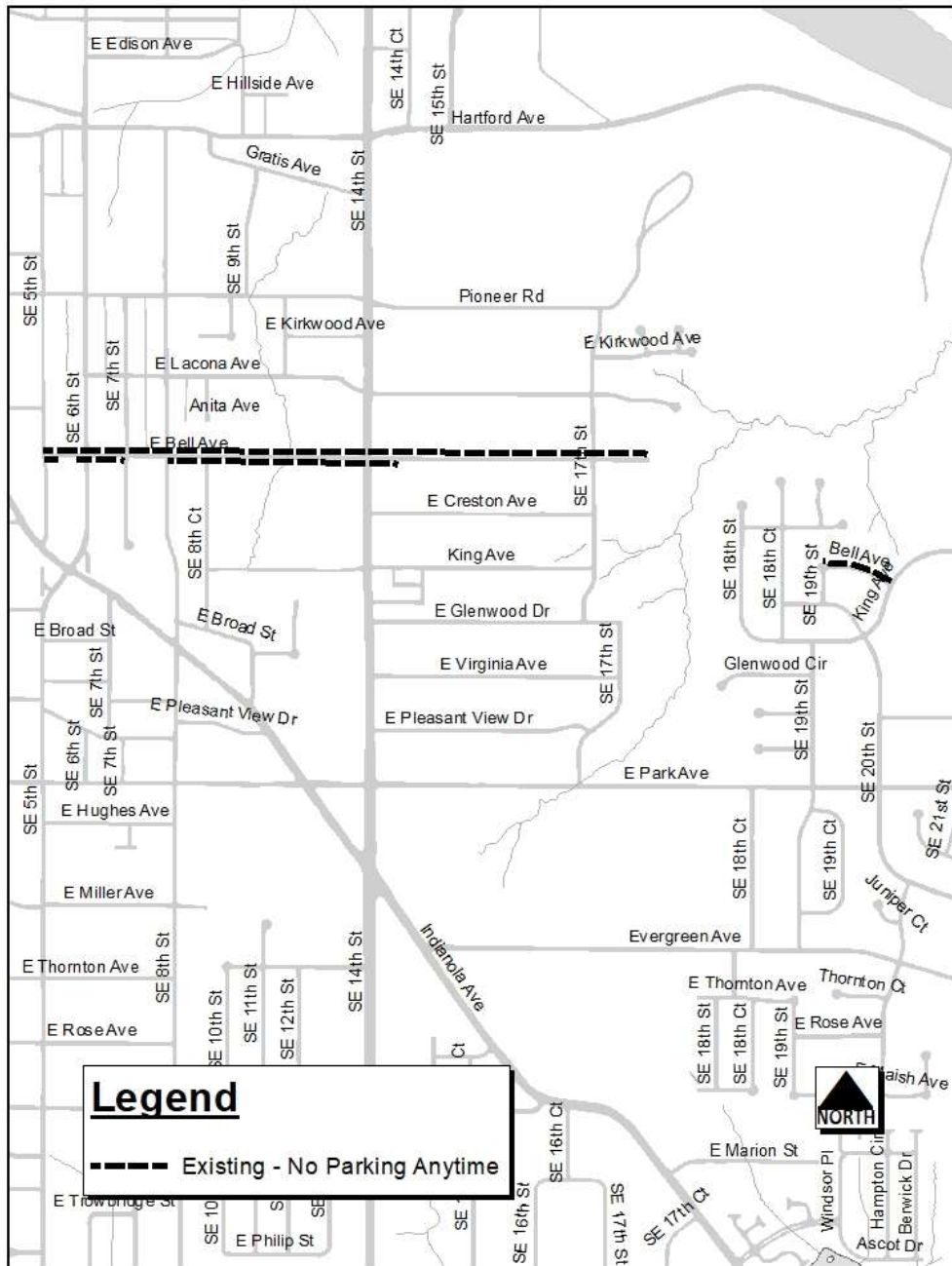
- C. In 2019, the Council approved an ordinance prohibiting pedestrians from standing, sitting, or staying within a median less than six (6) feet wide on streets with speed limits 30 miles per hour or higher. It was recently brought to staff’s attention that the intersection of 6th Avenue and University Avenue had been inadvertently left off the list of intersections that meet these criteria. A portion of the east/west medians on University Avenue at the intersection with 6th Avenue are less than six (6) feet wide. The proposed code change will add the intersection of 6th and University to the list of intersections where standing, sitting, or staying within the median is prohibited. The following change to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect.



Sec. 114-328.01. Pedestrian Safety, Use of Medians.

(b) University Ave and 6th Ave

D. During a field review of parking signage on E Bell Avenue it was found that a section of E Bell Avenue with signed parking restrictions was missing from the Municipal Code and the current code language referenced incorrect cross streets. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will correct these errors to match field conditions.



Sec. 114-3015. East Bell Avenue--South Union Street to ~~Southeast Nineteenth Street~~ King Avenue.

East Bell Avenue, on the north side, from Southeast Fifth Street to ~~Southeast Nineteenth Street~~ and including the dead end east of Southeast Seventeenth Street, no parking any time.

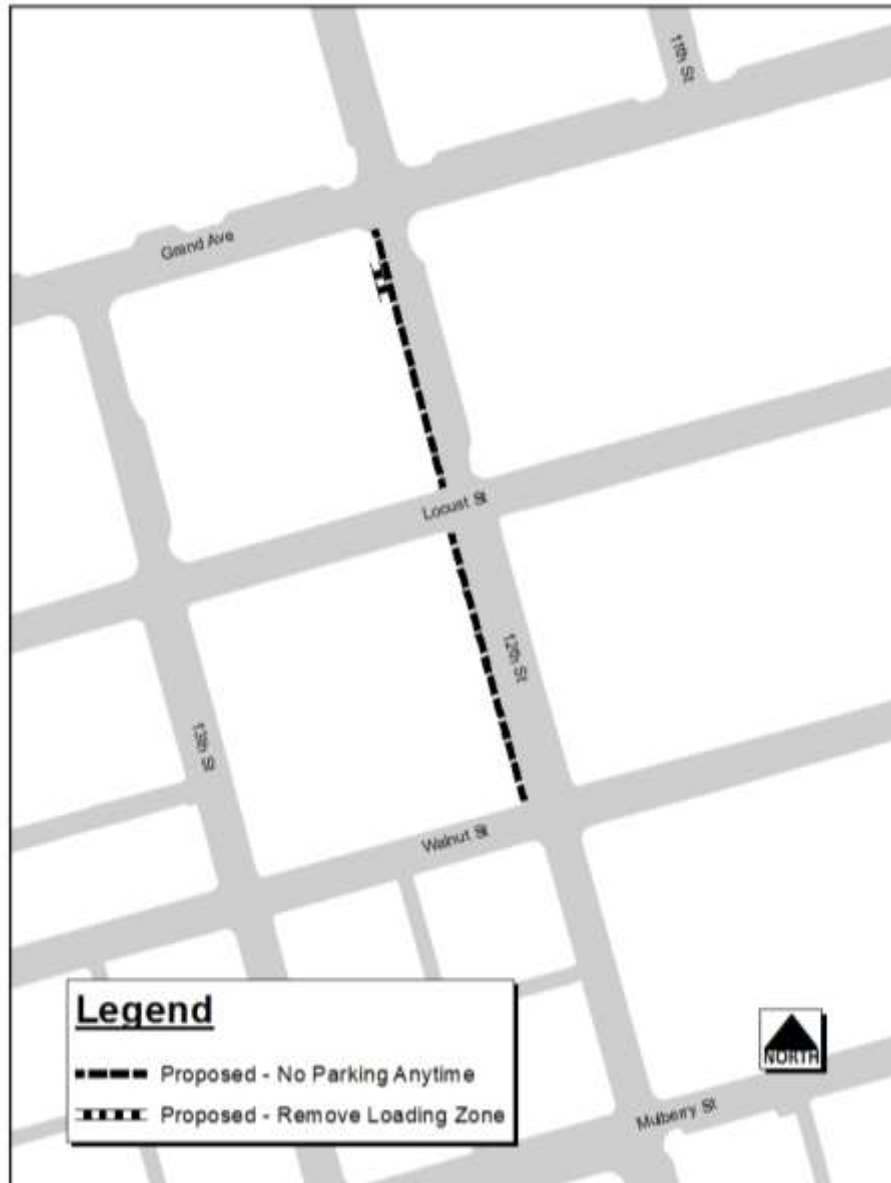
East Bell Avenue, on the south side, from Southeast Eighth Street to a point 150 feet east of Southeast Fourteenth Street, no parking any time.

East Bell Avenue, on the south side, from Southeast Eighth Street to Southeast Ninth Street, no parking any time.

~~East Bell Avenue, on the south side, from a point 900 feet west of Southeast Fourteenth Street to a point 150 feet east of Southeast Fourteenth Street, no parking any time.~~

East Bell Avenue, on the north side, from Southeast Nineteenth Street to King Avenue, no parking any time.

- E. With the installation of complete street elements such as curb extensions (bump outs) for enhanced pedestrian crossings and bike lanes along 12th Street from Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway to Grand Avenue, the loading zone and parking on the west side of 12th Street from Mulberry to Walnut Streets and Locust Street to Grand Avenue will be removed.



Sec. 114-2725. Twelfth Street--Walnut Street to Locust Street.

Twelfth Street, on the west side, from Walnut Street to Locust Street, no parking, anytime standing or stopping from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Sec. 114-2726. Twelfth Street--Locust Street to Grand Avenue.

Twelfth Street, on the west side, from Grand Avenue to Locust Street ~~a point 20 feet south thereof~~, no parking any time.

~~Twelfth Street, on the west side, from a point 30 feet north of Locust Street to a point 200 feet north thereof, no parking, standing or stopping from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.~~

~~Twelfth Street, on the west side, from a point 200 feet north of Locust Street to a point 34 feet north thereof, loading zone.~~

~~Twelfth Street, on the west side, from a point 234 feet north of Locust Street to a point 22 feet north thereof, no parking, standing or stopping from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.~~

~~Twelfth Street, on the west side, from Locust Street to a point 30 feet north thereof, no parking any time.~~

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 22, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-0667](#) and [19-0668](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding pedestrian safety and use of medians. Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A) [Final](#) consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by the City Manager), requires six votes. Moved by Gatto that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, [#15,770](#). Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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