


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	21-501	Meeting:	November 15, 2021
	Agenda Item:	41	Roll Call:	21-1761
	Submitted by:	Malcolm A. Hankins, Assistant City Manager		

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding parking in residential districts increasing the fine for unlawful over-weight and semi-trailer/tractor parking from \$15 to \$100.

SYNOPSIS:

At the September 13, 2021, City Council meeting, Council directed the City Manager and Legal Department to recommend an appropriate fine for violations of Sec. 114-632 related to unlawful parking of oversized/overweight vehicles on public streets in residential districts. The current fine amount of \$15 was believed to be too low. Recommend approval of the staff recommendation increasing the fine amount under Sec. 114-632 to \$100.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Potential increased revenue based on increased enforcement and higher fine amounts.

Funding Source: 2021/2022 Operating Budget Document, City Clerk Administration, Page 22

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In addition to the recommended ordinance amendment, police personnel addressed internal enforcement approaches including clarifying ordinance requirements and how to handle calls for unlawfully parked semi-tractors on roads in residential districts. The recommended \$100 fine amount is the same fine amount for operating a truck in violation of the truck route law. This change essentially recommends providing equal fine amounts for driving and parking overweight/oversized vehicles unlawfully on public residential streets.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 13, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1444](#)

Action: [Council](#) Member Gray requests to speak on semi-tractor and trailers parking on residential streets. Moved by Gray to receive and file. Refer to the City Manager and Legal Department for recommendation on appropriate fine and enforcement. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Westergaard.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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