


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-054	Meeting:	February 5, 2024
	Agenda Item:	41	Roll Call:	24-0209
	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. Parking Restriction – East 18th Street, Kinsey Avenue, Stewart Street
- B. Parking Restriction – SW 9th Street between Bell Avenue and Loomis Avenue
- C. Code Correction – Stewart Street between East Washington and Hull Avenue
- D. Code Correction – SW 56th Street between Park Avenue and Watrous Avenue
- E. Code Correction – Cleveland Avenue at East 9th Street
- F. Corner Clearance Parking Restrictions –
 - 1. 55th Street and Madison Avenue
 - 2. Fleming Avenue and 30th Street
 - 3. Mansfield Drive and Hull Avenue
 - 4. Wright Street and East Euclid Avenue

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the staff recommendation and the ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes. Costs for sign installations and periodic maintenance of signs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

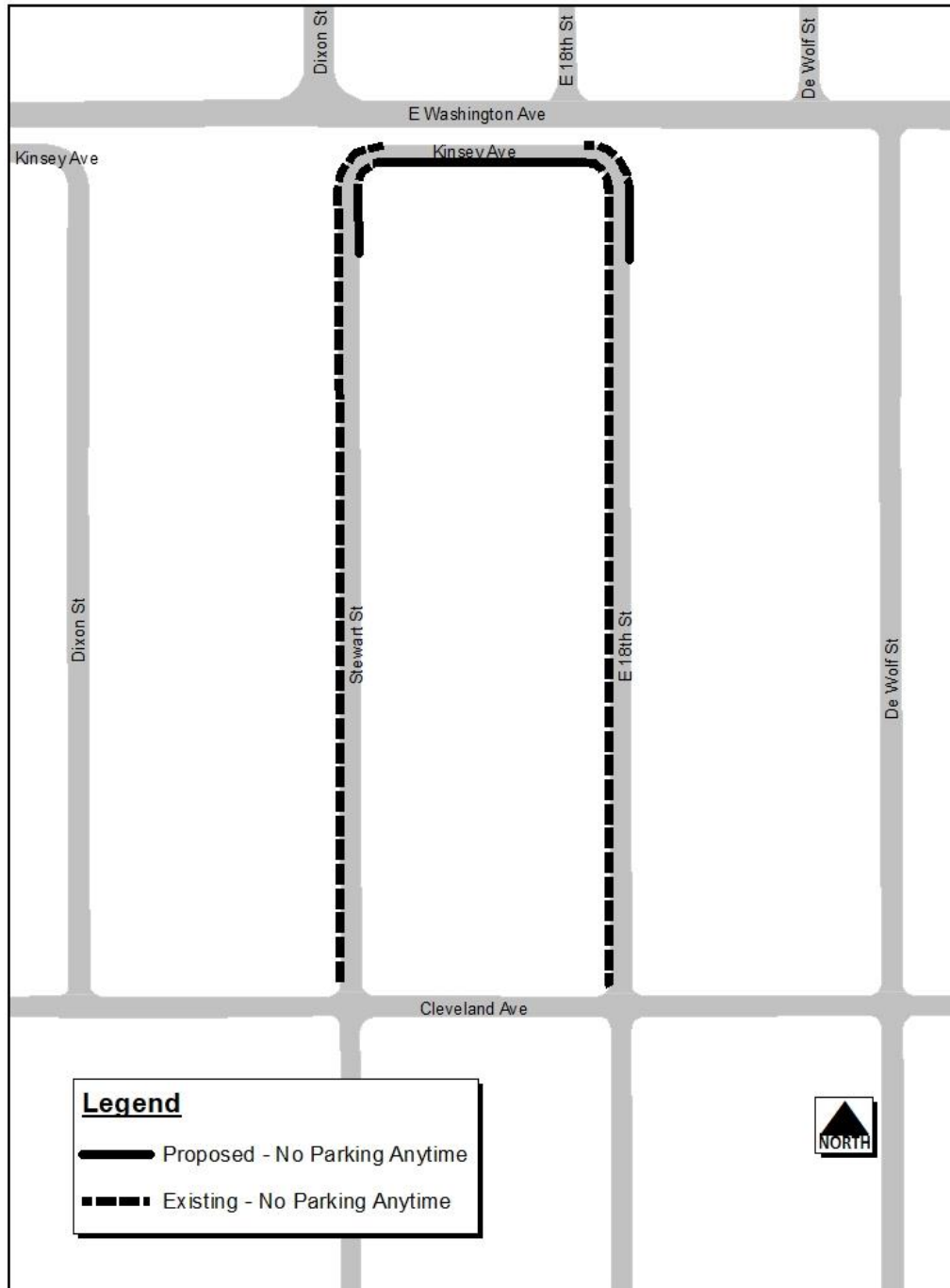
Amount: Costs for sign installations and periodic maintenance of signs.

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Operating Budget, Page 68, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation (T&T) – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. Councilmember Westergaard submitted a request to review the on-street parking and sight distance on Kinsey Avenue between East 18th Street and Stewart Street. A field review was conducted to measure sight distance through the curve at each intersection. Based on this analysis, corner clearance parking restrictions are recommended at the intersections of Kinsey

Avenue with East 18th Street and Stewart Street. The width of Kinsey Avenue in the block between East 18th Street and Stewart Street was measured during the field review and found to be 20 feet from face of curb to face of curb. Parking is currently allowed on both sides of Kinsey Avenue in this block. Based on the City’s Parking Restriction Policy, staff recommend restricting parking on the south side of Kinsey Avenue between East 18th Street and Stewart Street. The proposed revisions of the code will restrict parking on the east sides of East 18th Street and Stewart Street just south of the intersections with Kinsey Avenue and on the south side of Kinsey Avenue between East 18th Street and Stewart Street. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2783. East Eighteenth Street--East Vine Street to Guthrie Avenue.

East Eighteenth Street, on the west side, from Easton Boulevard to ~~East Washington~~Kinsey Avenue, no parking any time.

East Eighteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 70 feet south of Kinsey Avenue to Kinsey Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3383. Kinsey Avenue--~~Dead end west of East Twenty Street~~East Seventeenth Court to East Thirty-eighth Street.

Kinsey Avenue, on the south side, from Stewart Street to East Eighteenth Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3656. Stewart Street--East University Avenue to ~~Guthrie~~Kinsey Avenue.

Stewart Street, on the west side, from Easton Boulevard to ~~East Washington~~Kinsey Avenue, no parking any time.

Stewart Street, on the east side, from a point 60 feet south of Kinsey Avenue to Kinsey Avenue, no parking any time.

- B. The Des Moines Public Schools and Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) have asked that the inset on the west side of SW 9th Street between Bell Avenue and Loomis Avenue be signed as bus loading and unloading. This area is no longer used for school bus loading and is not needed for parking. DART uses this area for loading and unloading for the bus stop located within the inset. Staff recommend modifying the Municipal Code to designate the inset as bus loading and unloading. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.



Sec. 114-2698. Southwest Ninth Street--Vine Street to Park Avenue.

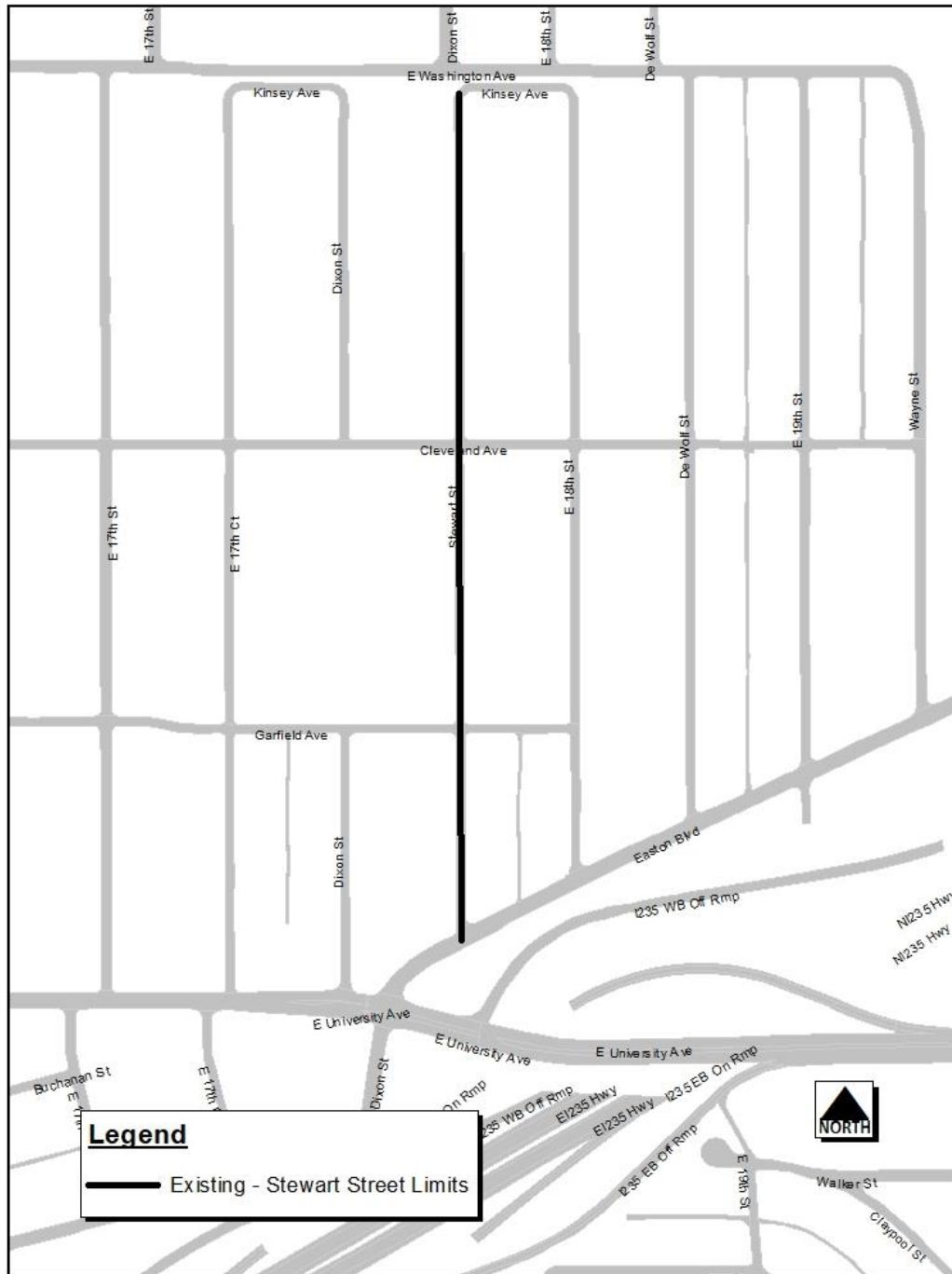
Southwest Ninth Street, on the west side, from Tuttle Street to a point 290 feet north of Loomis Avenue 75 feet south of Bell Avenue, no parking any time.

Southwest Ninth Street, on the west side, from Loomis Avenue to a point 290 feet north thereof, school bus loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

Southwest Ninth Street, on the west side, from a point 75 feet south of Bell Avenue to a point 120 feet north of Loomis Avenue, bus loading and unloading.

Southwest Ninth Street, on the west side, from a point 120 feet north of Loomis Avenue to Park Avenue, no parking any time.

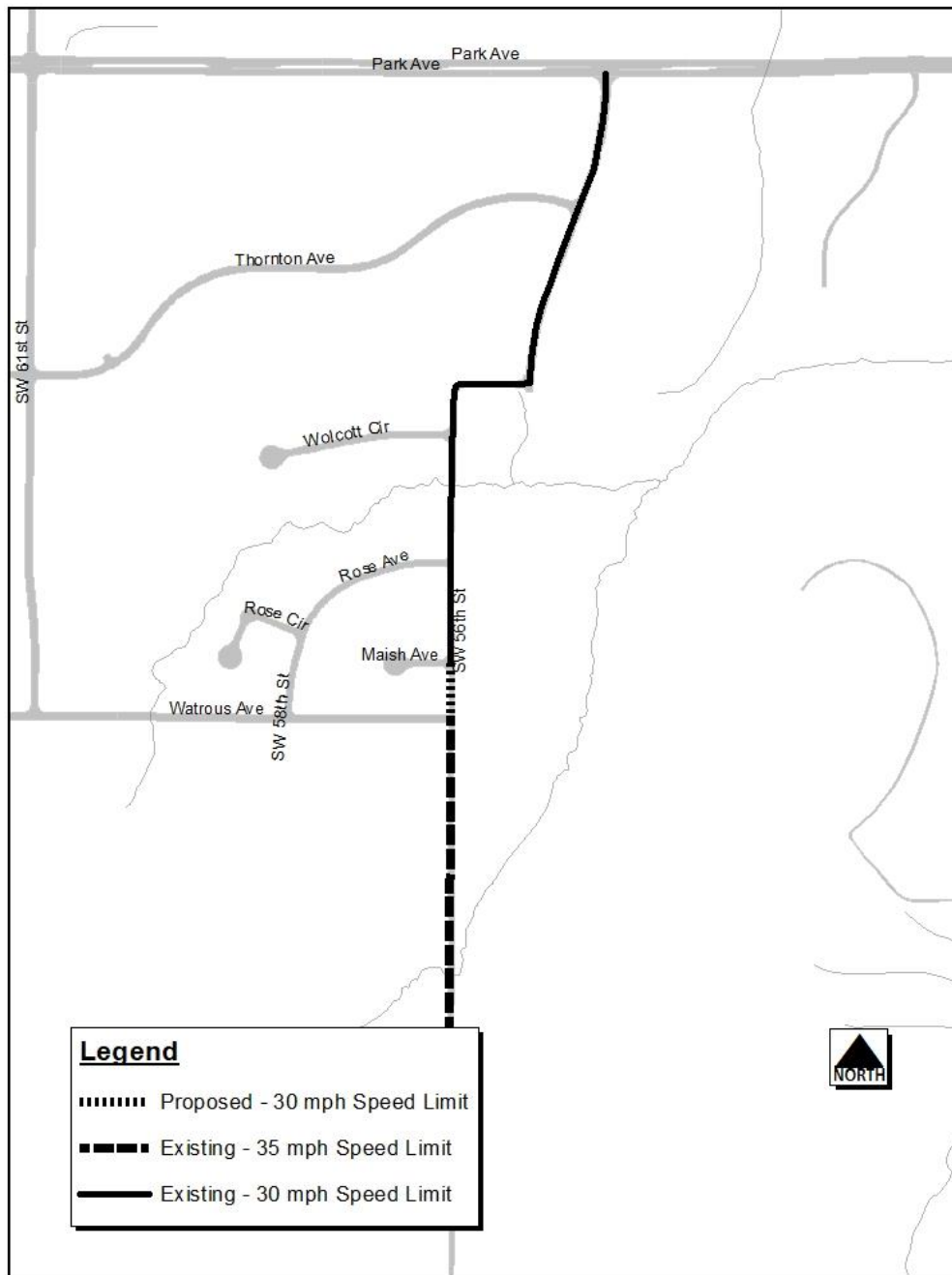
- C. During a review of the Municipal Code for the East 18th Street, Kinsey Avenue and Stewart Street parking restrictions, it was discovered that the through street section of the Municipal Code for Stewart Street does not reflect past street vacations. The following revision to the Municipal Code will correct this error.



Sec. 114-2340. Stewart Street.

~~Stewart Street, from the north line of Washington Avenue to the south line of Hull Avenue, stop-~~

- D. The current boundaries of the speed limits in the Municipal Code for SW 56th Street between Park Avenue and Watrous Avenue do not match the signage in the field. The signage in the field changes the speed limit on SW 56th Street at the intersection with Watrous Avenue. Staff recommend modifying the Municipal Code to match field conditions. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect.

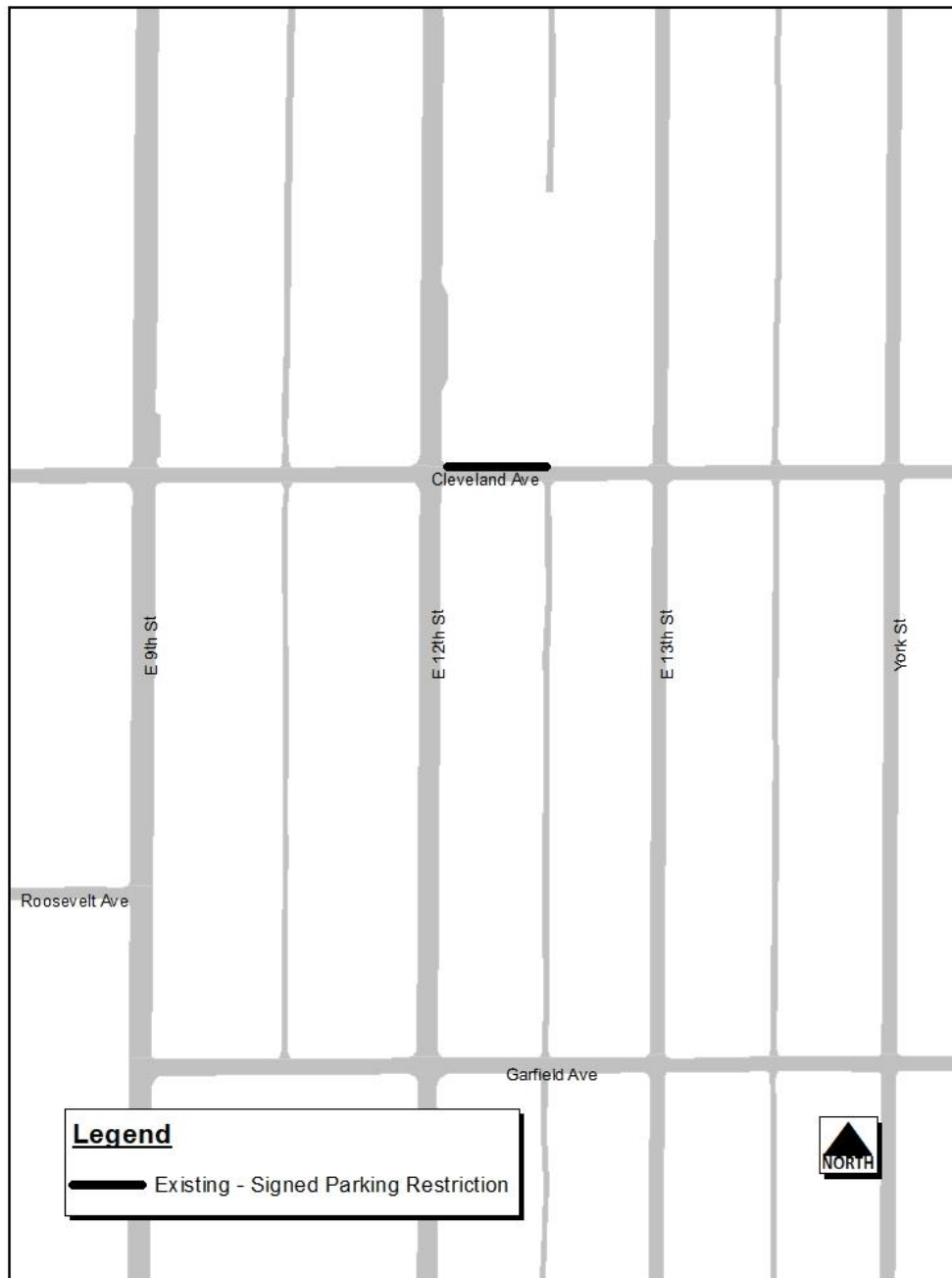


Sec. 114-1284. Southwest Fifty-sixth Street.

Southwest Fifty-sixth Street, from Park Avenue to a point 2,600 feet south thereof Watrous Avenue, 30 miles per hour.

Southwest Fifty-sixth Street, from a point 2,600 feet south of Park Avenue Watrous Avenue to Southwest McKinley Avenue, 35 miles per hour.

- E. During a field review, staff found that the existing, signed parking restriction on the north side of Cleveland Avenue east of East 9th Street is not in the Municipal Code. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to match field conditions.



Sec. 114-3087. Cleveland Avenue--Pennsylvania Avenue to East Thirty-third Street.

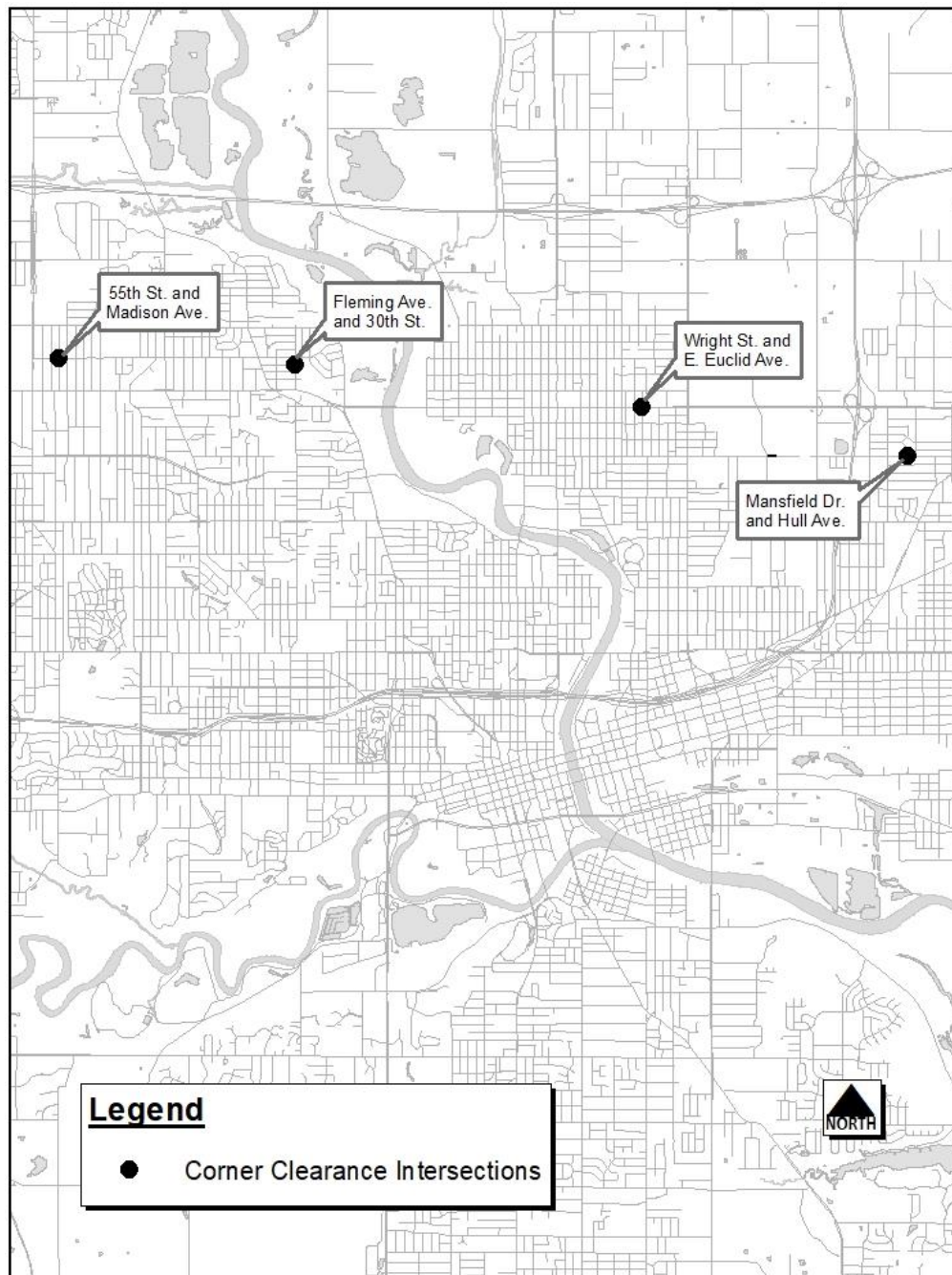
~~Cleveland Avenue, on the north side, from East Ninth Street to a point 60 feet west thereof, no parking any time.~~

Cleveland Avenue, on the north side, from a point 60 feet west of East Ninth Street to a point 50 feet east of East Ninth Street, no parking any time.

- F. A corner clearance is a parking restriction that extends 150 feet or less from an intersection. Corner clearances are typically installed to provide required sight distance at the intersection or facilitate turning movements onto narrow, residential streets where a parked vehicle might

prevent two (2)-way traffic. A request for a corner clearance is typically generated from resident concerns. Staff has reviewed the following locations and determined corner clearances are necessary.

- 55th Street and Madison Avenue
- Fleming Avenue and 30th Street
- Mansfield Drive and Hull Avenue
- Wright Street and East Euclid Avenue



Sec. 114-2948. Fifty-fifth Street--Harwood Drive to Aurora Avenue.

Fifty-fifth Street, on the east side, from a point ~~50~~ 75 feet south of Madison Avenue to a point 50 feet north of Madison Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3198. Fleming Avenue--Thirtieth Street to dead end west of Forty-eighth Street.

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

Sec. 114-3460. Mansfield Drive--East Twenty-fourth Street to Hull Avenue.

Mansfield Drive, on the west side, from a point 50 feet north of Hull Avenue to Hull Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3807. Wright Street--Hull Avenue to East Douglas Avenue.

Wright Street, on the west side, from Hull Avenue to a point ~~50~~85 feet north of East Euclid Avenue, no parking any time.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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