


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-112	Meeting:	March 18, 2024
	Agenda Item:	47	Roll Call:	24-0451
	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 Modifications – E Park Avenue from SE 21st Street to SE 22nd Street
- B. Parking Modifications – Scott Avenue from SE 10th Street to SE 11th Street
- C. Parking Modifications related to Stanton Ridge Plat 1 Development
 - 1. SW 23rd Street from Stanton Avenue to Emma Avenue
 - 2. SW 29th Street from Stanton Avenue to Emma Avenue
 - 3. Emma Avenue from SW 23rd Street to SW 29th Street
- D. Parking Restriction – SW 9th Street between Bell Avenue and Loomis Avenue
- E. Parking Restriction – Scott Avenue between SE 18th Street and the cul-de-sac to the west
- F. Code Correction – Corning Avenue between 6th Avenue and East Dead End
- G. Alley Loading Restriction – East/West Alley between E Grand Avenue, E Locust Street, E 4th Street and E 5th Street
- H. Parking Modification –South side of Locust Street between 4th Street and 5th Avenue
- I. Parking Modification – South side of Grand Avenue between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Street
- J. Corner Clearance Parking Restrictions –
 - 1. 37th Street and Kingman Boulevard
 - 2. Oaklyn Drive and Lower Beaver Road

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 T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. As part of the Evergreen Park Shelter and Playground Improvements, a new parking inset to allow on-street parking and a handicap parking space was added to E Park Avenue. The proposed code modification will add these parking changes to the Municipal Code and are necessary to place the recommended changes into effect.



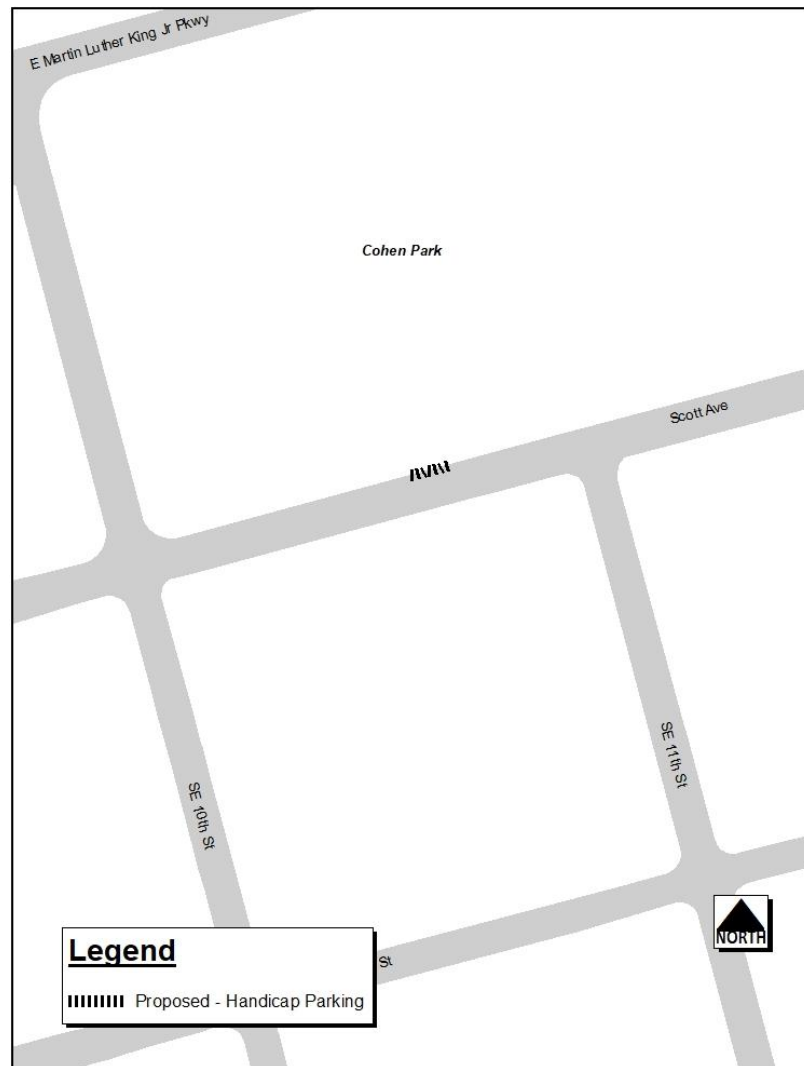
Sec. 114-3550. East Park Avenue--South Union Street to dead end east of Southeast ~~Twenty-third~~ Twenty-fifth Street.

East Park Avenue, on the south side, from Indianola Avenue to a point 300 feet west of Southeast Twenty-second Street, no parking any time.

East Park Avenue, on the south side, from a point 210 feet west of Southeast Twenty-second Street to a point 35 feet east thereof, handicap parking.

East Park Avenue, on the south side, from a point 130 feet west of Southeast Twenty-second Street to Southeast Twenty-second Street, no parking anytime.

- B. As part of the Cohen Park Shelter and Sport Court Improvements, a new handicap parking space was added to Scott Avenue. The proposed code modification will add these parking changes to the Municipal Code and are necessary to place the recommended changes into effect.

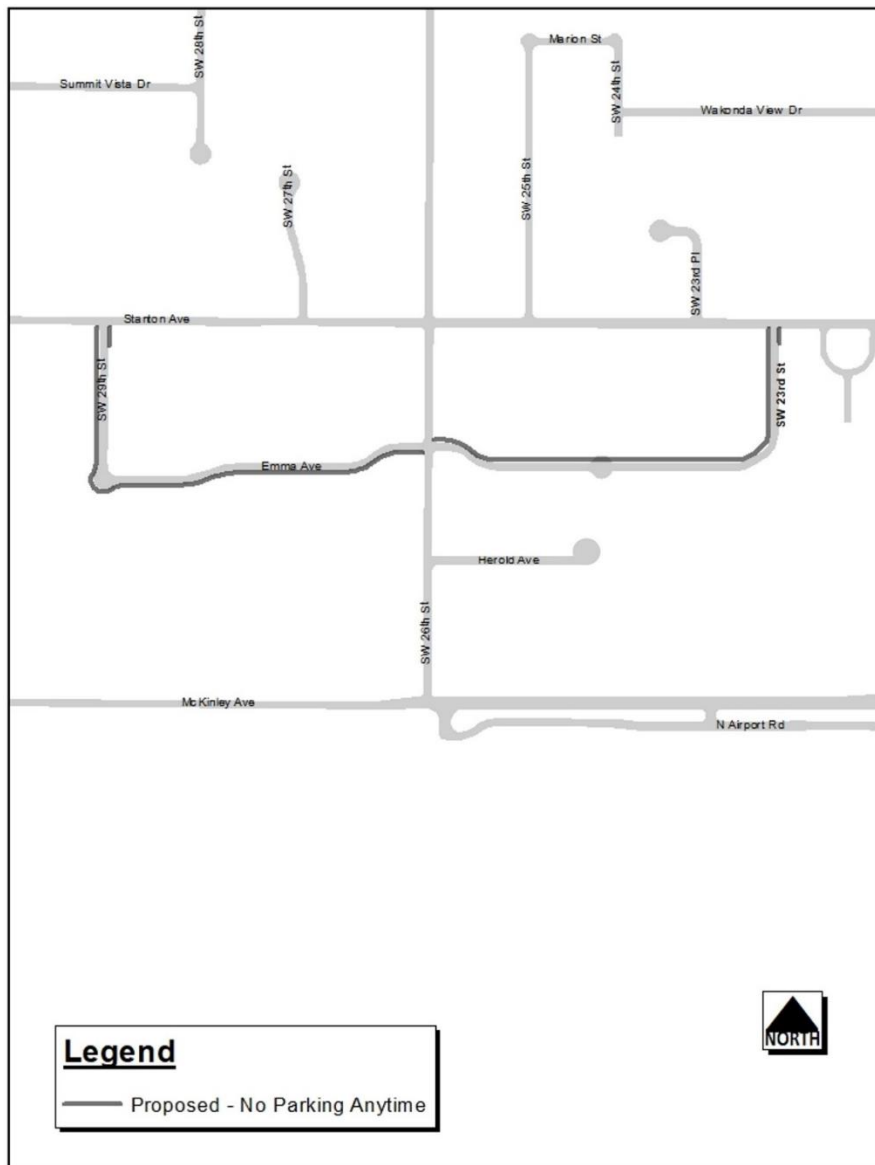


Sec. 114-3625. Scott Avenue--Southeast First Street to east city limits.

Scott Avenue, on the north side from a point 208 feet east of Southeast Tenth Street to a point 22 feet east thereof, handicap parking.

- C. As part of the Stanton Ridge – Plat 1 project, the existing cul-de-sac of Emma Avenue east of SW 26th Street was extended to SW 23rd Street and SW 23rd Street was extended from Stanton Avenue to Emma Avenue. As part of the street construction, parking was restricted on the west side of SW 23rd Street. A field review of the streets in place prior to the project found that Emma Avenue from SW 23rd Street to SW 29th Street and SW 29th Street from Stanton Avenue to Emma Avenue are 24 feet from face of curb to face of curb. Based on the City’s Parking Restriction Policy, parking must be restricted on one (1) side of the street. Staff recommend adding the existing, signed parking restrictions on SW 23rd Street to the Municipal Code to match field conditions. Staff also recommend restricting parking on the north side of Emma Avenue from SW 23rd to SW 26th Street, on the south side of Emma Avenue from SW

26th Street to SW 29th Street, and on the west side of SW 29th Street between Emma Avenue and Stanton Avenue to comply with the City’s Parking Restriction Policy. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place the recommended changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2818. Southwest Twenty-third Street--George Flagg Parkway to ~~Park Avenue~~ Emma Avenue.

Southwest Twenty-third Street, on the west side, from George Flagg Parkway to Sunset Road, no parking any time.

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Southwest Twenty-third Street, on the east side, from Stanton Avenue to a point 85 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Southwest Twenty-third Street, on the west side, from Stanton Avenue to Emma Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2859. Southwest Twenty-ninth Street--~~Haines Street~~ Seniomsed Avenue to Watrous Avenue Emma Avenue.

Southwest Twenty-ninth Street, on the west side, from ~~Haines Street~~ Seniomsed Avenue to Edwards Avenue, no parking any time.

Southwest Twenty-ninth Street, on the east side, from ~~a point 160 feet north of Thornton Avenue~~ to Watrous Avenue, no parking any time.

Southwest Twenty-ninth Street, on the west side, from Stanton Avenue to Emma Avenue, no parking any time.

Southwest Twenty-ninth Street, on the east side, from Stanton Avenue to a point 75 feet south thereof, no parking anytime.

Sec. 114-3181. Emma Avenue--South Union Street to ~~Southwest Sixteenth Street~~ Southwest Twenty-ninth Street.

Emma Avenue, on the north side, from Southwest Twenty-third Street to Southwest Twenty-sixth Street, no parking any time.

Emma Avenue, on the south side, from Southwest Twenty-sixth Street to Southwest Twenty-ninth Street, no parking any time.

- D. This item was originally brought forward at the February 5, 2024, City Council Meeting. City Council requested that staff bring the item back at a future date with additional information. The Des Moines Public Schools and DART requested the curb inset area on the west side of SW 9th Street adjacent to Lincoln High School be changed from school bus loading/unloading and parking to only a bus loading/unloading zone. DART stages three (3) buses for end of school day dismissal and has been having issues with private vehicles parking or standing in the inset area. From observation, when DART cannot pull into the inset due to parked vehicles, southbound traffic queues back into the intersection of SW 9th & Bell, blocking the crosswalks across SW 9th Street, and creating a traffic safety issue. Des Moines Public Schools administration consulted with the Lincoln High School administration, and all agreed to the proposal to change the designation of the inset to bus loading/unloading only for the entire length of the inset. The high school's administration encourages drop-offs and pick-ups of students via private vehicles to be conducted on Loomis or Bell Avenues. No changes to the length of the inset are proposed. Staff recommend modifying the Municipal Code to designate the inset, approximately 200 feet, 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.

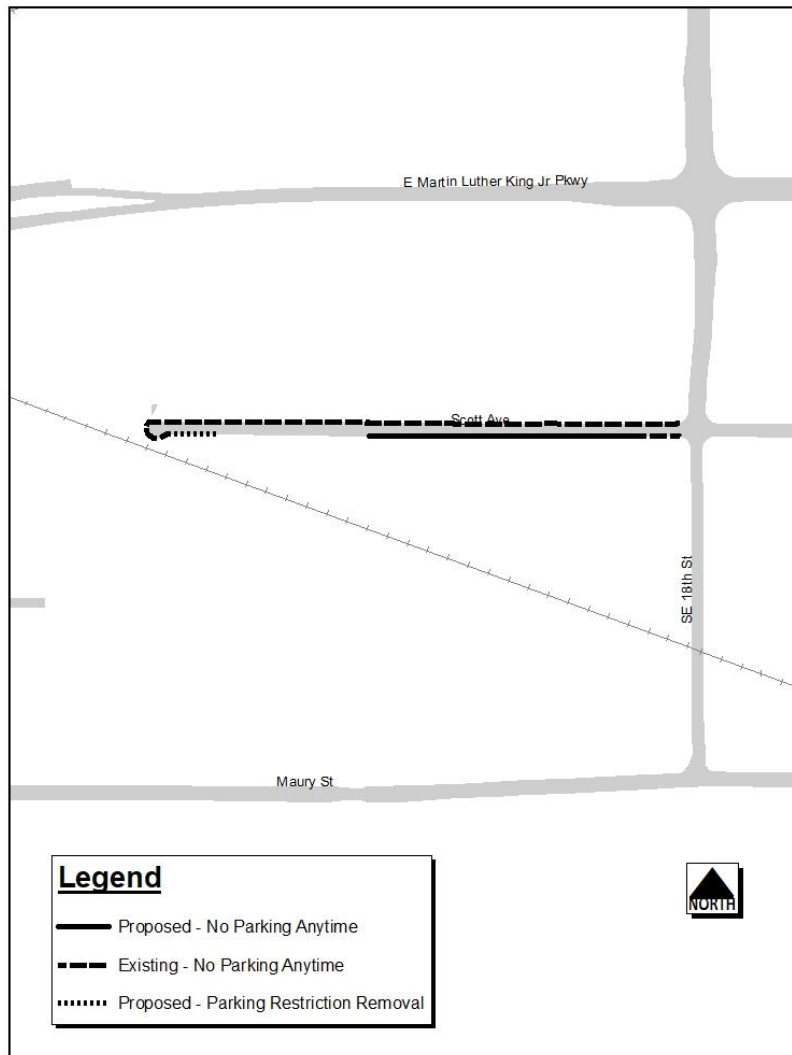
~~Southwest Ninth Street, on the west side, from Loomis Avenue to a point 290 feet north thereof, school bus loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.~~

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.

- E. The Facilities Division of the City Manager’s Office has requested that parking be removed on the south side of Scott Avenue west of SE 18th Street across from the business driveways to facilitate turning truck movements for the City’s Municipal Service Building (MSC) as well as the businesses between the MSC and SE 18th Street. City employees park on the south side of Scott Avenue in this area making it difficult for large trucks to access the businesses. Parking is

currently restricted on the south side of Scott Avenue across from the westernmost MSC driveway which has now been closed to traffic. The proposed changes would remove that parking restriction to allow for additional employee parking. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these changes into effect.

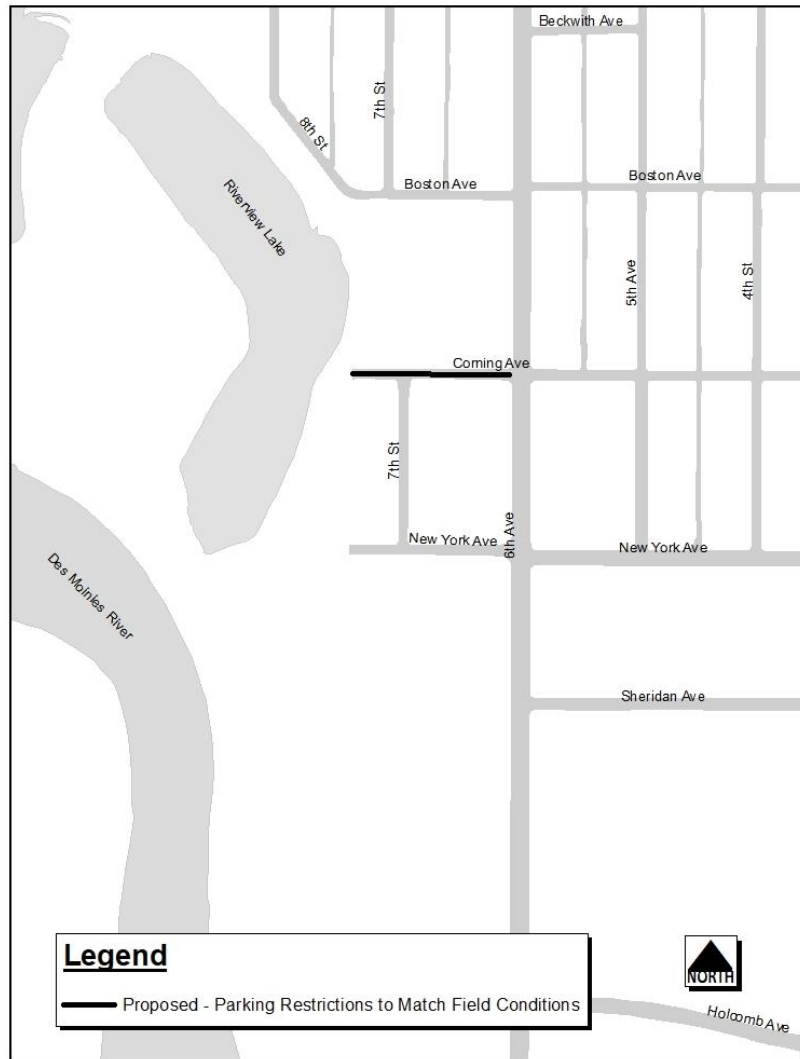


Sec. 114-3625. Scott Avenue--Southeast First Street to east city limits.

~~Scott Avenue, on the south side, from the cul de sac west of Southeast Eighteenth Street to 75 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

Scott Avenue, on the south side from a point 150780 feet west of Southeast Eighteenth Street to a point 200 feet east of Southeast Eighteenth Street, no parking any time.

- F. On-street parking modifications were implemented on Corning Avenue west of 6th Avenue as part of the Corning Avenue Cul-de-sac at Riverview Improvements constructed through Polk County. The signage was installed with the project, but the Municipal Code was not updated to reflect the on-street parking changes. Staff recommend modifying the Municipal Code to match field conditions. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-3103. Corning Avenue--Oxford Street to dead end west of Seventh Street.

~~Corning Avenue, on the north side, from Fifth Avenue to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

Corning Avenue, on the south side, from Second Avenue to a point ~~110~~ 30 feet west of Seventh Street, no parking any time.

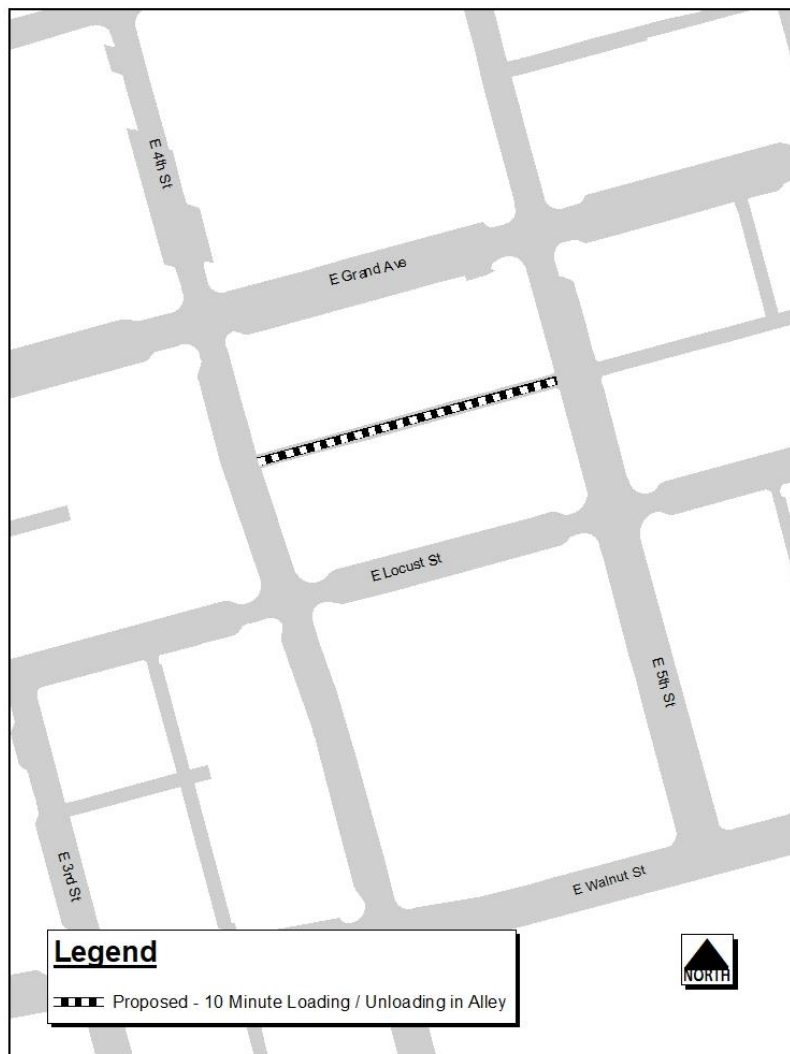
Corning Avenue, on the north side, from Fifth Avenue to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

~~Corning Avenue, on the north side, from Seventh Street to a point 90 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

Corning Avenue, on the south side, from a point 30 feet west of Seventh Street to a point 60 feet west thereof, loading zone.

Corning Avenue, on the north side, from a point 90 feet east of Seventh Street to and including the cul-de-sac west of Seventh Street, no parking any time.

G. City Councilmembers and staff have received complaints about parked and/or stopped vehicles in the alley between E Grand Avenue and E Locust Street that extends east/west between E 4th Street and E 5th Street (East Locust Alley) impeding other traffic needing access to the East Locust Alley (examples: impeding snow removal operations, impeding access to garages off the alley, impeding access to garbage dumpsters). The Municipal Code currently prohibits parking in alleys and limits loading/unloading to 40 minutes. Members of the City's Police Traffic Operations Section have met with adjacent properties to discuss parking and loading in the alley and have paid additional attention to the East Locust Alley in the past two (2) months. However, one (1) of the challenges with enforcement brought up by our Police Traffic Operations Section is the 40-minute time limit allowed in alleys for "expeditious loading, unloading and delivery". They have suggested reducing the loading time limit to 10 minutes within the East Locust Alley. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place this change into effect.



Sec. 114-361.09. Parking in alleys.

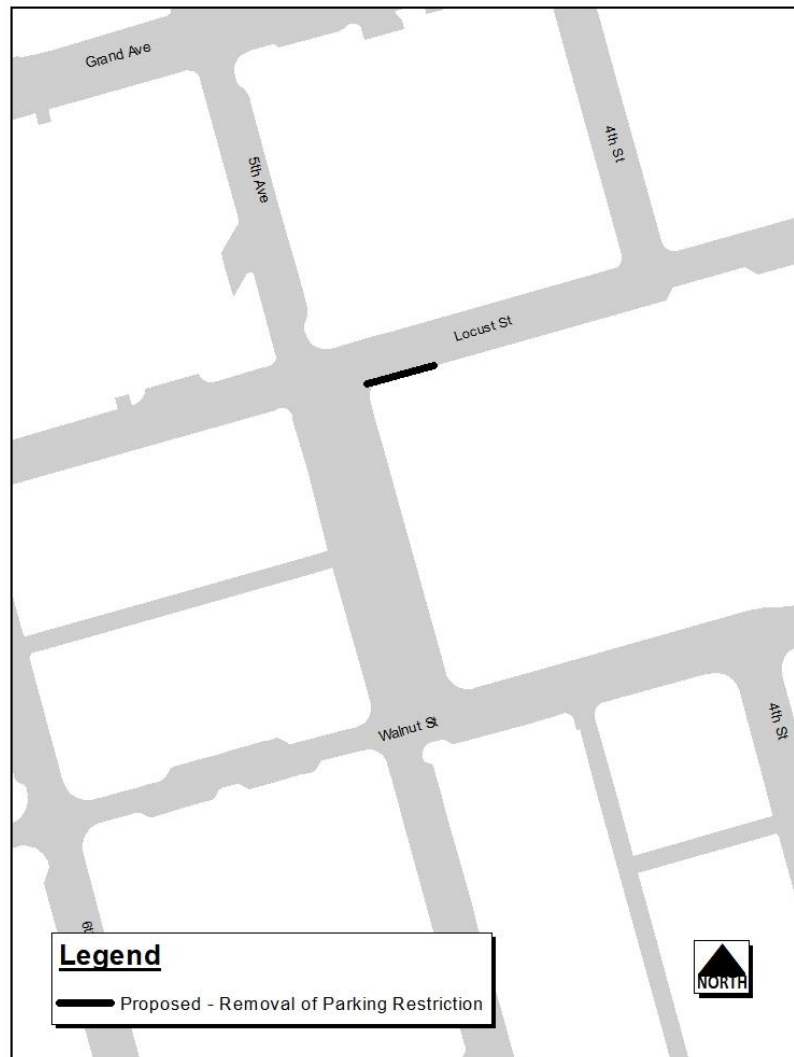
- (a) No person shall park a vehicle in any alley except for the expeditious loading, unloading and delivery which is incident to the loading and unloading of material or merchandise or passengers. In no event shall any vehicle park in any alley for more than 40 minutes at any one time unless otherwise designated in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Any person otherwise in compliance with subsection (a) shall park for no more than ten minutes at any one time in the following described alleys:

1. Alley between East Locust Street and E Grand Avenue, on both sides, from East Fourth Street to East Fifth Street.

(c) A person who violates any provision of this section shall pay a fine of \$30.00.

H. With the recent change of 5th Avenue, additional parking can be allowed on the south side of Locust Street, to the east of 5th Avenue. Approximately three (3) spaces can be added to this area by removing current parking restrictions. These changes are recommended by City staff. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.

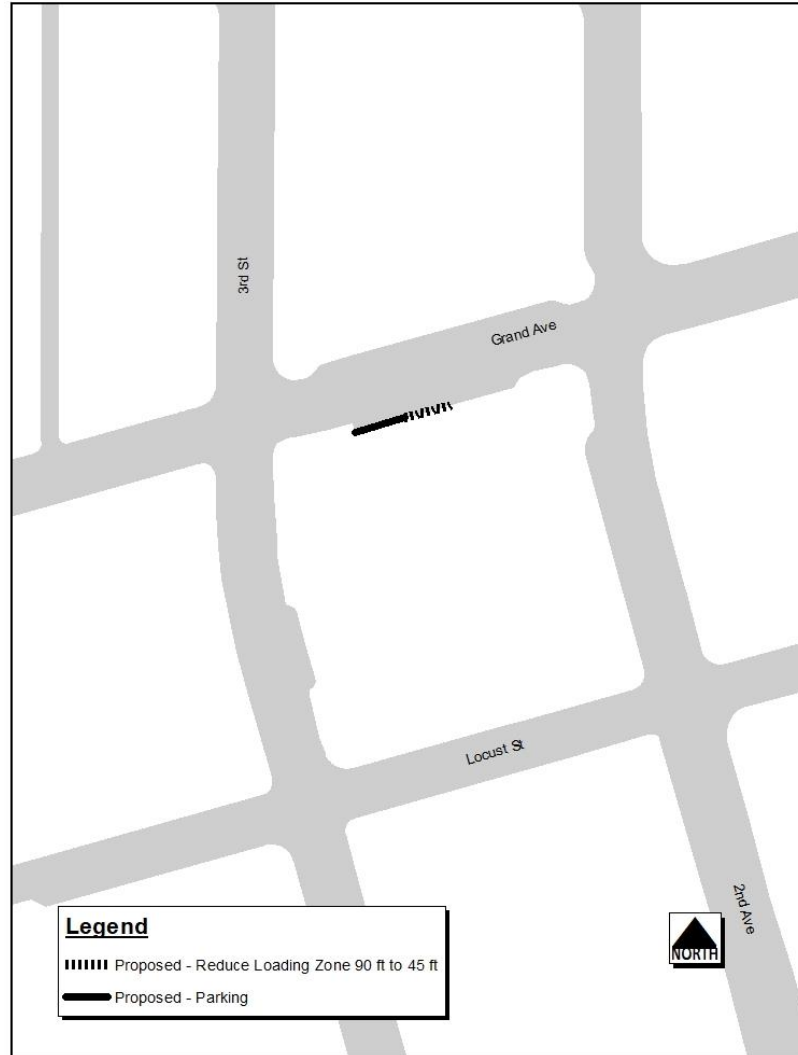


Sec. 114-3422. Locust Street--Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue.

~~Locust Street, on the south side, from a point 180 feet west of Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue, no parking any time.~~

I. Grand Avenue is heavily parked in the area between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Street and vehicles are routinely observed being parked in portions of the 90-foot loading zone on the south side of

Grand Avenue between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Street. A 45-foot loading zone is appropriate for most daily uses. With the addition of the new Federal Courthouse, additional parking demand will be introduced in the area and this change would add two (2) parking spaces in this highly parked area. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.

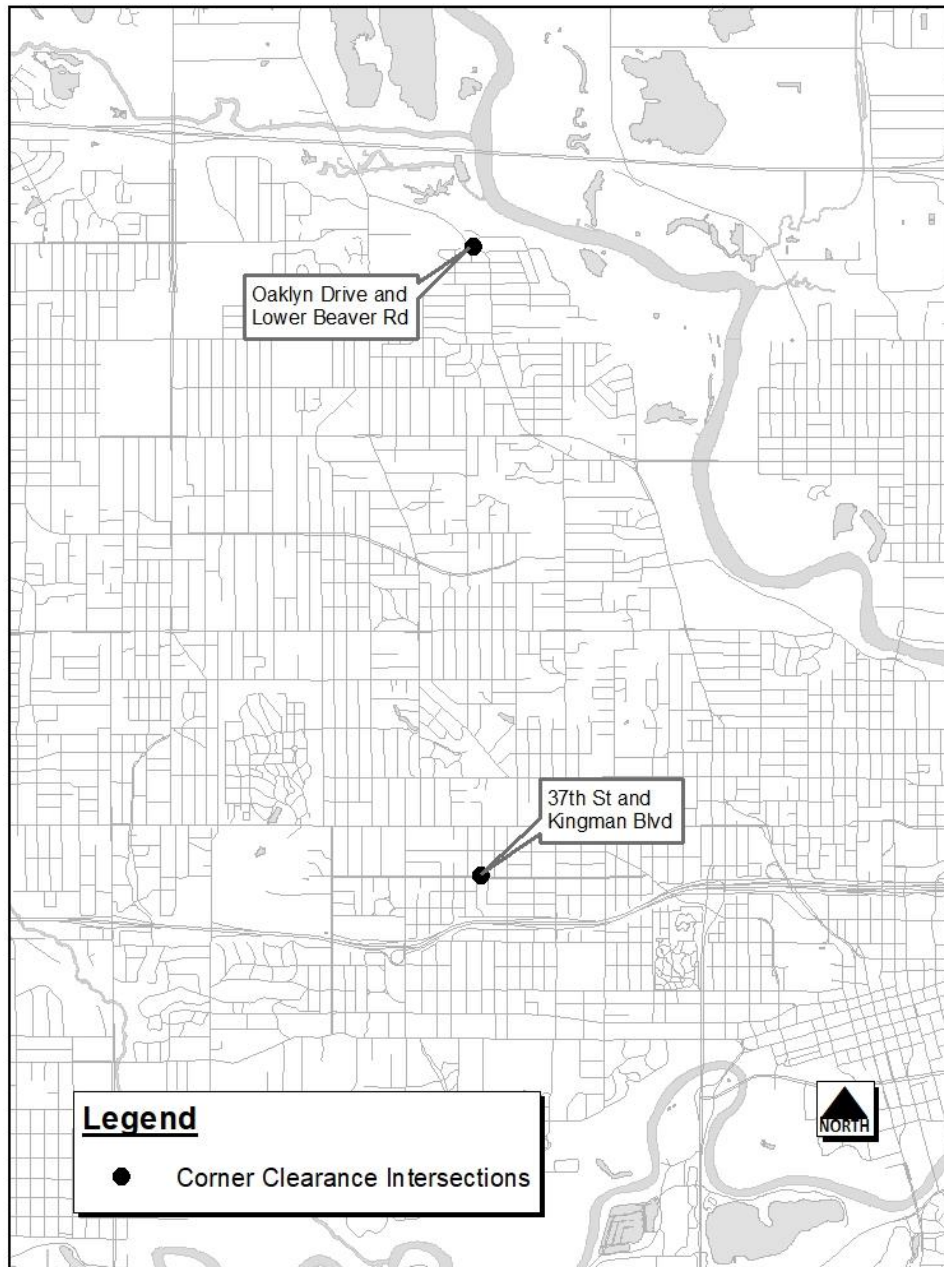


Sec. 114-3245. Grand Avenue--Second Avenue to Third Street.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 110 feet west of Second Avenue to a point ~~90~~ 45 feet west thereof, loading zone.

J. 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.

- 37th Street and Kingman Boulevard
- Oaklyn Drive and Lower Beaver Road



Sec. 114-2900. Thirty-seventh Street--John Lynde Road to Douglas Avenue.

~~Thirty seventh Street, on the west side, from Kingman Boulevard to University Avenue, no parking any time.~~

Thirty-seventh Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet south of Kingman Boulevard to a point 50 feet north of University Avenue, no parking any time.

~~Thirty seventh Street, on the west side, from University Avenue to a point 50 feet north thereof, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-3380. Kingman Boulevard--Thirty-fifth Street to Forty-second Street.

Kingman Boulevard, on the south side, from Thirty-seventh Street to a point 60 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3530. Oaklyn Drive--Brinkwood Road to Skyline Drive.

Oaklyn Drive, on the east side, from Lower Beaver Road to a point ~~50~~ 60 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 7, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1071](#)

Action: Approving Private Construction Contracts between the following: (B) [Alliance](#) Construction Group, LLC and KEC Investments, LLC for Paving Improvements in Stanton Ridge Plat 1. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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