


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>25-168</b>	Meeting:	<b>May 5, 2025</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>58</b>	Roll Call:	<b>25-0701</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows:

- A. Parking and Loading Zone Modifications –
  - 1. 3rd Street – Vine Street to Court Avenue
  - 2. Vine Street – Southwest 3rd Street to Southwest 2nd Street
- B. Parking Modification – E 22nd Street between E University Avenue and Ankeny Avenue
- C. Parking Modification – SE 17th Street between E Virginia Avenue and E Pleasant View Drive
- D. Parking Modification – Aurora Avenue between 39th Place and Shawnee Avenue
- E. Parking Modification – Broad Street between SW 5th Street and South Union Street
- F. Code Correction – Streets intersecting E Vine Street between Johnson Court and SE 16th Court
- G. Code Correction – 14th Street between Laurel Street and Aurora Avenue
- H. Code Correction – Dixon Street between E Washington Avenue and Aurora Avenue
- I. Code Correction – Modifications related to right-of-way vacations –
  - 1. E 18th Street from E Washington Avenue to E Jefferson Avenue
  - 2. E Jefferson Avenue from E 17th Street to Dixon Street
  - 3. Mattern Avenue from E 17th Street to Dixon Street
- J. Code Correction - Park Street between Sixth Avenue and Seventh Street
- K. Corner Clearance Parking Restrictions –
  - 1. 47th Street and Ovid Avenue
  - 2. E Washington Avenue and E 32nd 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.

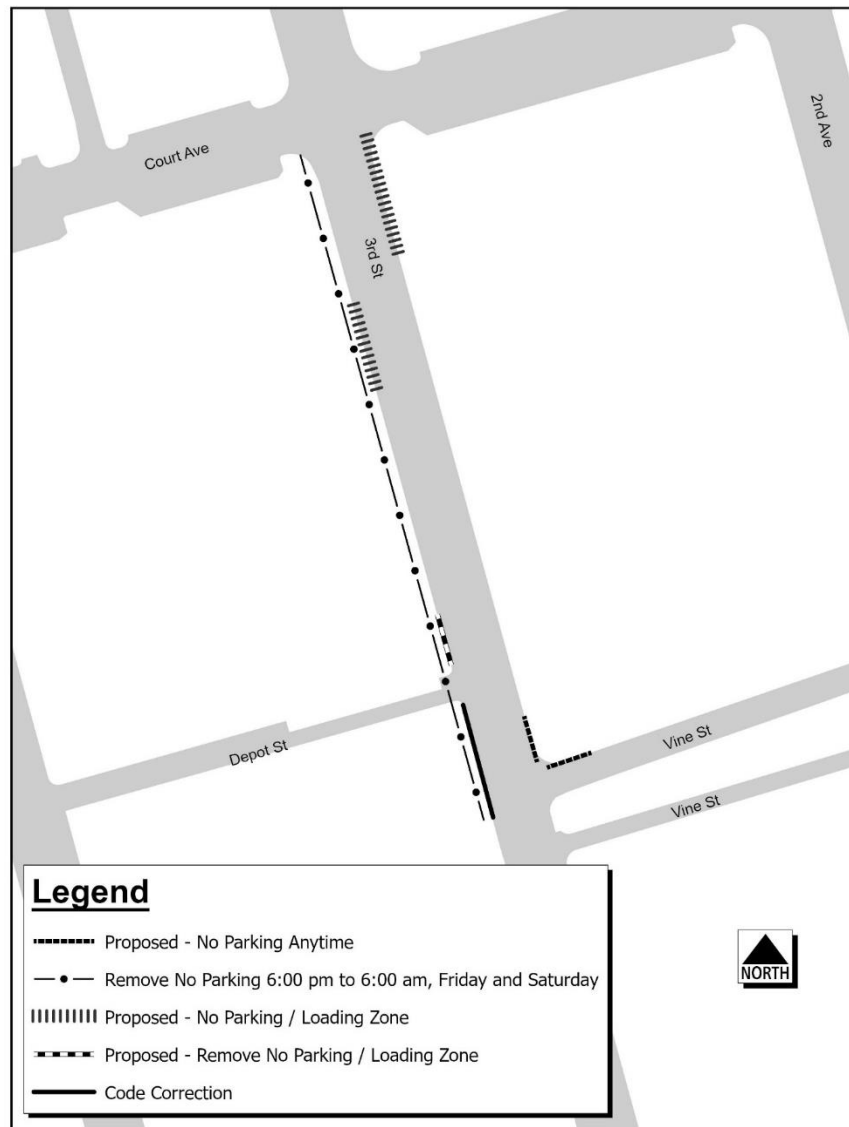
Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Operating Budget, Page 58, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

A. City staff received a request from the Greater Des Moines Partnership and Des Moines Police Department to better accommodate individuals using transportation network companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft within the Court Avenue District. A report by the Responsible Hospitality Institute (RHI) on the Court Avenue Entertainment highlighted the need for a designated rideshare hub to streamline pick-ups and improve late-night dispersal. Having a centralized location for TNC pick-ups helps reduce congestion, noise complaints and the risk of impaired driving. The goal is to create a pick-up point for TNCs on the west side of 3rd Street south of Court Avenue specifically between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday to reduce lane/intersection blockages and provide space off the roadway for pedestrians to wait. The TNCs will create and activate a geofenced virtual zone during those specific hours, directing riders within the area to this designated location. The City will sign the area as a rideshare pick up area. During the review of 3rd Street between Court Avenue and Vine Street, areas were identified where the Municipal Code and signage need to be updated to meet current conditions or standards. Based on the request and a review of 3rd Street between Court Avenue and Vine Street, staff recommend the following:

- Remove the existing parking restriction from 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM on Fridays and Saturdays, from Vine Street to Court Avenue, on the west side of 3rd Street. This change would allow eight (8) parking spaces to be available daily after 9:00 PM for vehicles to park. The original restriction, implemented in 2011, is no longer necessary due to evolving business and land-use patterns.
- Add a 60-foot, standard loading zone on the west side of 3rd Street starting from a point 115 feet south of Court Avenue. Parking is restricted at all times within a loading zone but allows 20 minutes for active loading of passengers and goods. This area would be designated by the TNCs and signed by the City for rideshare pick-up. It would also provide a loading area for businesses during business hours. There is currently not a designated loading zone on the west side of 3rd Street between Court Avenue and the alley immediately to the south and delivery vehicles have been observed using the ADA parking space and stopping within the travel lane. The addition of the loading zone/rideshare pick-up area would remove two (2) metered parking spaces.
- Remove the existing standard loading zone on the west side of 3rd Street between Depot Street and Vine Street. This area is not needed for loading as there is sufficient space off street. One (1) metered parking space would be added in this area.
- Convert the existing commercial loading zone on the east side of 3rd Street just south of Court Avenue to a standard loading zone. The existing commercial loading zone allows parking after 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and all-day Sunday. The Police Department has requested that parking be restricted to only loading on all days and during all hours. This adjustment is intended to accommodate public safety vehicle access during evening hours.
- Add parking restrictions (corner clearances) at the intersection of 3rd Street and Vine Street to enhance the visibility of vehicles and pedestrians and provide clearance adjacent to the pedestrian crossing as required by the Municipal Code. These changes will remove one (1) parking space on 3rd Street and one parking space on Vine Street.

The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2603. Third Street—Vine Street to Court Avenue.

Third Street, on the west side, from Vine Street to a point ~~83~~ 40 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

~~Third Street, on the west side, from a point 115 feet north of Vine Street to a point 25 feet north thereof, 24-hour loading zone.~~

Third Street, on the west side, from a point 115 feet south of Court Avenue to a point 60 feet south thereof, loading zone.

~~Third Street, on the west side, from Court Avenue to Vine Street, no parking 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday.~~

~~Third Street, on the east side, from Vine Street to a point 50 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.~~

Third Street, on the east side, from Vine Street to a point 40 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Third Street, on the east side, from Court Avenue to a point 80 feet south thereof, ~~commercial~~ loading zone.

~~Third Street, on the east side, from a point 125 feet south of Court Avenue to a point 25 feet south thereof, commercial loading zone.~~

Sec. 114-3710. Vine Street—Southwest Second Street to Southwest Twelfth Street.

Vine Street (westbound), on the north side, from Southwest Third Street to a point 40 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

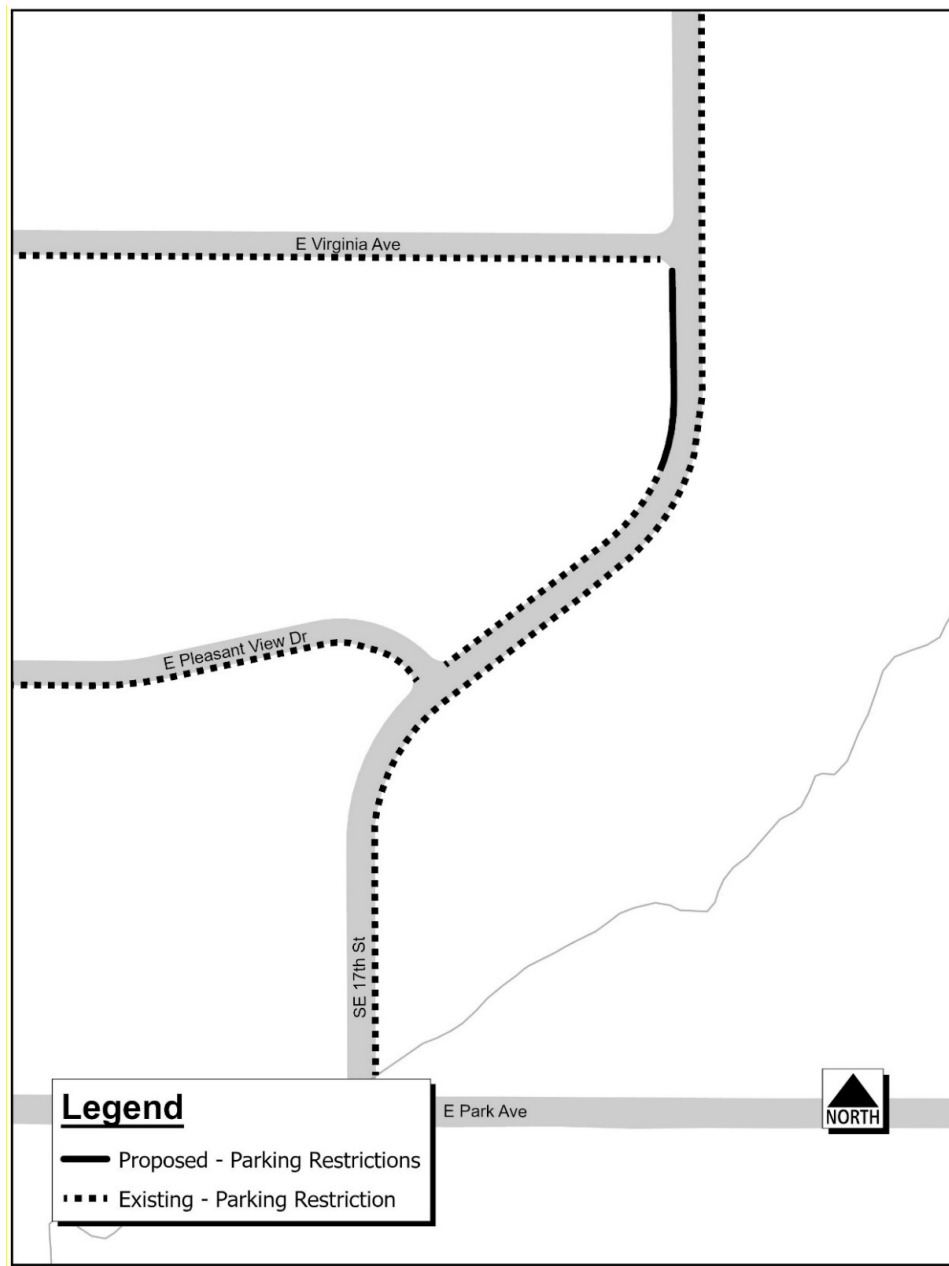
- B. The existing parking restriction on the west side of E 22nd Street south of E University Avenue was originally established at a length of 350 feet to accommodate large service trucks entering/exiting the CenturyLink parking lot. That type of vehicle is no longer using that access. As a result, the parking restriction on E 22nd Street can be shortened to allow more on-street parking for the residents. Staff recommend shortening the parking restriction from 350 feet to 200 feet to add approximately seven (7) on-street parking spaces for residents. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2809. East Twenty-second Street--Dean Avenue to Hull Avenue.

East Twenty-second Street, on the west side, from a point 200 feet south of East University Avenue to ~~a point 350 feet south thereof~~ East University Avenue, no parking any time.

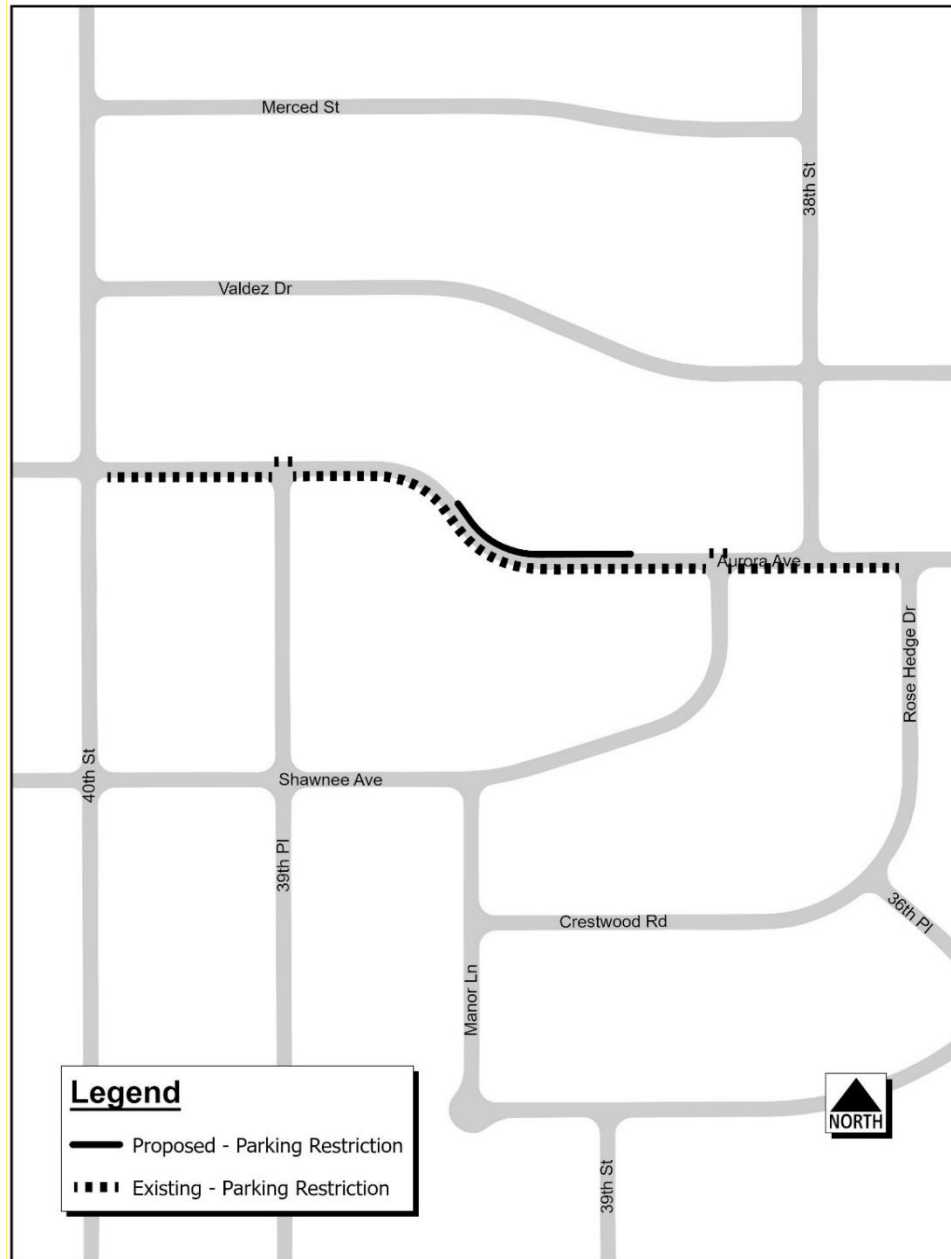
- C. A resident expressed concern about parked vehicles on SE 17th Street between E Virginia Avenue and E Pleasant View Drive creating sight distance concerns approaching the curve. Parking is currently prohibited on the east side of SE 17th Street between E Virginia Avenue and E Pleasant View Drive and on a portion of the west side. A field review of SE 17th Street in this section was completed by Traffic and Transportation staff. Based on the posted speed limit, 25 mph, and the sight distance requirements, staff recommend removing parking on the west side of SE 17th Street between E Virginia Avenue and E Pleasant View Drive. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2777. Southeast Seventeenth Street--Pioneer Road to East Park Avenue.

Southeast Seventeenth Street, on the west side, from East Virginia Avenue to East Pleasant View Drive to a point 300 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

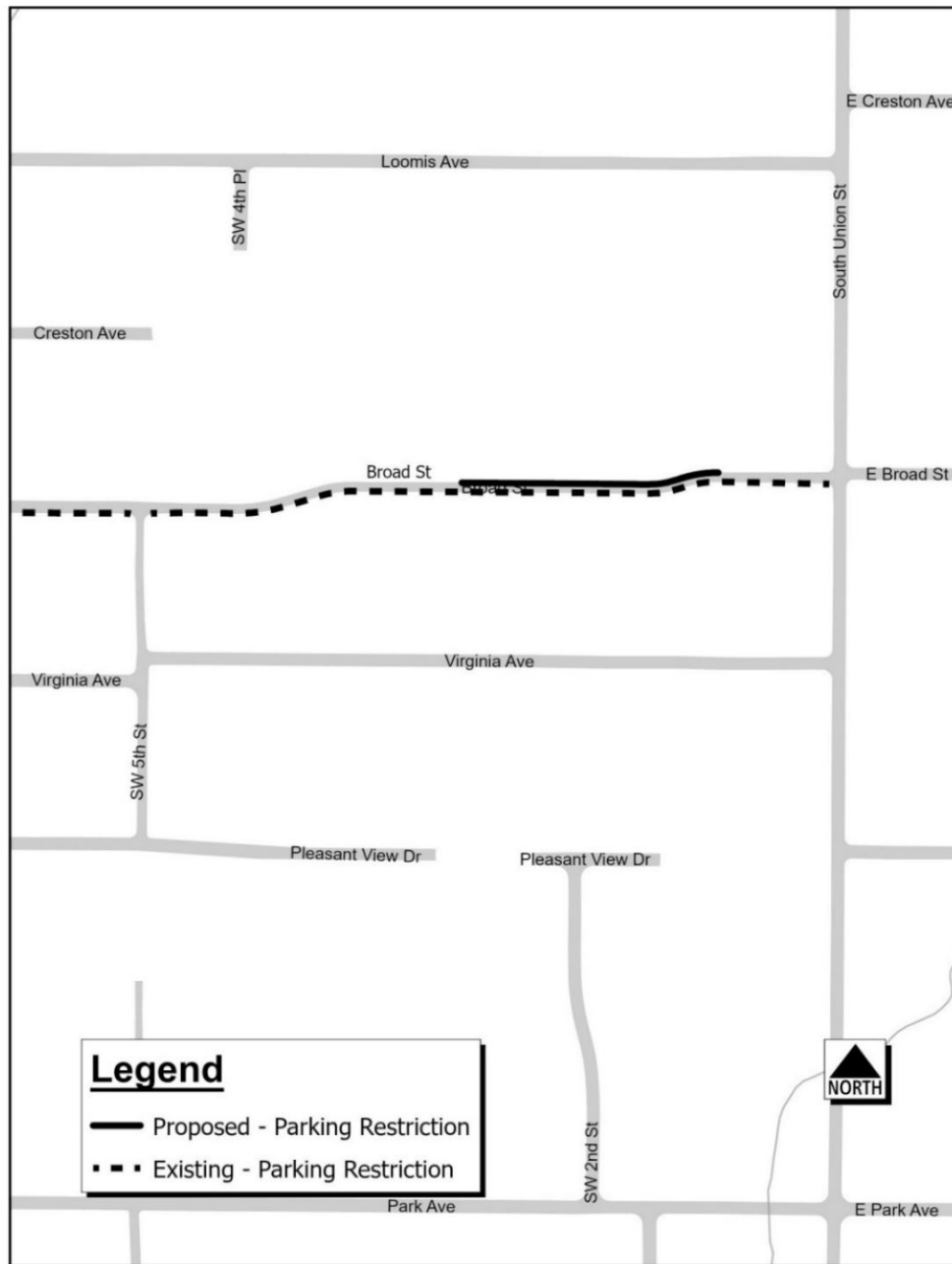
- D. A resident expressed concern about parked vehicles on Aurora Avenue between 39th Place and Shawnee Avenue creating sight distance concerns within the curve. Parking is currently prohibited on the south side of Aurora Avenue between 39th Place and Shawnee Avenue. A field review of Aurora Avenue in this section was completed by Traffic and Transportation staff. Based on the posted speed limit, 25 mph, and the sight distance requirements, staff recommend removing parking on the north side of Aurora Avenue within the curve. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2999. Aurora Avenue--Lower Beaver Road to west city limits.

Aurora Avenue, on the north side, from a point 125 feet west of Shawnee Avenue to a point 310 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

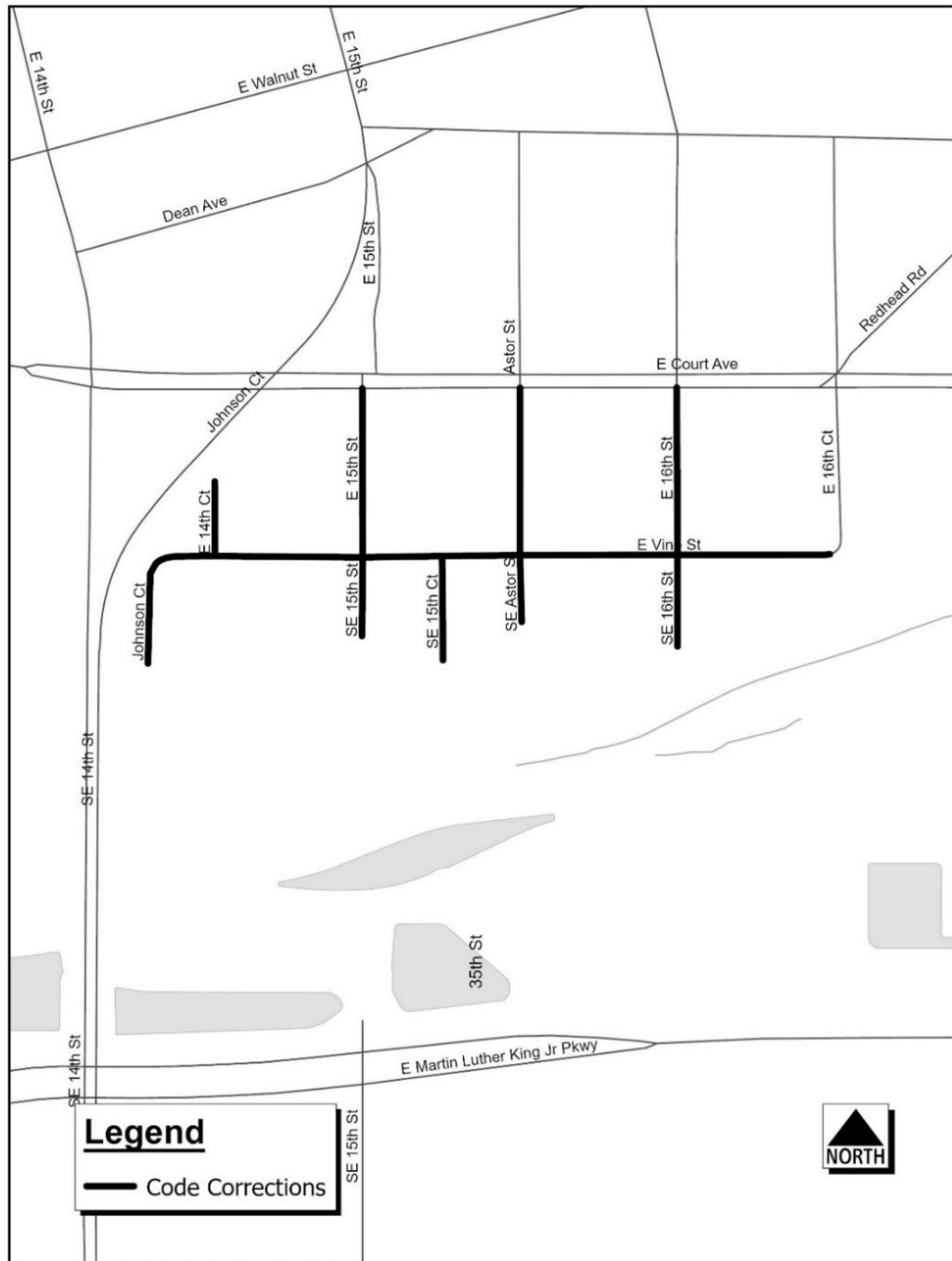
- E. A resident expressed concern about parked vehicles on Broad Street between SW 5th Street and South Union Street creating sight distance concerns within the curve and hillcrest. Parking is currently prohibited on the south side of Broad Street between SW 5th Street and South Union Street and at the intersection with SW 5th Street. A field review of Broad Street in this section was completed by Traffic and Transportation staff. Based on the posted speed limit, 25 mph, and the sight distance requirements, staff recommend removing parking on the north side of Broad Street within the curve and hillcrest. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-3032. Broad Street--South Union Street to Southwest Fourteenth Street.

Broad Street, on the north side, from a point 225 feet west of South Union Street to a point 500 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

- F. During a field review of E Vine Street between Johnson Court and SE 16th Street several inconsistencies were found with the parking restrictions on the streets intersecting with E Vine Street including incorrect street names, items missing, and parking restrictions that did not match the signage in place in the field. Modifications to the Municipal Code are necessary to correct code language to match field conditions and correct errors. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2745. East Fourteenth Court--East Vine Street to East Grand Avenue.

East Fourteenth Court, on the east side, from East Vine Street to ~~a point 190 feet north thereof~~ including the dead end north of East Vine Street, no parking any time.



East Fourteenth Court, on the east side, from Capitol Avenue to East Grand Avenue to ~~Capitol Avenue~~, two-hour parking 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

East Fourteenth Court, on the west side, from Capitol Avenue to East Grand Avenue to ~~Capitol Avenue~~, no parking any time.

~~East Fourteenth Court, on both sides, from the south connection with East Fourteenth Street northeast to Dean Avenue, no parking any time.~~

~~East Fourteenth Court, on both sides, from Maple Street northwest to the connection with East Fourteenth Street, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-2746. Southeast Fourteenth Court--~~East Vine Street~~Scott Avenue to Hartford Avenue.

~~Southeast Fourteenth Court, on the west side, from East Vine Street south to and including the dead end, no parking any time.~~

~~Southeast Fourteenth Court, on the east side, from East Vine Street south to the dead end, no parking 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays.~~

Sec. 114-2753. East Fourteenth Street--~~East Vine~~Southeast Fourteenth Street to East Aurora Avenue.

East Fourteenth Street, on both sides, from ~~East Vine~~Southeast Fourteenth Street to East Aurora Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2754. Southeast Fourteenth Street--~~East Vine~~Fourteenth Street to East County Line Road.

Southeast Fourteenth Street, on both sides, from East ~~Vine~~Fourteenth Street to ~~a point 530 feet southeast of East Army Post Road~~East County Line Road, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2756. Southeast Fifteenth Court--East Vine Street to dead end south of East Watrous Avenue.

Southeast Fifteenth Court, on the west side, from ~~Raccoon Street~~Scott Avenue to Maury Street, no parking any time.

~~Southeast Fifteenth Court, on the east side, from East Granger Street to East Edison Avenue, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-2761. East Fifteenth Street--East Vine Street to East Ovid Avenue.

East Fifteenth Street, on the east side, from ~~a point 470 feet south of East Vine Street~~ to East Court Avenue, no parking any time.

East Fifteenth Street, on both sides, from Dean Avenue north to ~~Maple Street~~Johnson Court, no parking any time.

~~East Fifteenth Street, from East University Avenue to Garfield Avenue, no stopping or standing 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.~~

East Fifteenth Street, on the east side, from East University Avenue to a point 50 feet south of Garfield Avenue, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

~~East Fifteenth Street, on the west side, from Garfield Avenue to Cleveland Avenue, no parking any time.~~

East Fifteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet south of Garfield Avenue to ~~a point 50 feet south thereof~~Garfield Avenue, no parking any time.

East Fifteenth Street, on the west side, from Garfield Avenue to Cleveland Avenue, no parking any time.

East Fifteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet south of Cleveland Avenue to ~~a point 50 feet south thereof~~Cleveland Avenue, no parking any time.

East Fifteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet south of Richmond Avenue to ~~a point 70 feet south thereof~~Richmond Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2762. Southeast Fifteenth Street--East Vine Street to dead end south of East Watrous Avenue.

Southeast Fifteenth Street, on the east side, from East Vine Street to and including the dead end south of East Vine Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2770. Southeast Sixteenth Street--~~Dead end north of Raccoon Street~~East Leach Avenue to East Emma Avenue.

~~Southeast Sixteenth Street, on the west side, from a point 270 feet north of Raccoon Street to Scott Avenue, no parking any time.~~

~~Southeast Sixteenth Street, on the east side, from East Granger Street to Hartford Avenue, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-2996. Astor Street—~~Maury~~East Vine Street to Dean Avenue.

Astor Street, on the west side, from ~~a point 350 feet south of~~ East Vine Street to Dean Avenue, no parking any time.

~~Astor Street, on the east side, from Scott Avenue to Maury Street, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-2996.05 Southeast Astor Street—East Vine Street to the dead end south of East Vine Street.

Southeast Astor Street, on the west side, from East Vine Street to and including the dead end south of East Vine Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3352. Johnson Court--~~East Fourteenth Street~~Dead end south of East Vine Street to Fremont Street.

Johnson Court, on the west side, from East Vine Street to and including the dead end south of East Vine Street, no parking any time.

Johnson Court, on the east side, from East Vine Street to a point 80 feet south thereof, no parking 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays.

Johnson Court, on both sides, from ~~East~~Southeast Fourteenth Street north to Dean Avenue, no parking any time.

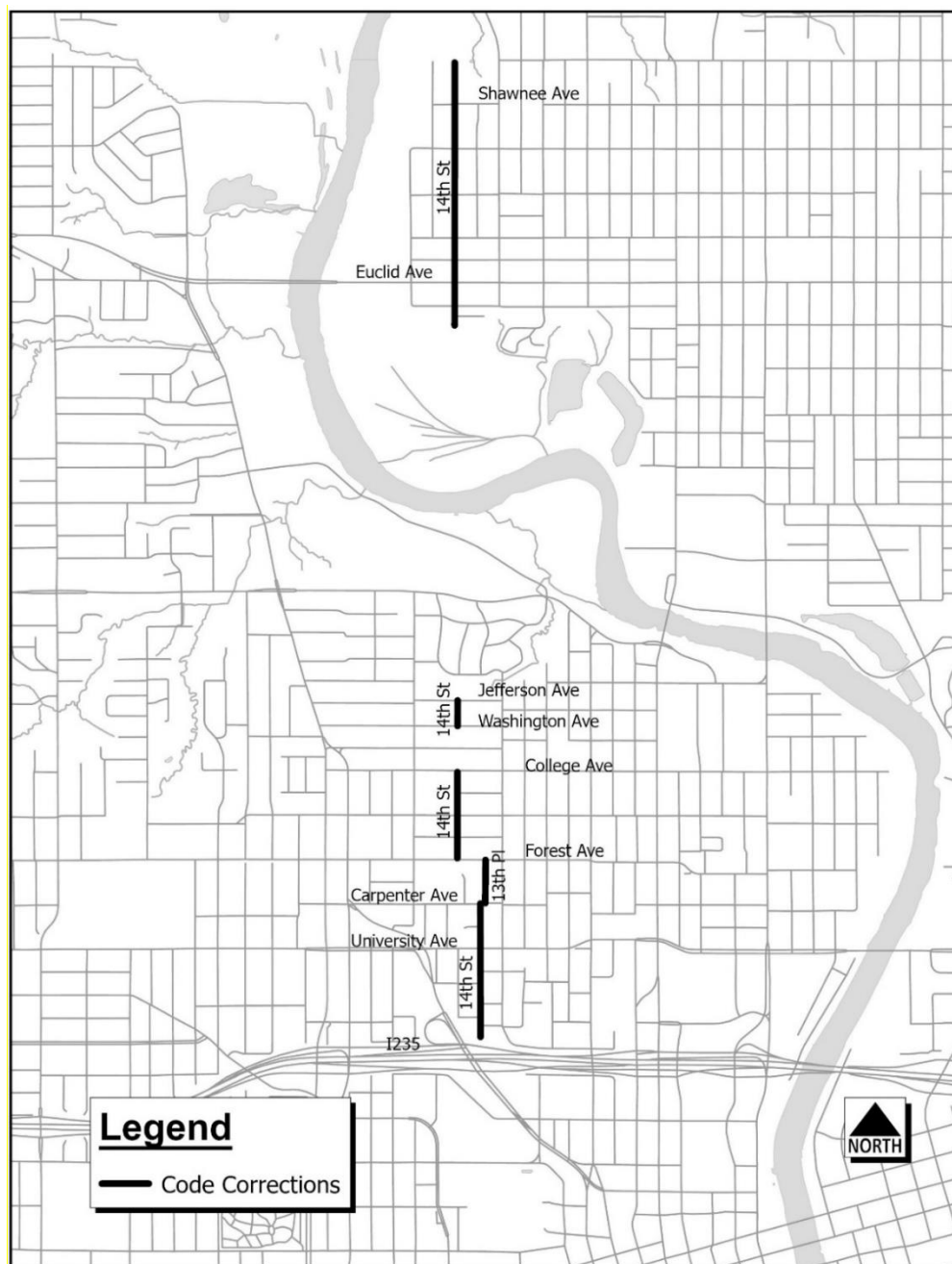
Johnson Court, on both sides, from ~~Maple~~East Fifteenth Street north to Fremont Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3711. East Vine Street—East/Southeast First~~Sixth~~ Street to ~~Southeast~~East Sixteenth Court.

~~East Vine Street, on both sides, from Southeast First Street to Southeast Sixth Street, no parking any time.~~

East Vine Street, on the north side, from ~~Southeast Fourteenth~~Johnson Court to ~~Southeast~~East Sixteenth Court, no parking any time.

- G. During a field review on 14th Street several inconsistencies were found in the code section that included items out of order, items missing, and parking restrictions that did not match the signage in place in the field. Modifications to the Municipal Code are necessary to correct code language to match field conditions and correct errors. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2752. Fourteenth Street--~~Woodland Avenue~~Dead end south of Laurel Street to Aurora Avenue.

~~Fourteenth Street, on both sides, from Woodland Avenue to a point 150 feet north thereof, no parking any time.~~

Fourteenth Street, on the east side, from and including the dead end south of Laurel Street to Carpenter Avenue, no parking any time.

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

Fourteenth Street, on the west side, from a point ~~50~~100 feet south of University Avenue to a point 50 feet ~~south~~north thereof, is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

Fourteenth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet south of University Avenue to University Avenue, no parking any time.

~~Fourteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 200 feet south of Laurel Street to Carpenter Avenue, no parking any time.~~

Fourteenth Street, on the west side, from Carpenter Avenue to and including the cul-de-sac north thereof, no parking any time.

Fourteenth Street, on the west side, from Forest Avenue to College Avenue, no parking any time.

~~Fourteenth Street, on the east side, from Norton Avenue to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.~~

Fourteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet south of Norton Avenue to a point ~~50~~110 feet north ~~thereof~~of Norton Avenue, no parking any time.

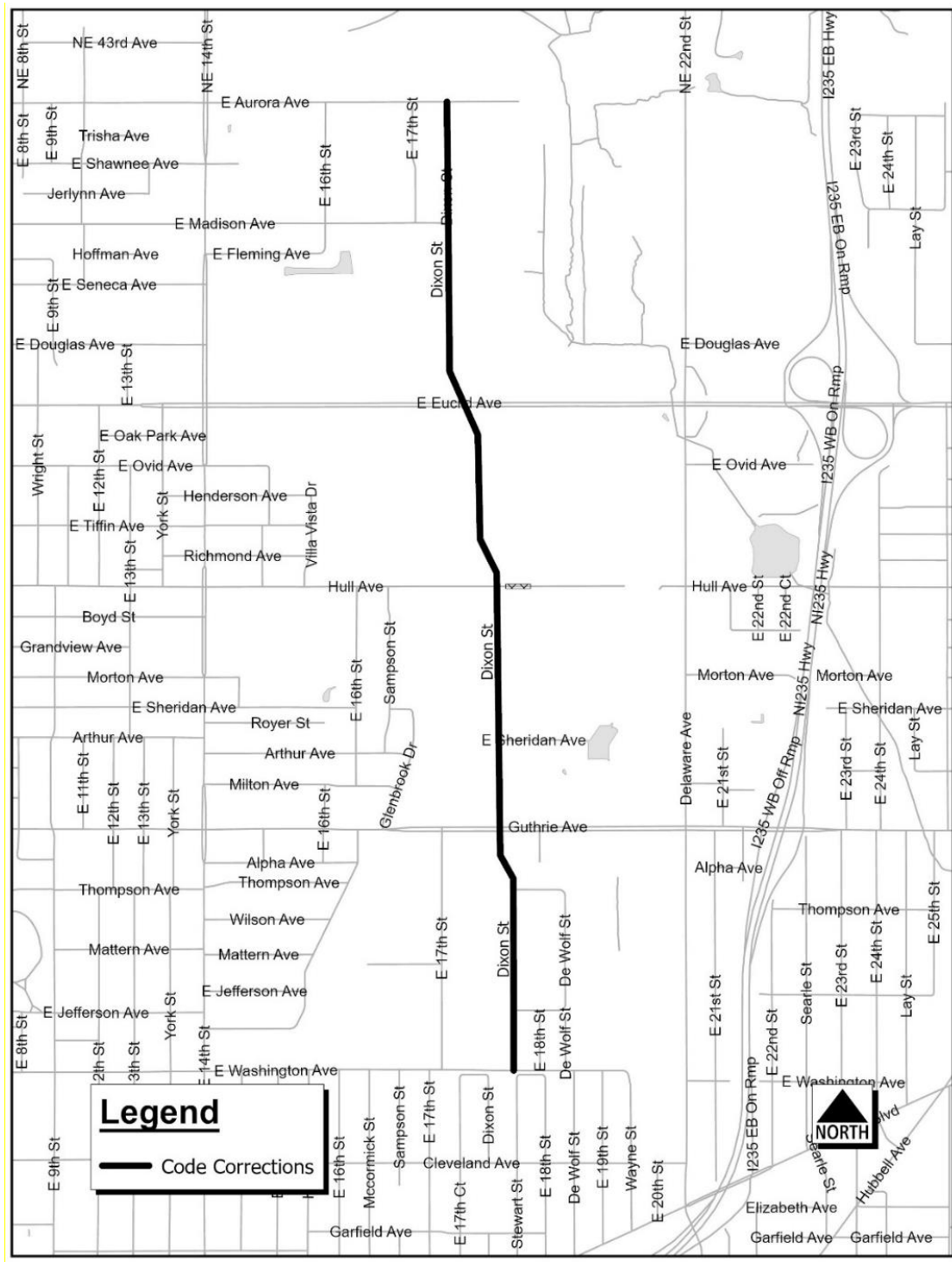
~~Fourteenth Street, on the west side, from Carpenter Avenue to College Avenue, no parking any time.~~

Fourteenth Street, on the west side, from ~~a point 100 feet~~and including the dead end south of Ovid Avenue to ~~Aurora~~and including the dead end north of Shawnee Avenue, no parking any time.

~~Fourteenth Street, on the east side, from Euclid Avenue to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.~~

Fourteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet south of Euclid Avenue to a point 50 feet north ~~thereof~~of Euclid Avenue, no parking any time.

- H. During a field review on Dixon Street, it was found that the Municipal Code did not match the signage in place in the field. Modifications to the Municipal Code are necessary to correct code language to match field conditions and correct errors. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2190. Dixon Street.

Dixon Street, from the north line of East ~~Eucled~~ Washington Avenue to the south line of ~~East Aurora~~ Hull Avenue, stop.

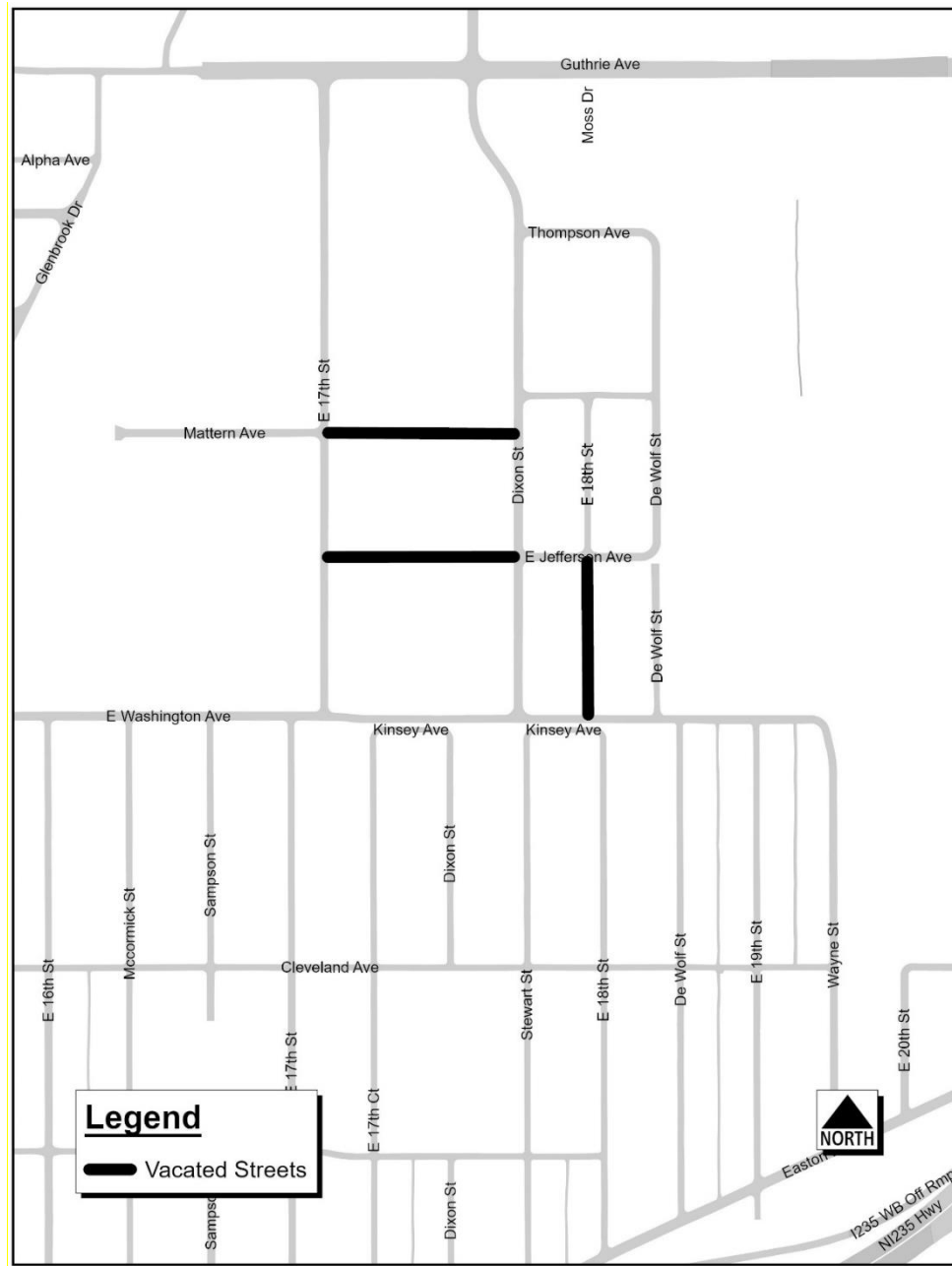
Dixon Street, from the north line of ~~East Hull~~ Hull Avenue to the south line of East ~~Eucled~~ Aurora Avenue, stop.

~~Dixon Street, from the north line of Guthrie Avenue to the south line of Hull Avenue, stop.~~

I. During a review of the Municipal Code, it was discovered that several street sections had not been removed from the Municipal Code when the streets were vacated. These include:

1. E 18th Street from E Washington Avenue to E Jefferson Avenue
2. E Jefferson Avenue from E 17th Street to Dixon Street
3. Mattern Avenue from E 17th Street to Dixon Street

Modifications to the Municipal Code are necessary to correct code language to match field conditions. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2783. East Eighteenth Street--~~East Vine~~Southeast Eighteenth Street north to ~~Guthrie~~Kinsey Avenue.

East Eighteenth Street, on both sides, from ~~East Vine~~Southeast Eighteenth Street north to East Grand Avenue, no parking any time.

East Eighteenth Street, on the east side, from ~~a point 100 feet~~the dead end south of Des Moines Street to Maple Street, no parking any time.

~~East Eighteenth Street, on both sides, from Maple Street to Walker Street, no parking any time.~~

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 East Washington Avenue to Mattern Avenue, no parking any time.~~

~~East Eighteenth Street, on the east side, from Thompson Avenue to Guthrie Avenue, no parking any time.~~

~~Sec. 114-2188. DeWolf Street.~~

~~DeWolf Street, at East Eighteenth Street, stop.~~

~~(C85, § 27-449.005; O.11,248; C91, § 27-1316; O.11,650)~~

Sec. 114-3357. East Jefferson Avenue--East Eighth Street to Williams Street.

East Jefferson Avenue, on the north side, from ~~East Fourteenth Street to a point 75 feet west thereof~~East Fourteenth Street to a point 50 feet east of East Fourteenth Street, no parking any time.

~~East Jefferson Avenue, on the north side, from East Fourteenth Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

East Jefferson Avenue, on the north side, from ~~East Seventeenth~~Dixon Street to DeWolf Street, no parking any time.

East Jefferson Avenue, on the north side, from East Thirty-third Street to and including the dead end east of East Thirty-third Street, no parking any time.

~~East Jefferson Avenue, on the north side, from East Thirty-third Street to a point 630 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-3476. Mattern Avenue--East Ninth Street to East Forty-second Street.

Mattern Avenue, on the north side, from a point 50 feet west of East Fourteenth Street to East Fourteenth Street~~a point 50 feet west thereof~~, no parking any time.

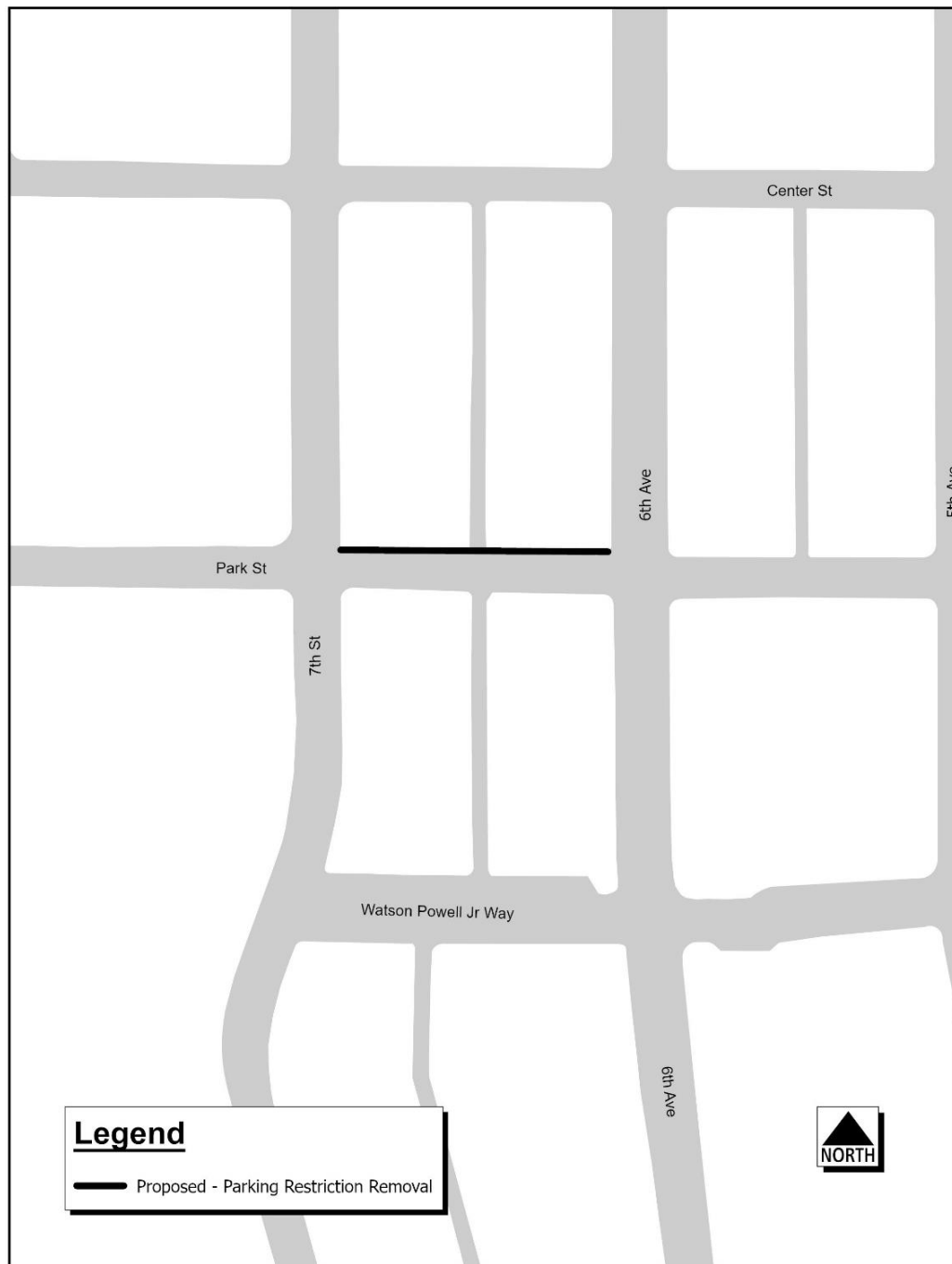
Mattern Avenue, on the north side, from East Fourteenth Street to Glenbrook Drive, no parking any time.

Mattern Avenue, on the south side, from a point 830 feet west of East Seventeenth Street to East Seventeenth Street~~a point 830 feet west thereof~~, no parking any time.

~~Mattern Avenue, on the north side, from Stewart Street to DeWolf Street, no parking any time.~~

~~Mattern Avenue, on the north side, from East Fourteenth Street to Glenbrook Drive, no parking any time.~~

- J. During a field review, staff found that the Municipal Code does not match field conditions for the south side of Park Street between Sixth Avenue and Seventh Street as metered parking spaces and no parking signage both are in place along the south side of this block of Park Street. The proposed modification to the Municipal Code will remove the parking restrictions and signage on the south side of Park Street between Sixth Avenue and Seventh Street. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.



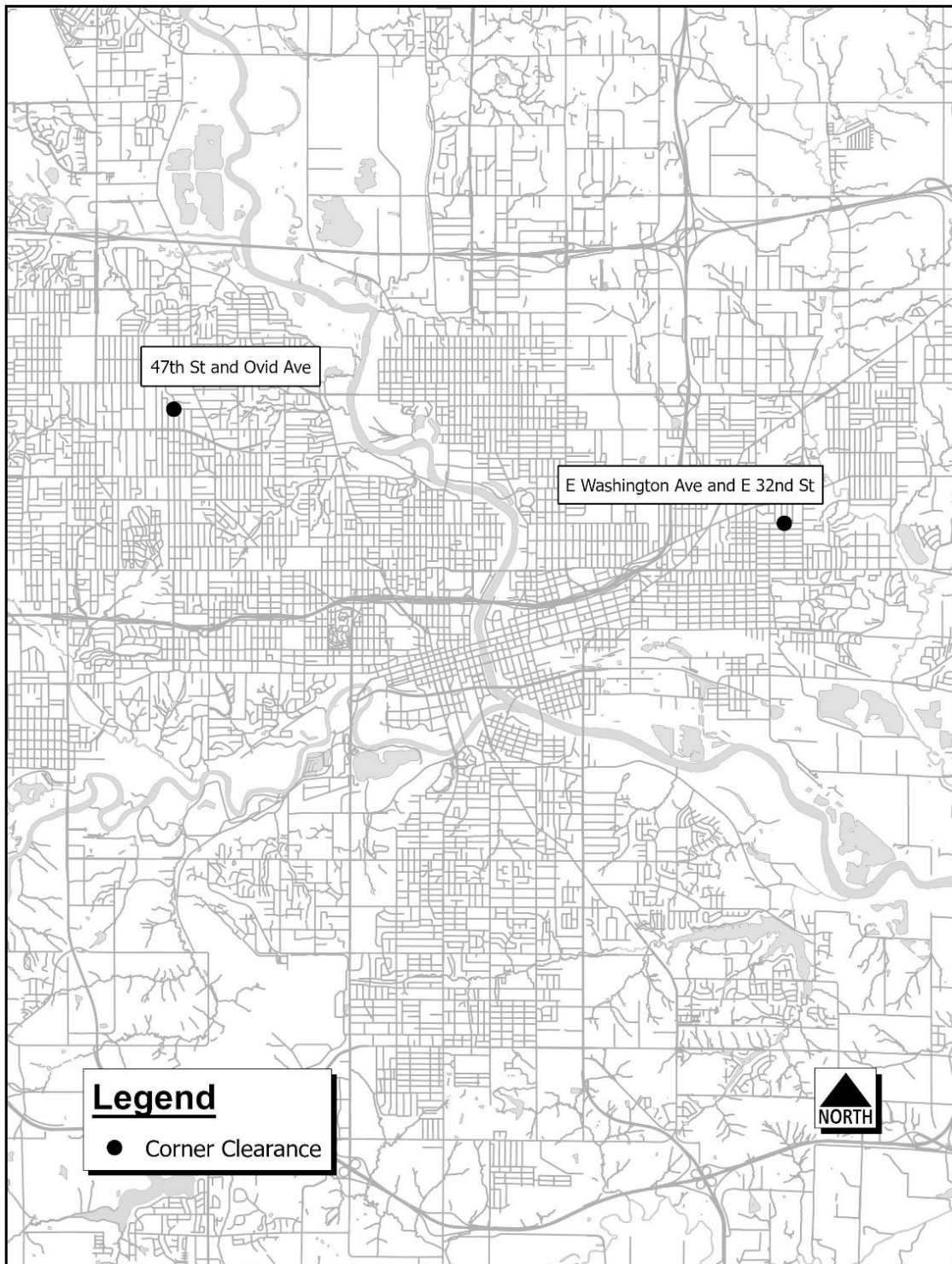
Sec. 114-3555. Park Street—Sixth Avenue to Seventh Street.

~~Park Street, on the south side, from Sixth Avenue to Seventh Street, no parking any time.~~



K. 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 have reviewed the following locations and determined corner clearances are necessary.

1. 47th Street and Ovid Avenue
2. E Washington Avenue and E 32nd Street



Sec. 114-2936. Forty-seventh Street--University Avenue to Aurora Avenue.

Forty-seventh Street, on the east side, from a point 60 feet south of Ovid Avenue to a point 60 feet north of Ovid Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3756. East Washington Avenue--Dead end west of Pennsylvania Avenue to the dead end of East Thirty-third Street.

East Washington Avenue, on the north side, from a point 50 feet west of East Thirty-second Street to a point 60 feet east of East Thirty-second Street, no parking any time.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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