


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-308	Meeting:	August 18, 2025
	Agenda Item:	52	Roll Call:	25-1170
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### AGENDA HEADING:

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

- A. Parking Modifications – Forest Avenue between 27<sup>th</sup> Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Street
- B. Parking Modifications – 3rd Street – Vine Street to Court Avenue
- C. Designation as a One-Way Street – Raccoon Street from SE 6th Street to SE 7th Street
- D. Code Corrections and Parking Modifications – WRA Ingersoll Run Sewer Outlet, Phase 28, Segment 2
  - 1. Seventeenth Street between Locust Street and Ingersoll Avenue
  - 2. Eighteenth Street between Grand Avenue and Ingersoll Avenue
  - 3. Locust Street between Thirteenth Street and Fleur Drive
  - 4. Grand Avenue between Twelfth Street and 28<sup>th</sup> Street

### 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: 2025-26 Operating Budget, Page 58, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. Due to pedestrian safety concerns and at the request of Drake University, parking on Forest Avenue from 27th Street to 30th Street is proposed to be removed. These changes will improve the visibility of pedestrians crossing the street and match recent parking restrictions to the east along the Drake University Campus, the Knapp Center, and Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS) Mediacom Stadium. Future improvements on Forest Avenue are planned in FY2026-2027 to reduce travel lanes and improve pedestrian crossings on the corridor. The proposed municipal code modifications are necessary to make these parking restrictions permanent.



Sec. 114-3206. Forest Avenue Twenty-third Street to Thirtieth Street.

Forest Avenue, on the north side, from a point 225 feet west of Twenty-fifth Street to a point 225 feet east of Twenty-ninth Street Thirtieth Street, no parking any time.

Forest Avenue, on the south side, from a point 60 feet east of Twenty-fourth Street to a point 310 feet west of Twenty-seventh Street Thirtieth Street, no parking any time.

~~Forest Avenue, on the south side, from a point 310 feet west of Twenty-seventh Street to a point 140 feet west thereof, passenger loading and unloading, ten minutes only.~~

~~Forest Avenue, on the south side, from a point 450 feet west of Twenty-seventh Street to a point 120 feet east of Thirtieth Street, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday.~~

~~Forest Avenue, on the south side, from a point 450 feet west of Twenty-seventh Street to a point 25 feet west thereof, is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in section 114-616(a) of this chapter.~~

~~Forest Avenue, on the north side, from a point 225 feet east of Twenty-ninth Street to a point 55 feet east of Twenty-ninth Street, no parking 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.~~

~~Forest Avenue, on the north side, from a point 55 feet east of Twenty-ninth Street to a point 50 feet west of Twenty-ninth Street, no parking any time.~~

~~Forest Avenue, on the north side, from a point 50 feet west of Twenty-ninth Street to a point 145 feet east of Thirtieth Street, no parking 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.~~

~~Forest Avenue, on the north side, from Thirtieth Street to a point 145 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Forest Avenue, on the south side, from a point 350 feet east of Thirtieth Street to a point 80 feet east thereof, commercial loading zone.~~

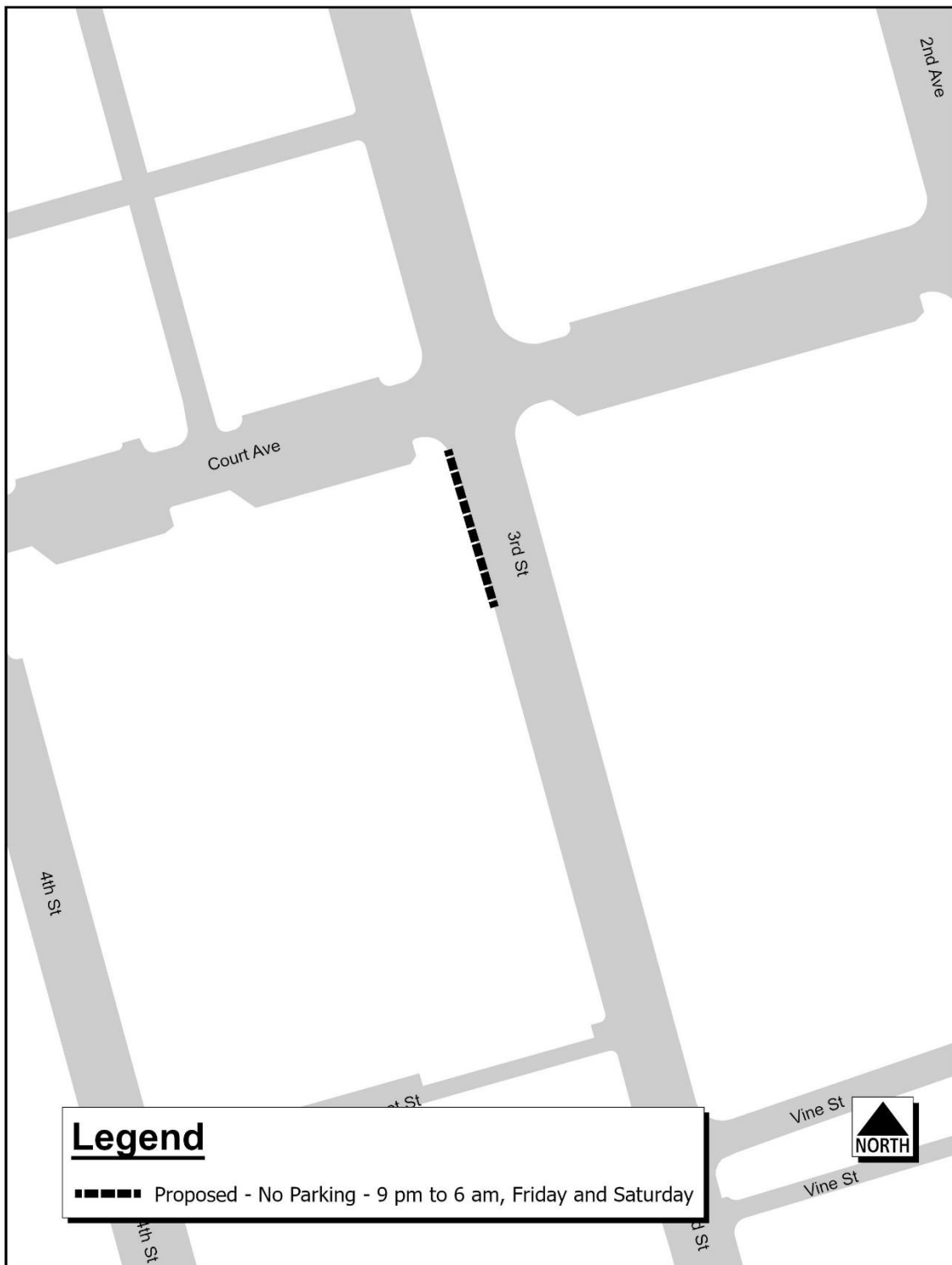
~~Forest Avenue, on the south side, from Thirtieth Street to a point 120 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

- B. City staff received a request from the Des Moines Police Department to implement parking restrictions on the west side of 3rd Street, south of Court Avenue, on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The purpose of this request is to better accommodate the high demand for rideshare pick-ups by transportation network companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft.

Based on field observations, DMPD noted that rideshare demand in this area frequently exceeded the capacity of the existing designated loading zone. When adjacent metered spaces, immediately south of Court Avenue, were temporarily kept clear using emergency no parking bag, the additional available curb space more effectively met the demand for pick-ups.

It is recommended that parking be restricted on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. along the west side of 3rd Street for a distance of 115 feet south of Court Avenue, encompassing three (3) standard metered parking spaces.

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



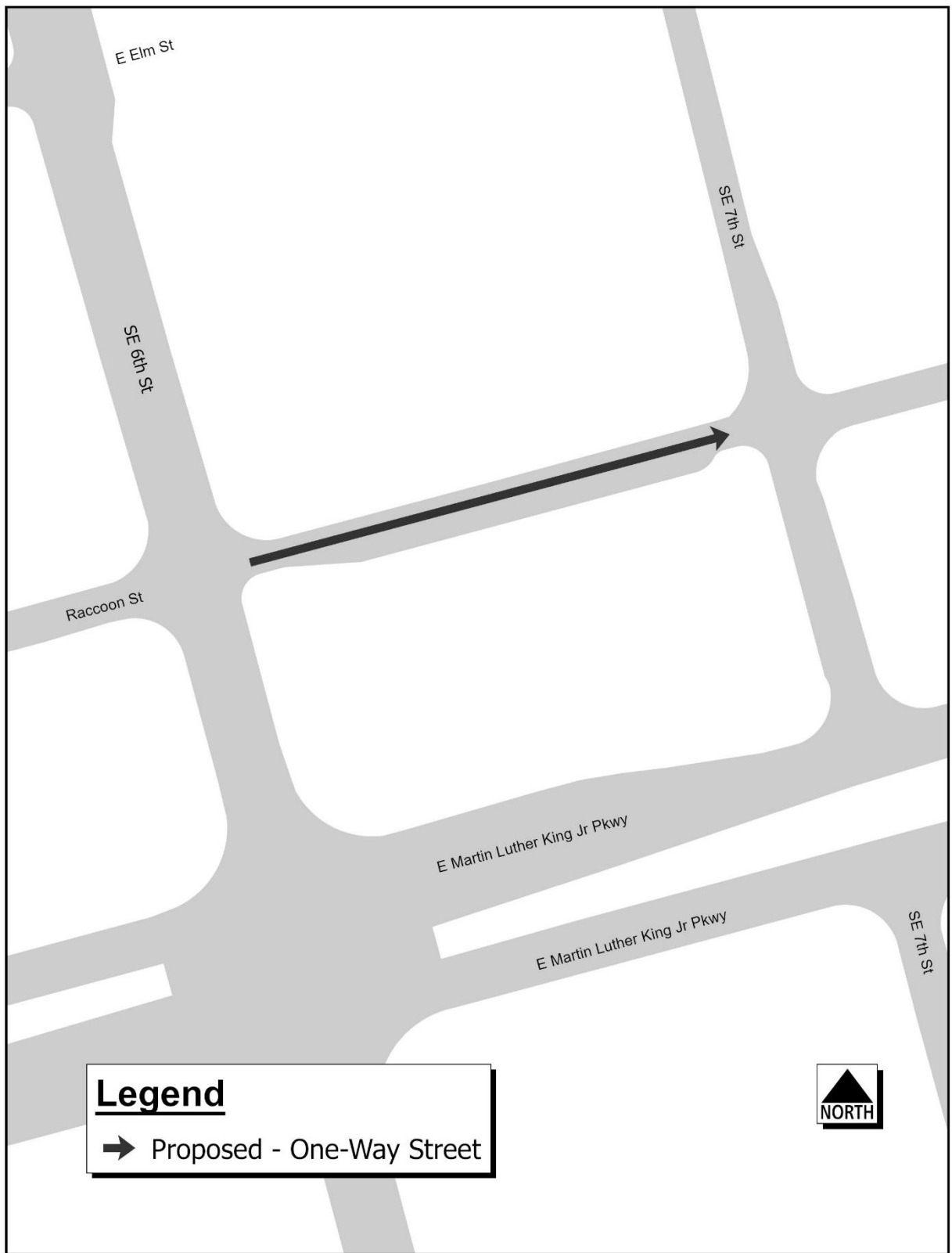
Sec. 114-2603. Third Street--Vine Street to Court Avenue.

Third Street, on the west side from Court Avenue to a point 115 feet south thereof, no parking 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Friday and Saturday.

- C. City staff received a request to address the narrowed roadway width on the eastern leg of Raccoon Street at SE 6th Street. When the development on the south side of Raccoon Street was constructed, it was designed in accordance with current standards. However, because the curb radius at the northwest corner remains unchanged, due to the lack of redevelopment on the north side, the resulting roadway width at the intersection is narrower than typical for two-way traffic.

A review of existing conditions shows that the curb on the northeast corner cannot be modified at this time due to the presence of a power pole and a stormwater intake. Any such modifications would need to be coordinated with future redevelopment of the parcel to the north. As no redevelopment proposals or plans are anticipated in the near term, staff recommend designating Raccoon Street between SE 6th Street and SE 7th Street as one-way eastbound. This would align with the current traffic flow in the adjacent surface parking lot to the south.

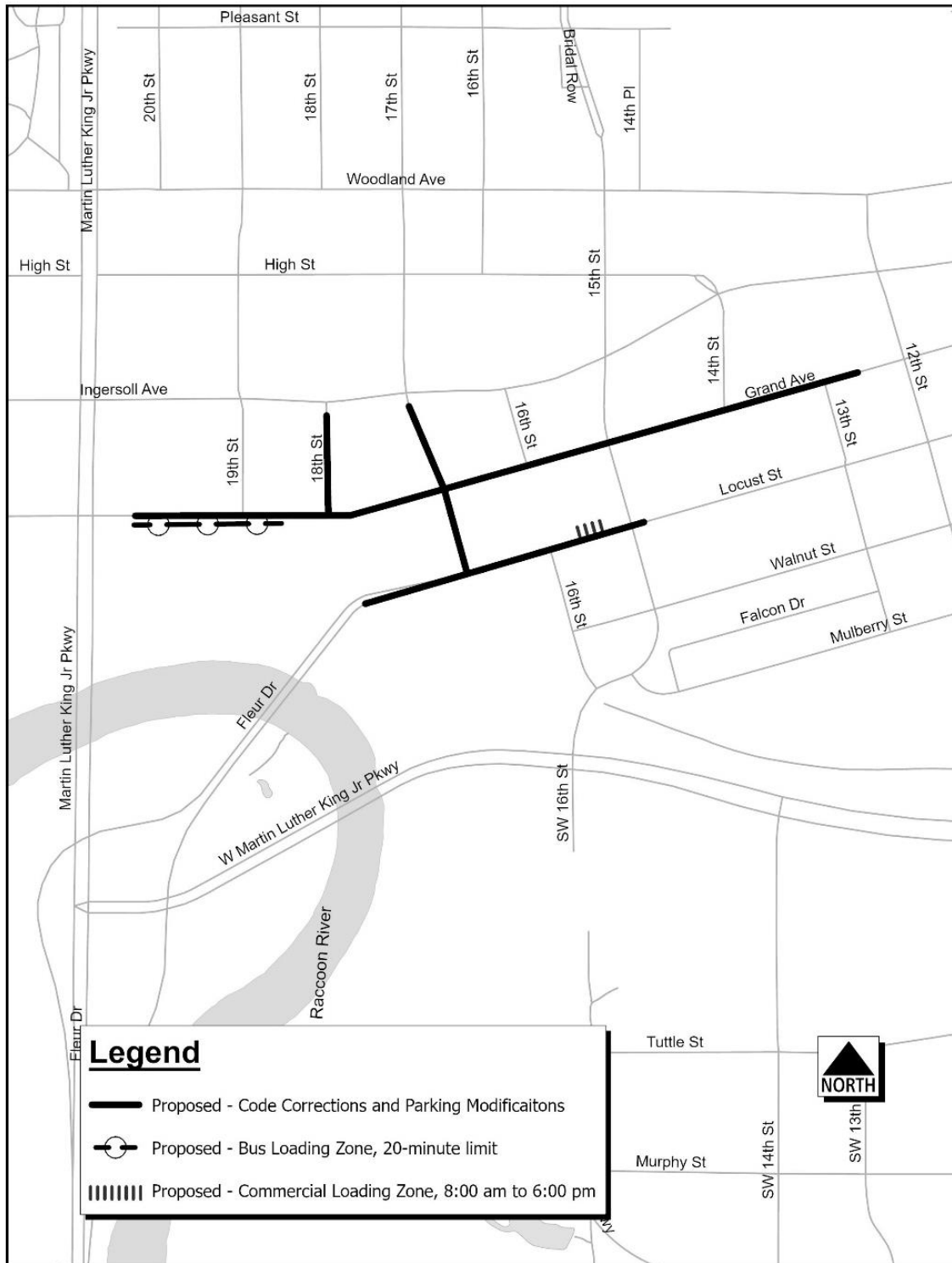
The following modifications to the Municipal Code in Chapter 114, Division 5, Subdivision III. will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-1857.05. - Raccoon Street.

Raccoon Street, from Southeast Sixth Street to Southeast Seventh Street, eastbound.

- D. As part of the Wastewater Reclamation Authority's Ingersoll Run Outlet Sewer, Phase 28, Segment 2 project, several streets were reconfigured from one-way to two-way and on-street parking was modified. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-1469. Locust Street.

~~Locust Street and Eighteenth Street, traffic control signal.~~

Sec. 114-1811. Grand Avenue.

Grand Avenue, from Fifth Avenue to ~~Eighteenth~~ Fifteenth Street, westbound.

Sec. 114-1853. Locust Street.

Locust Street, from ~~West Eighteenth~~ Fifteenth Street to Second Avenue, eastbound.

~~Sec. 114-1905. Eighteenth Street.~~

~~Eighteenth Street, from Grand Avenue to Ingersoll Avenue, northbound.~~

~~Sec. 114-1950. Seventeenth Street.~~

~~Seventeenth Street, from Grand Avenue to Locust Street, southbound.~~

Sec. 114-2774. Seventeenth Street--Locust Street to Ingersoll Avenue.

~~Seventeenth Street, on the east side, from Locust Street to a point 65 feet north thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Seventeenth Street, on the east side, from a point 30 feet south of Grand Avenue to Ingersoll Avenue, no parking any time.~~

Seventeenth Street, on the east side, from Locust Street to Ingersoll Avenue, no parking any time

Sec. 114-2781. Eighteenth Street--Locust Street to Ingersoll Avenue.

~~Eighteenth Street, on both sides, from Locust Street to Grand Avenue, no stopping or standing.~~

~~Eighteenth Street, on the east side, from Grand Avenue to a point 35 feet north thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Eighteenth Street, on the east side, 105 feet north of Grand Avenue to a point 35 feet north thereof, loading zone.~~

Eighteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 100 feet north of Grand Avenue to a point 40 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Sec. 114-3431. Locust Street--Thirteenth Street to Fifteenth Street.

~~Locust Street, on the south side, from Fifteenth Street to a point 15 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Locust Street, on the north side, from Fifteenth Street to a point 20 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-3433. Locust Street--Fifteenth Street to Eighteenth Street.



Locust Street, on the north side from Fifteenth Street to a point ~~15~~ 130 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

~~Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 15 feet west of Fifteenth Street to a point 290 feet west thereof, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.~~

~~Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 305 feet west of Fifteenth Street to a point 70 feet west thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Locust Street, on the north side, from Eighteenth Street to a point 160 feet east of Seventeenth Street, no parking any time.~~

Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 130 feet east of Fifteenth to a point 100 feet west thereof, commercial loading zone, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Locust Street, on the north side from Seventeenth Street to Fleur Drive, no parking any time.

Locust Street, on the south side, from Fifteenth Street to Fleur Drive ~~Eighteenth Street~~, no stopping or standing no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3255. Grand Avenue--Twelfth Street to Thirteenth Street.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 145 feet west of Twelfth Street to Thirteenth Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3256. Grand Avenue--Thirteenth Street to Fifteenth Street.

~~Grand Avenue, on the north side, from Fourteenth Street to a point 45 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point 235 feet east of Fourteenth Street to a point 45 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point 346 feet east of Fourteenth Street to a point 75 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Grand Avenue, on the north side, from Fourteenth Street to a point 10 feet west thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point 10 feet west of Fourteenth Street to a point 98 feet east of Fifteenth Street, no parking 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.~~

~~Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point 245 feet west of Fourteenth Street to a point 98 feet west thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Grand Avenue, on the north side, from Fifteenth Street to a point 96 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Fifteenth Street to a point ~~96~~ 58 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point 40 feet west of Fourteenth Street to a point 45 feet west thereof, is designated handicapped parking and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in section 114-616(a) of this Code.

Sec. 114-3258. Grand Avenue--Fifteenth Street to Seventeenth Street.

~~Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 270 feet west of Fifteenth Street to a point 100 feet west thereof, no parking any time.~~

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Fifteenth Street to a point 255 west thereof, no parking any time.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 255 west of Fifteenth Street to a point 35 feet west thereof, loading zone, 20-minute limit.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Sixteenth Street to Seventeenth Street, no parking any time.

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

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

~~Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point 180 feet west of Sixteenth Street to Seventeenth Street, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-3259. Grand Avenue--Seventeenth Street to Eighteenth Street.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Seventeenth Street to Eighteenth Street, no parking any time.

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

~~Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Seventeenth Street to a point 225 feet west thereof, school passenger loading and unloading, 3 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. school days, 30 minute limit.~~

~~Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 225 feet west of Seventeenth Street to Fleur Drive, no parking any time.~~

~~Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point 330 feet west of Seventeenth Street to Eighteenth Street, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-3260. Grand Avenue--Eighteenth Street to Nineteenth Street.

Grand Avenue, on the south side from Eighteenth Street to a point 245 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Grand Avenue, on the south side from a point 245 feet west of Eighteenth Street to Nineteenth Street, Bus Loading Zone, 20-minute limit.

~~Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Eighteenth Street to Nineteenth Street, no stopping or standing.~~

Sec. 114-3261. Grand Avenue--Nineteenth Street to Twenty-eighth Street.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Nineteenth Street to a point 440 feet west of Nineteenth Street, Bus Loading Zone, 20-minute limit.

Grand Avenue, on the south side from a point 440 feet west of Nineteenth Street to Twenty-eight Street, no parking any time.

~~Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 70 feet west of Eighteenth Street to 420 feet west of Nineteenth Street, school bus loading zone, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days; no parking at all other times.~~

~~Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 420 feet west of Nineteenth Street to Twenty-eighth 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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