

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-057	Meeting:	February 23, 2026
	Agenda Item:	48	Roll Call:	26-0275
	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 Modification – On-street parking changes related to the Euclid Avenue Improvements from Des Moines River to York Street project
 - 1. 6th Avenue between Euclid Avenue and Douglas Avenue
 - 2. Euclid Avenue between 3rd Street and 6th Avenue
- B. Parking Modification – SW 7th Street between Wall Avenue and Porter Avenue
- C. Turn Restriction Modification – 6th Avenue and Euclid Avenue
- D. Parking Modification – Locust Street between 12th Street and 13th Street.
- E. Parking Modification – 12th Street between Walnut Street and Mulberry 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:

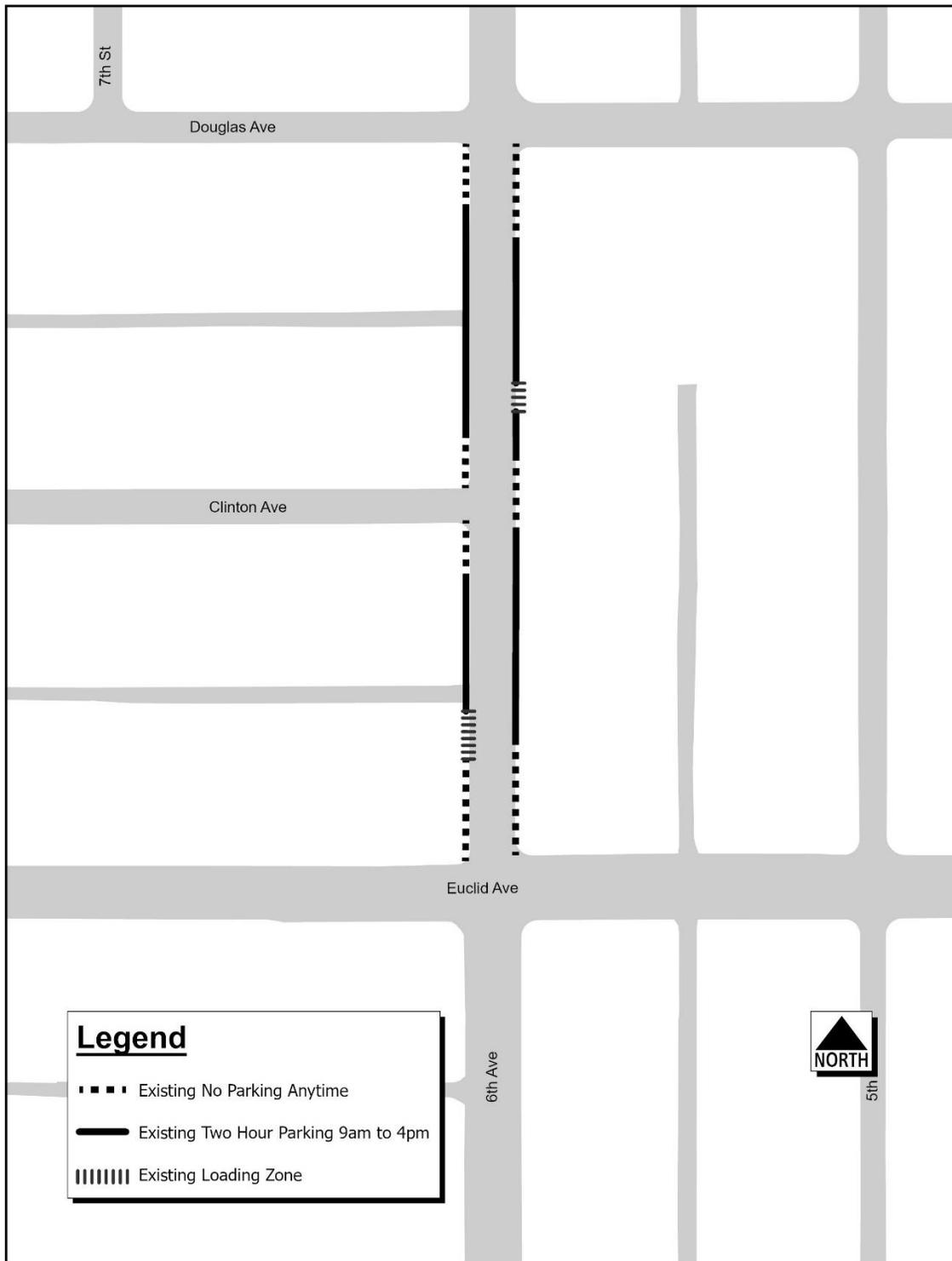
Amount: Costs for sign installations and periodic maintenance of signs.

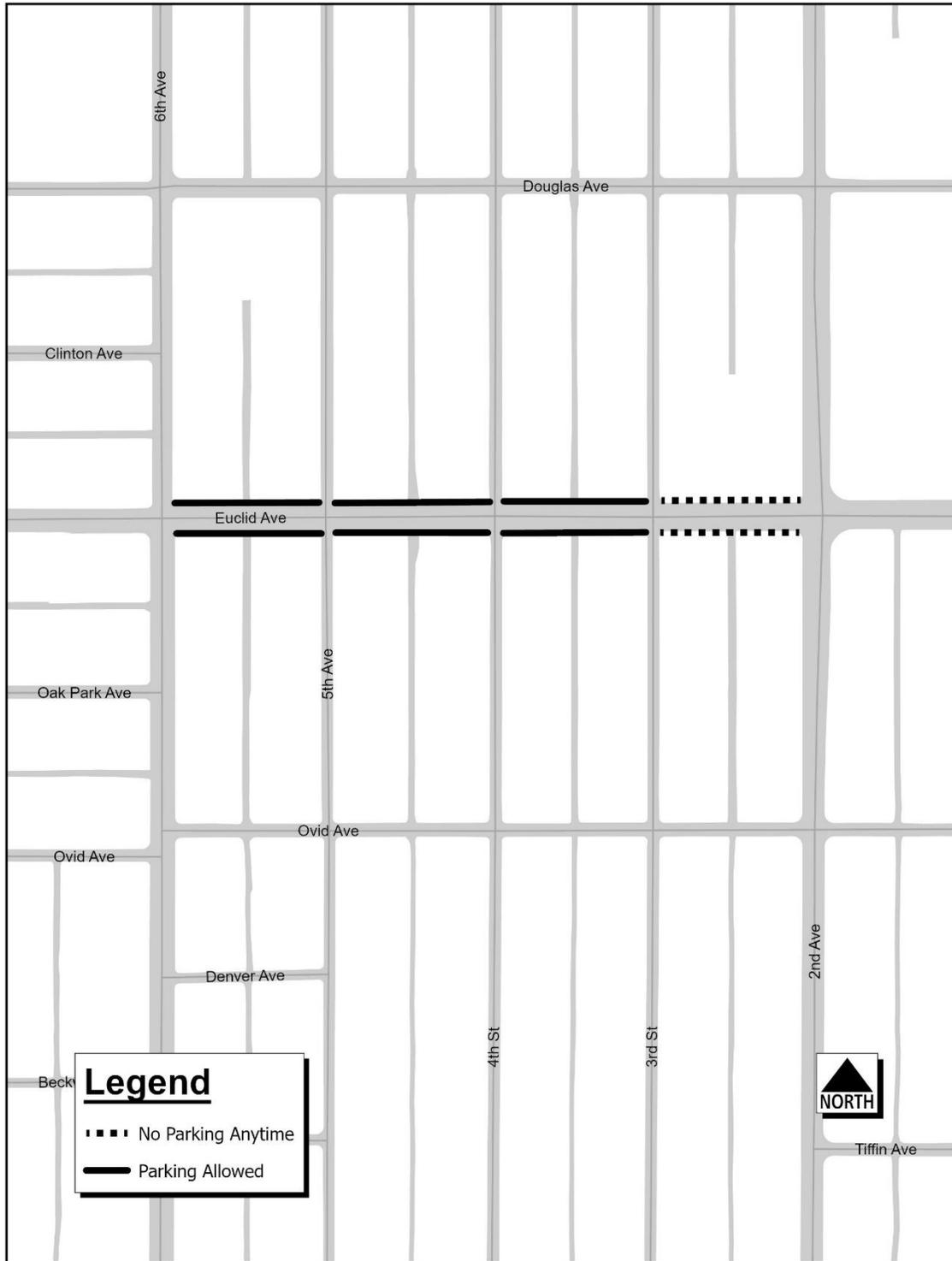
Funding Source: 2025-26 Operating Budget, Page 72, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund; and Page 67, Engineering Department T&T – Parking Meter Maintenance and Collection, EG062087, Parking Operations Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. As part of the Euclid Avenue Improvements from the Des Moines River to York Street project, parking insets for on-street parking were constructed on the north and south sides of Euclid Avenue between 3rd Street and 6th Avenue to accommodate on-street parking near businesses. In addition, along 6th Avenue, curb extensions were constructed to improve visibility and shorten pedestrian crossings at the intersections of 6th Avenue and Clinton Avenue and 6th Avenue and Douglas Avenue. Minor parking modifications were needed to accommodate the curb extensions. The

proposed changes to the Municipal Code will codify the parking changes approved by City Council as part of the improvement projects and correct language that does not match field conditions. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.





Sec. 114-2651. Sixth Avenue--Euclid Avenue to Aurora Avenue.

~~Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point 100 feet north of Euclid Avenue to a point 235 feet south of Douglas Avenue, two hour parking 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.~~

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point 100 feet north of Euclid Avenue to a point 185 feet north thereof, two-hour parking 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point 285 feet north of Euclid Avenue to a point 35 feet north of Clinton Avenue, no parking any time.

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point 35 feet north of Clinton Avenue to a point 40 feet north thereof, two-hour parking 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point 75 feet north of Clinton Avenue to a point 25 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point 100 feet north of Clinton Avenue to a point 125 feet north thereof, two-hour parking 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

~~Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point 235 feet south of Douglas Avenue to a point 25 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.~~

~~Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point 210 feet south of Douglas Avenue to a point 125 feet north thereof, two-hour parking 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.~~

~~Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point 85 feet south of Douglas Avenue to a point 50 feet north of Douglas Avenue thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Sixth Avenue, on the west side, from a point 50 feet south of Clinton Avenue to a point 60 feet north of Clinton Avenue, no parking any time.~~

Sixth Avenue, on the west side, from a point ~~60~~ 50 feet north of Clinton Avenue to a point 50 feet south of Douglas Avenue, two-hour parking 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sixth Avenue, on the west side, from a point ~~50 feet south~~ of Douglas Avenue to a point 75 feet north of Douglas Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3185. Euclid Avenue--First Street to Sixth Avenue.

Euclid Avenue, on both sides, from First Street to ~~Sixth Avenue~~ Third Street, no parking any time.

- B. Staff received a request from Christ the King School to restrict stopping and standing on the west side of Southwest 7th Street north of Wall Avenue, adjacent to the school. The school's established pick-up and drop-off procedures do not utilize the west side of Southwest 7th Street as there is no sidewalk and vehicles parked or stopped in this area limit visibility of any vehicles exiting the school parking lot, which decreases the efficiency of traffic operations during school arrival and dismissal. The proposed changes will prohibit stopping and standing on the west side of Southwest 7th Street adjacent to the school between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on school days. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.

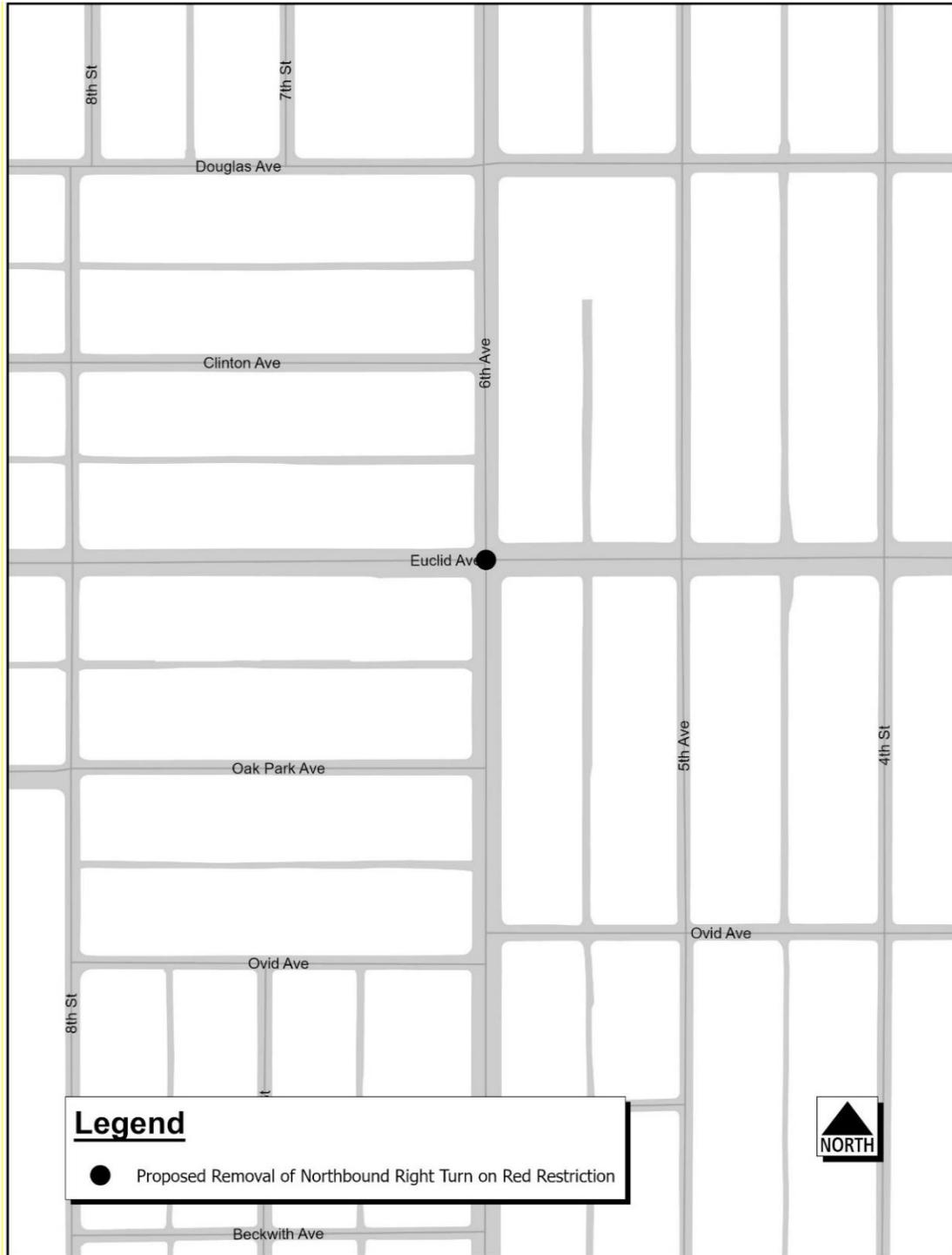


Sec. 114-2672. - Southwest Seventh Street—Vine Street to Army Post Road.

Southwest Seventh Street, on the west side, from a point 295 feet north of Wall Avenue to Wall Avenue, no stopping or standing 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

- C. As part of the public engagement process for the Euclid Avenue Improvements from Des Moines River to York Street project, the City received a request from the Highland Park/Oak Park Neighborhood Association Board to remove the right turn on red prohibition for northbound

vehicles on 6th Avenue turning right onto Euclid Avenue to improve traffic operations at the intersection. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), indicates that “no turn on red” restrictions should be considered where there is limited sight distance of on-coming vehicles for right turning traffic and where there is crash experience involving vehicles turning right on red. The building located in the southwest corner of the intersection that restricted visibility for northbound right turning vehicles has been demolished and proposed redevelopment does not impede sight distance. There is also no pattern of crashes involving vehicles turning right on red at the intersection. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.



Sec. 114-257.01. Prohibited turn on red.

No person shall make a right or left turn with a vehicle after coming to a stop in obedience to a red signal until a green indication or flashing yellow arrow indication is shown at the following locations:

~~(11) At the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Euclid Avenue, prohibiting right turns from northbound Sixth Avenue to eastbound Euclid Avenue.~~

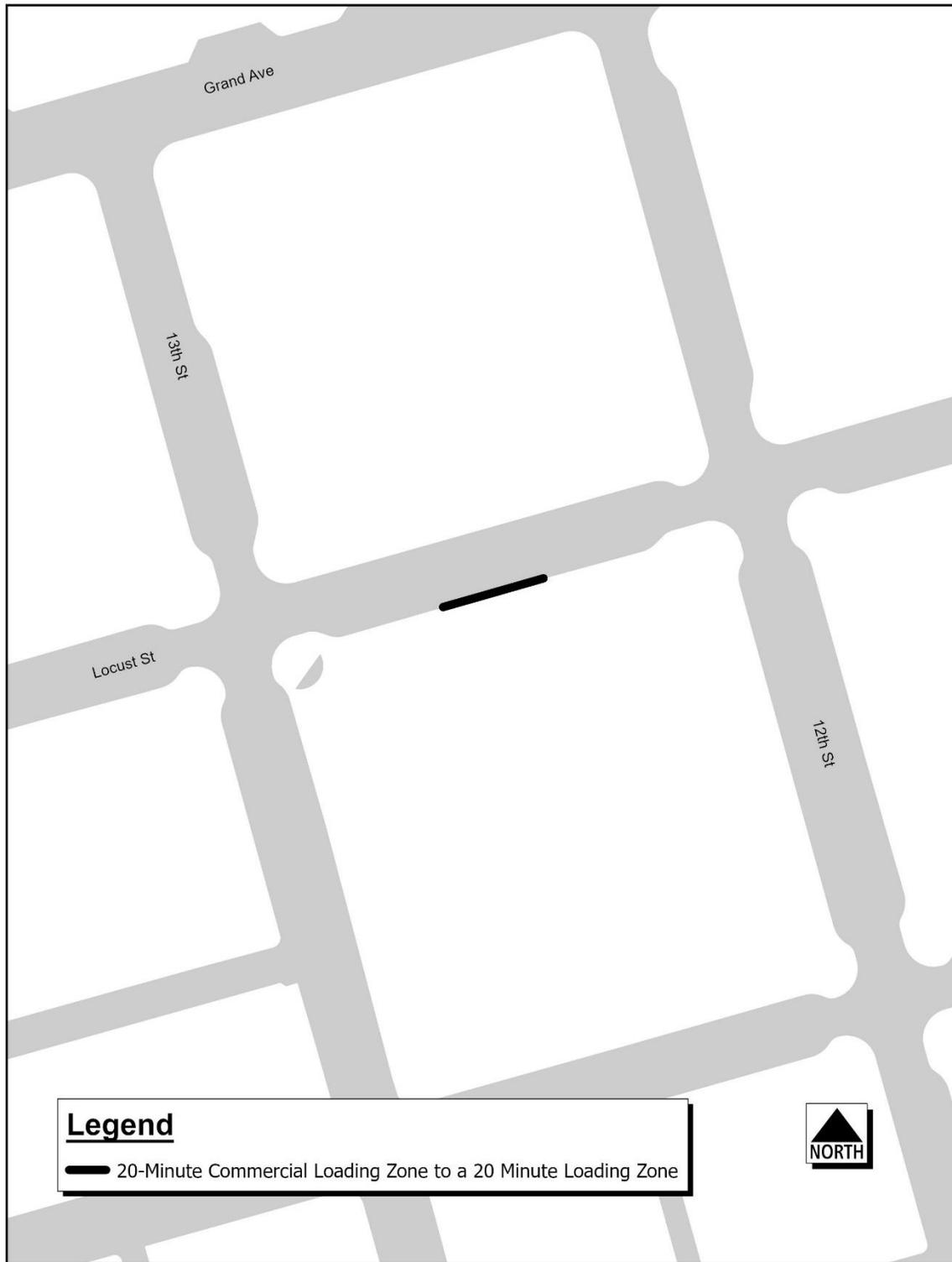
(11~~2~~) At the intersection of Forty-second Street and Center Street, prohibiting right turns from southbound Forty-second Street to westbound Center Street.

(12~~3~~) At the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr Parkway and Interstate 235 Eastbound Exit Ramp, prohibiting right turns from eastbound Interstate 235 to southbound Martin Luther King Jr Parkway.

(13~~4~~) At the intersection of Grand Avenue and Ninth Street, prohibiting left turns from westbound Grand Avenue to southbound Ninth Street.

(14~~5~~) At the intersection of Hickman Road and 6th Avenue, prohibiting right turns from eastbound Hickman Road to southbound 6th Avenue.

- D. Staff received a request to change the designation of the current commercial loading zone on the south side of Locust Street between 12th Street and 13th Street to a standard loading zone. The commercial loading zone prohibits parking between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except for loading/unloading and deliveries. Parking is allowed during all other hours. Changing the designation to a standard loading zone allows anyone to use the space for 20 minutes during all hours of the day. This change will clarify that visitors may use this area when doing short-term business at the city's administration building. Additionally, there was a provision found in the Municipal Code for no parking from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m. on the south side of Locust Street between 12th Street and 13th Street. This provision is being repealed to match field conditions and allow parking during these hours. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.



Sec. 114-3430. Locust Street--Twelfth Street to Thirteenth Street.

~~Locust Street, on the south side, from Twelfth Street to Thirteenth Street, no parking 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.~~

Locust Street, on the south side, from a point 109 feet west of Twelfth Street to a point 91 feet west thereof, ~~commercial loading zone, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays.~~

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

- E. Based on the new uses of the buildings on 12th Street between Walnut Street and Mulberry Street, the existing loading zone on the east side of 12th Street just south of Walnut Street is no longer needed. Converting this area to metered parking will provide more on-street parking for visitors to the City's administrative building as well as other businesses in the area. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.



Sec. 114-2724. Twelfth Street--Mulberry Street to Walnut Street.

~~Twelfth Street, on the east side, from Walnut Street to a point 20 feet south thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Twelfth Street, on the east side, from a point 125 feet north of Mulberry Street to a point 180 feet north thereof, loading zone.~~

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 13, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-0062](#)

Action: [On](#) Euclid Avenue Improvements from Des Moines River to York Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as OMG Midwest, Inc. dba Des Moines Asphalt & Paving (Kevin Bragg, President), \$3,883,806.45. ([Council Communication No. 25-009](#)) Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0. 25-0062 (A) Approval of contract and bond. Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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