COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CITY OF DES MOINES CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	Number:	**26-073**	Meeting:	**March 9, 2026**
	Agenda Item:	**45**	Roll Call:	**26-0336**
	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. Code Correction – Woodbury Circle from Walnut Ridge Drive to the dead-end north of Walnut Ridge Drive
B. Parking Modifications – On-street parking changes related to permitted parking
    1. Grand Avenue Bridge
    2. Locust Street Bridge
    3. Des Moines Street
    4. Robert D Ray Drive
C. Parking Modification – Loading zone on 6th Avenue between Clinton Avenue and Douglas 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.

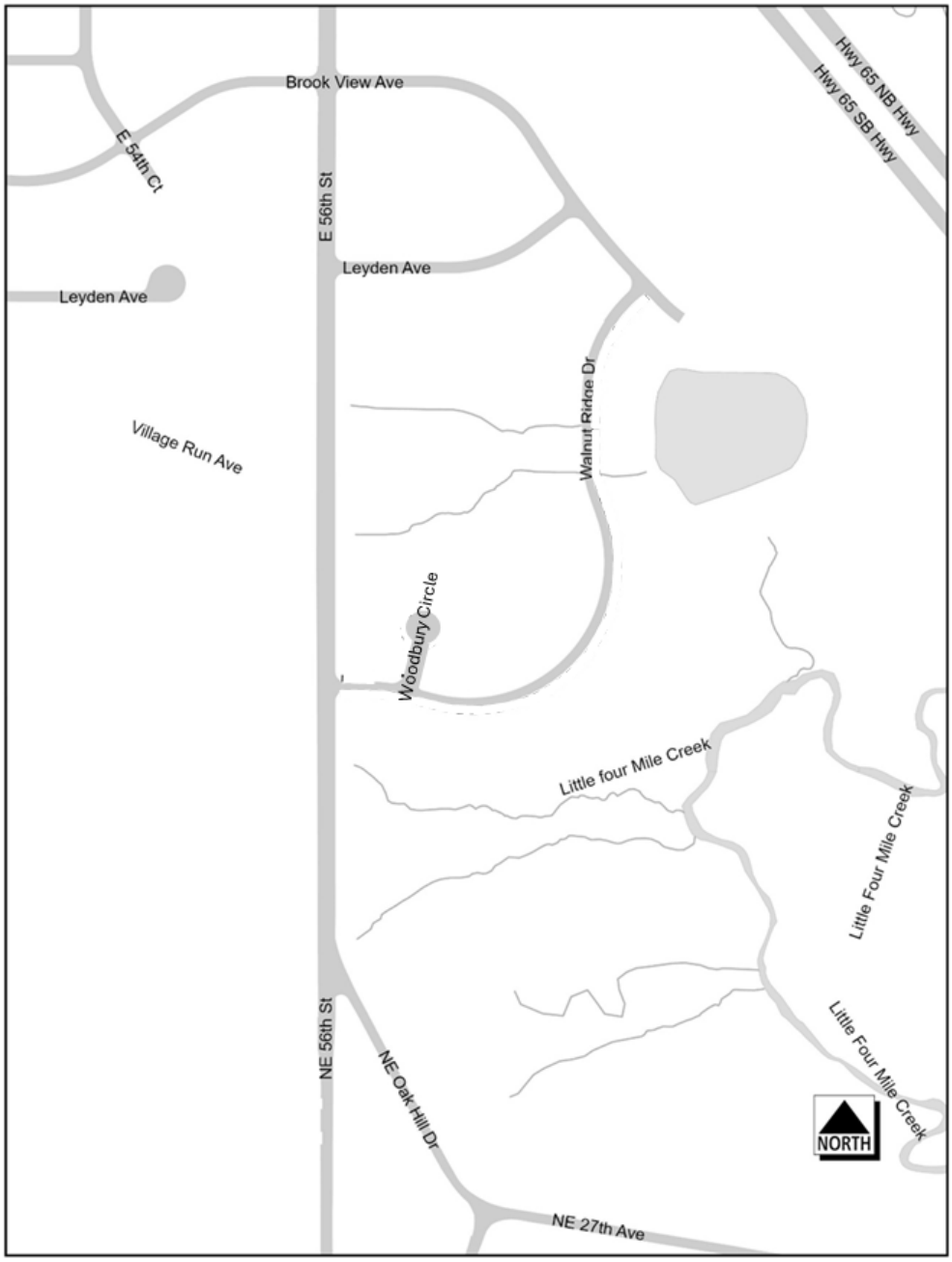
FISCAL IMPACT:

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

Funding Source: 2025-26 Operating Budget, Page 72, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. At the February 9, 2026 Council meeting, parking restrictions were approved for a street that was incorrectly named in the council documents. Woodbury Circle was incorrectly noted as Woodbury Court. The proposed Municipal Code modifications correct the street name to Woodbury Circle. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.



Sec. 114-3796.7. Woodbury ~~Court~~ Circle - Walnut Ridge Drive to the dead end north of Walnut Ridge Drive

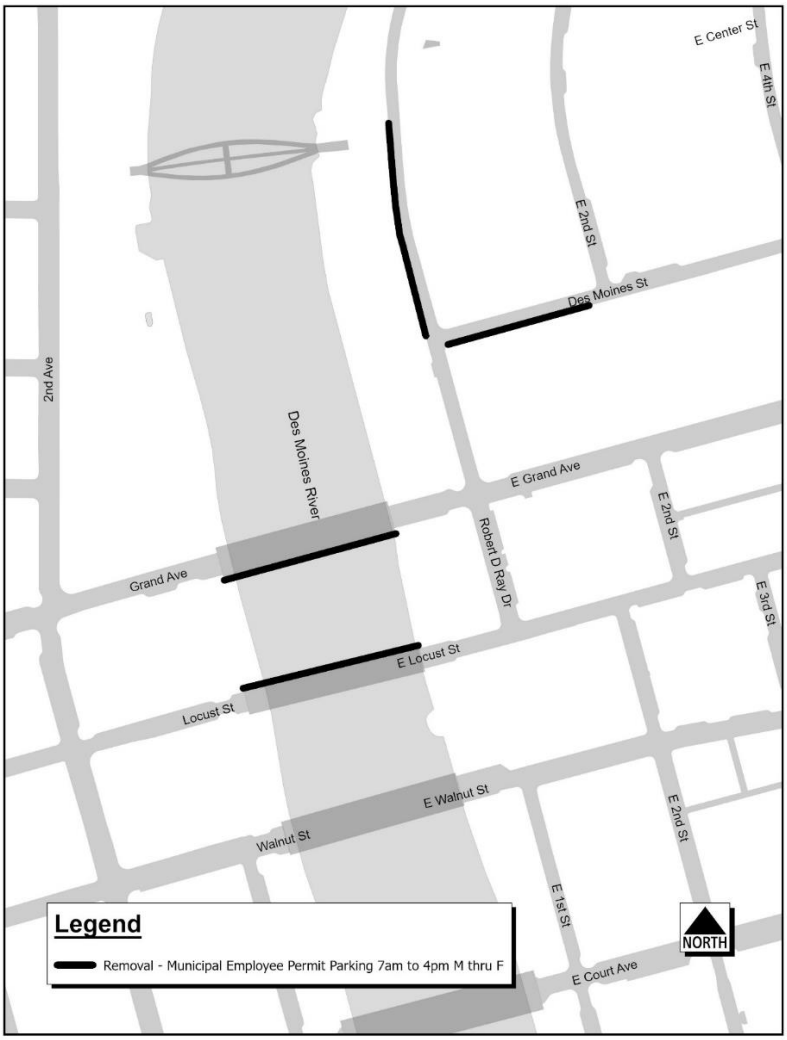
Woodbury ~~Court~~ Circle, on the west side, from Walnut Ridge Drive north to and including the cul-de-sac, no parking any time.

B. With City departments and staff now fully relocated to the T.M. Franklin Cownie City Administrative Building at 1200 Locust Street, the employee permit–only parking restrictions (7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) along the south side of the Grand Avenue Bridge, the north side of the Locust Street Bridge, the south side of Des Moines Street (from Robert D Ray Drive to E 2nd Street), and the west side of Robert D Ray Drive (from Des Moines Street to a point 470 feet north) are no longer necessary.

The intention is to convert the spaces on Des Moines Street and Robert D. Ray Drive to paid parking through pay-by-space meters. These spaces are already designated in Parking Meter Rate and Time Zone I, which carries a rate of $1.25 per hour with a 4-hour maximum time limit. No change to the rate or time restriction would be proposed, only activation of paid parking in these locations.

Additionally, the spaces on the south side of the Grand Avenue and north side of the Locust Street bridges, together with all other parking spaces on the Grand Avenue, Locust Street, Walnut Street and Court Avenue bridges, would be converted to paid parking using a mobile pay-only, pay-by-plate zone approach. These bridge locations would be incorporated into Parking Meter Rate and Time Zone II, which establishes a rate of $0.75 per hour with a 12-hour maximum time limit.

Amendments to the Parking Meter Rate and Time Zone Maps necessary to convert these spaces to paid on-street parking will be presented to the City Council at a future meeting. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will remove the permit requirement for parking in these locations.



Sec. 114-3267. East Grand Avenue--Des Moines River to Robert D Ray Drive.

~~East Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 200 feet west of Robert D Ray Drive to the west end of the Des Moines River Bridge, reserved for City of Des Moines municipal employee permit parking, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday~~.

Sec. 114-3147. Des Moines Street--Robert D Ray Drive to East Ninth Street.

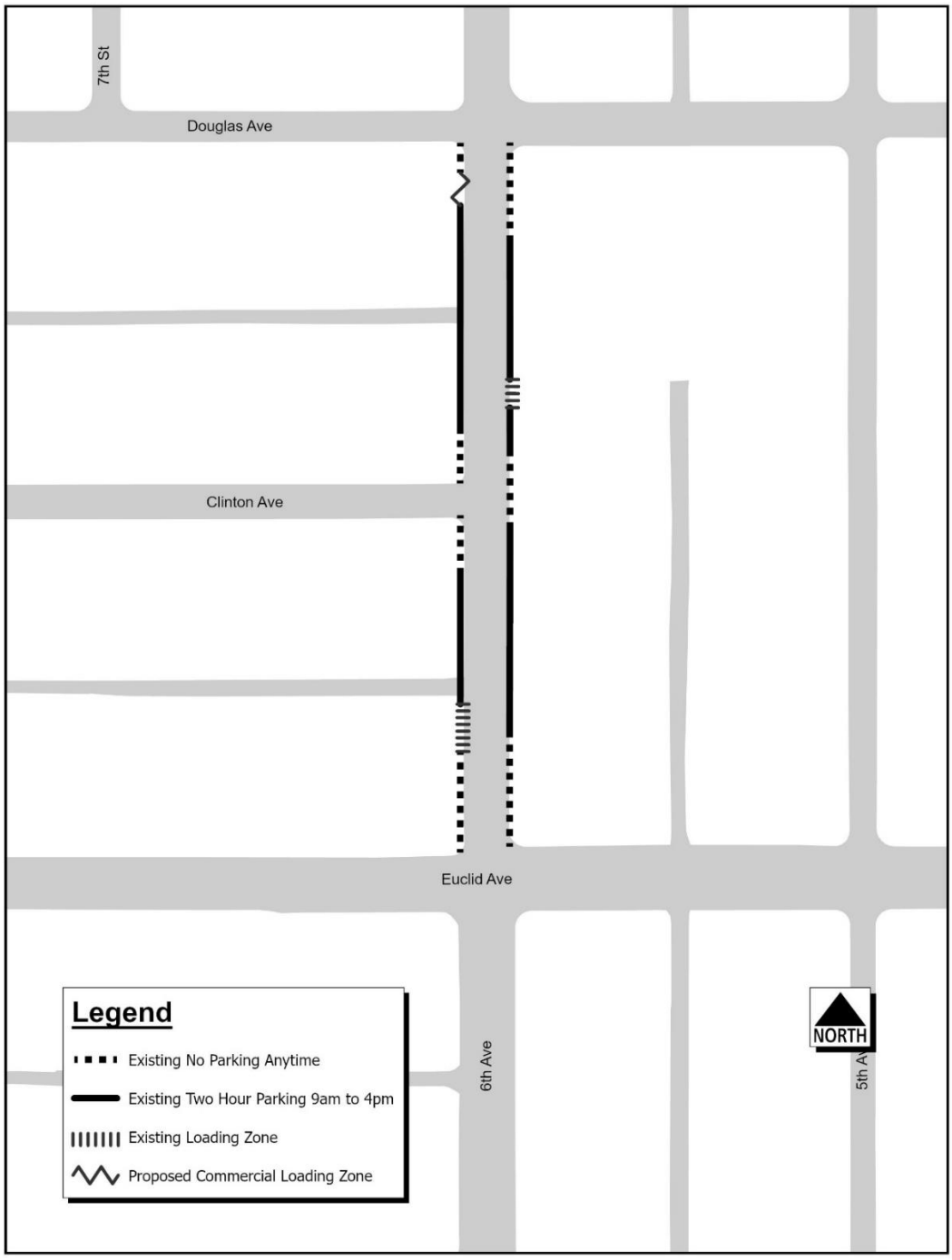
~~Des Moines Street, on the south side, from a point 145 feet east of Robert D Ray Drive to a point 230 feet east thereof, reserved for City of Des Moines municipal employee permit parking, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.~~

Sec. 114-3605.06. Robert D Ray Drive--East Grand Avenue to Filmore Street.

~~Robert D Ray Drive, on the west side, from a point 280 feet north of Des Moines Street to a point 470 feet north thereof, reserved for City for Des Moines municipal employee permit parking, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.~~

Robert D Ray Drive, on the west side, from a point 450~~280~~ feet north of Des Moines Street to a point 1,495~~1,665~~ feet north thereof, no parking from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

C. Councilmember Westergaard requested, on behalf of the adjacent property owner, that a commercial loading zone be added on the west side of 6th Avenue just south of the newly constructed curb extension at Douglas Avenue. A commercial loading zone restricts activities to loading and unloading up to 20 minutes between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Parking is allowed during all other times. 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 west side, from a point 50 feet north of Clinton Avenue to a point ~~50~~68 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 68 feet south of Douglas Avenue to a point 18 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 12, 2022

Roll Call Number: 22-1474

Action: Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows: (Council Communication No. 22-415) Motion by Westergaard that A, C and D be considered and given first vote for passage and to continue B failed, no second. Motion by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Westergaard.

(A) Parking restrictions - 6th Avenue, Forest Avenue, and Franklin Avenue.
(B) Parking restriction - Pleasant Drive from Cummins Parkway to 56th Street.
(C) Parking modification - 6th Avenue from Clinton Avenue to Douglas Avenue.
(D) Corner Clearances.
    (1) East 9th Street and Cleveland Avenue.
    (2) Southeast 12th Street and East Thornton Avenue.
    (3) 19th Street and Leyner Street.
    (4) East 24th Street and Guthrie Avenue.
    (5) East 41st Street and Easton Boulevard.
    (6) 43rd Street and Forest Avenue.
    (7) 56th Street and Walnut Hill Avenue.
    (8) 59th Street and Franklin Avenue.
    (9) Beaver Avenue and Beavercrest Drive.
    (10) North Union Street and Guthrie Avenue.
(E) Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six votes. Moved by Gatto that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #16,174. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Westergaard.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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