


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>26-129</b>	Meeting:	<b>April 6, 2026</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>48</b>	Roll Call:	<b>26-0470</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 Modification – Ingersoll Avenue between 37th Street and 38th Street
- B. Parking Modification – On-street parking changes related to Hanawalt Elementary School
  - 1. 56th Street between Southwest 58th Drive and Grand Avenue
  - 2. Robertson Drive between 56th Street and 53rd Street
- C. Code Correction – Merced Street/Merced Drive between 54th Street and 29th Street
- D. Code Correction – East Watrous Avenue between Southeast 34th Street and Southeast Brooks Drive
- E. Code Correction – Southeast 3rd Street between East Army Post Road and East Burnham Avenue
- F. Speed Limit Modification – Ingersoll Avenue from 14th Street to 42nd Street.
- G. Corner Clearance Parking Restrictions –
  - 1. East 23rd Street and East Washington Avenue
  - 2. 31st Street and Forest 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:

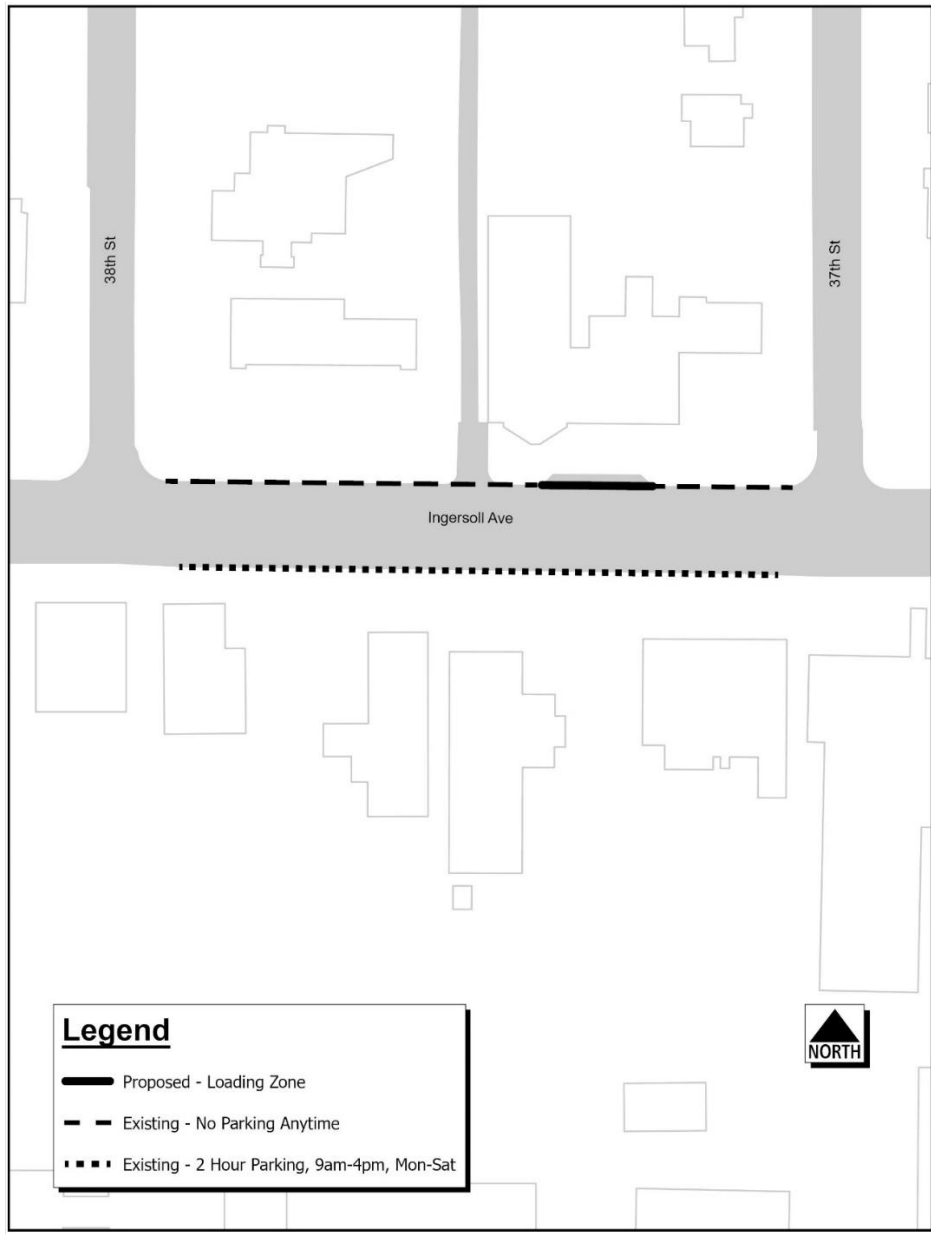
Amount: Costs for sign installations and periodic maintenance of signs.

Funding Source: 2025-26 Operating Budget, Page 72, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund; and 2025-2026 CIP, Page 127, Ingersoll Streetscape, ST276

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. Councilmember Mandelbaum forwarded a request from the Ingersoll Dinner Theater for a loading area on the north side of Ingersoll Avenue between 37th Street and 38th Street. The north side of Ingersoll Avenue in this area was reconstructed as part of the Western Ingersoll Run Sewer Separation Phase 1 in 2024. Parking is prohibited for the majority of the block on

the north side with the exception of a small inset that provides parking for two (2) vehicles. Two-hour parking between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. is allowed on the south side of Ingersoll Avenue in this block Monday through Saturday with 24-hour parking allowed the remainder of the time. The properties and businesses in this immediate area appear to have off-street parking available in front and behind their buildings, and east of 37th Street. Based on the needs of the businesses on the north side of Ingersoll Avenue between 37th Street and 38th Street to load/unload passengers and for food delivery services, staff recommend changing the inset on the north side to a loading zone. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.



Sec. 114-3345. Ingersoll Avenue--Thirty-fifth Street to Fifty-ninth Street.

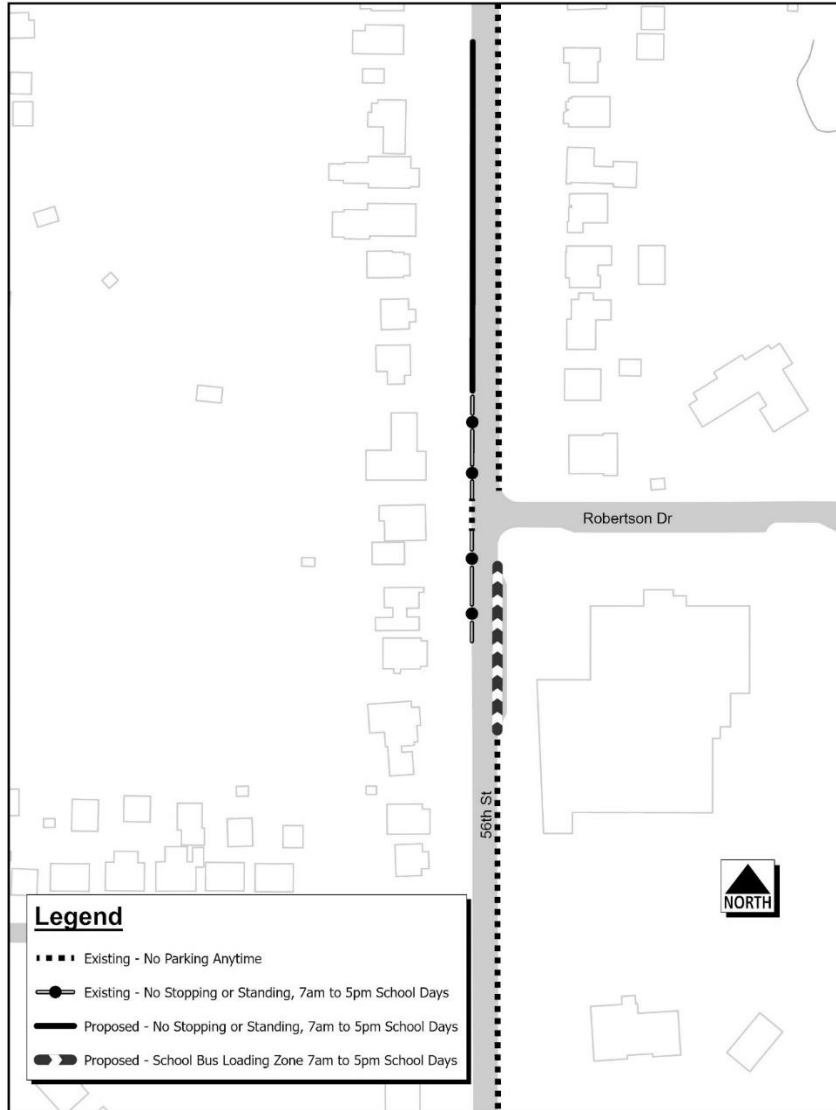
Ingersoll Avenue, on the north side, from Thirty-seventh Street to a point 135100 feet west thereof, two-hour parking 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. no parking any time.

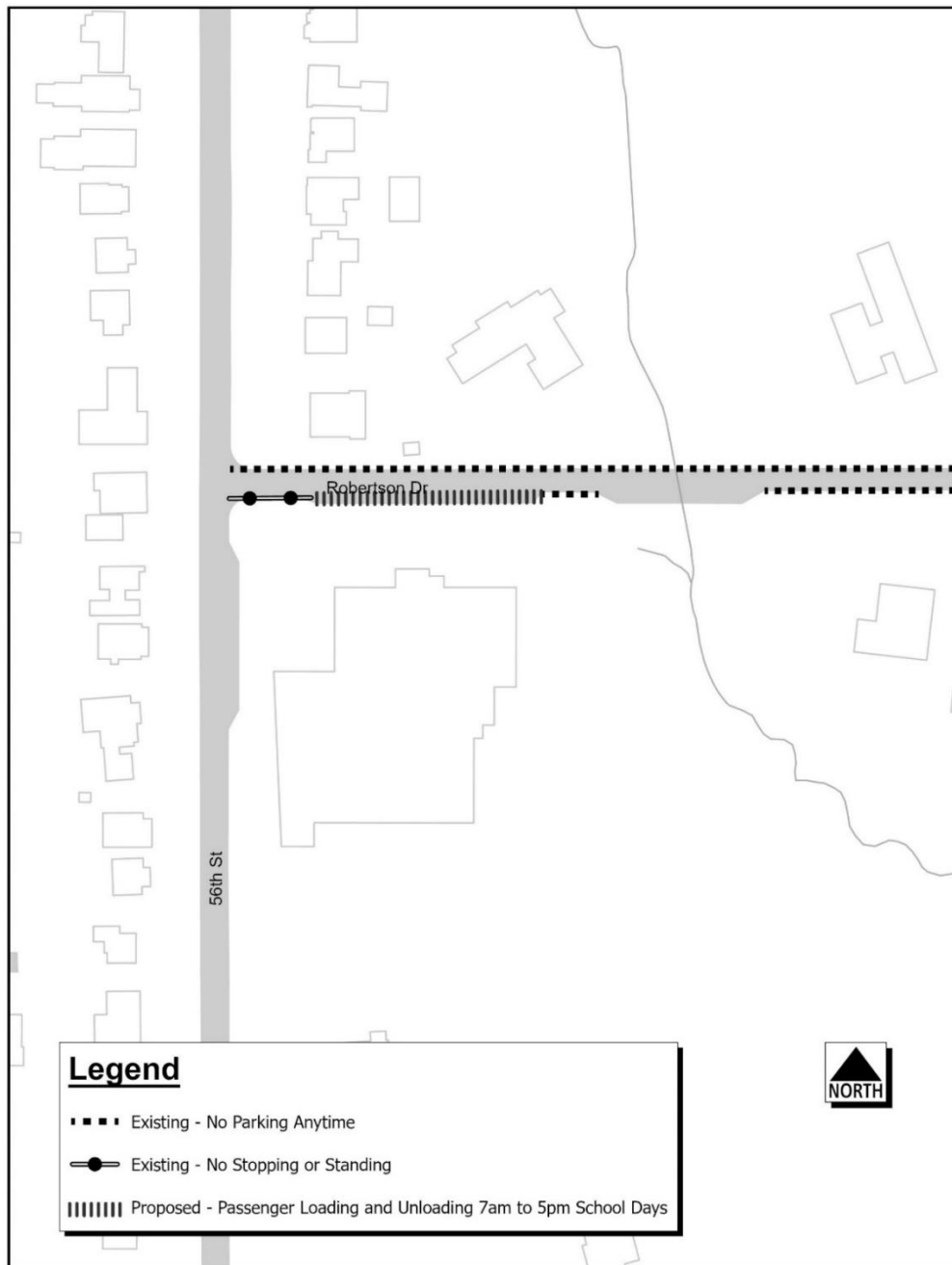
Ingersoll Avenue, on the north side, from a point ~~135~~100 feet west of Thirty-seventh Street to a point ~~40~~48 feet west thereof, loading zone.

Ingersoll Avenue, on the north side, from a point ~~175~~148 feet west of Thirty-seventh Street to a point ~~80 feet east of Thirty-eighth Street, two-hour parking 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.~~no parking any time.

~~Ingersoll Avenue, on the north side, from Thirty-eighth Street to a point 80 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

- B. Des Moines Public Schools requested a review of existing on-street parking restrictions adjacent to Hanawalt Elementary School due to congestion during arrival and dismissal operations. The proposed changes extend the existing no stopping, no standing restriction between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on school days on the west side of 56th Street further north to improve traffic operations and improve visibility of the school crossing at 56th Street and Robertson Drive. The proposed modifications also change the area signed as passenger loading on the east side of 56th Street south of Robertson Drive to school bus loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on school days to reflect how the school currently uses the space. In addition, proposed changes will change the Municipal Code to match field conditions along Robertson Drive. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.





Sec. 114-2949. Fifty-sixth Street--North Valley Drive to Aurora Avenue.

Fifty-sixth Street, on the east side, from Robertson Drive to a point ~~120~~200 feet south thereof, ~~passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.~~ school bus loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

Fifty-sixth Street, on the west side, from Robertson Drive to a point ~~100~~350 feet north thereof, no stopping or standing 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

Fifty-sixth Street, on the west side, from Robertson Drive to a point ~~10~~10 feet south thereof, no stopping or standing 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

~~Fifty-sixth Street, on the east side, from Robertson Drive to a point 100 feet north thereof, no stopping or standing.~~

Fifty-sixth Street, on the east side, from a point 100 feet north of Robertson Drive to College Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3606. Robertson Drive--Fifty-first Street to Fifty-sixth Street.

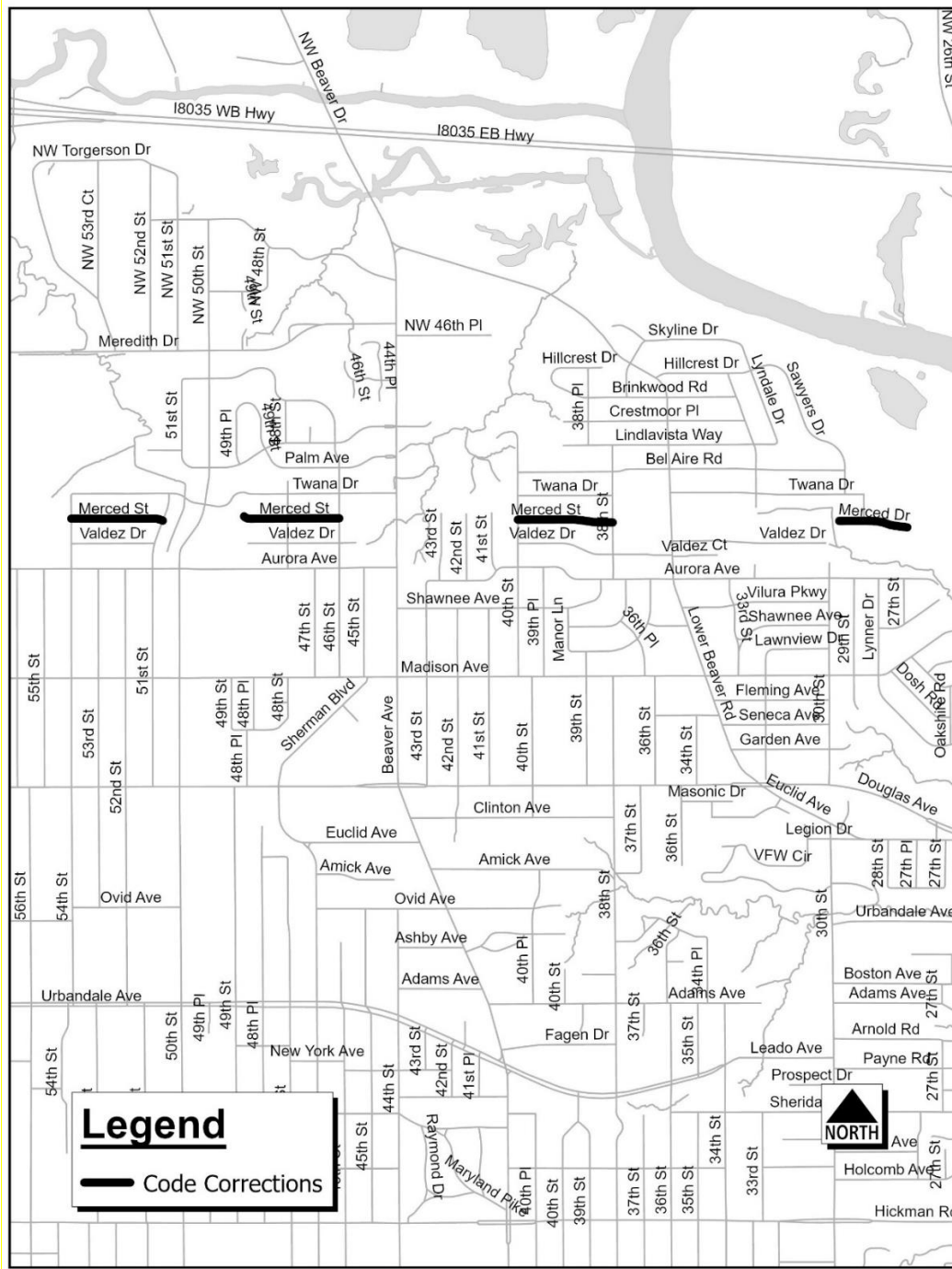
Robertson Drive, on the south side, from Fifty-first Street to a point ~~225~~ 450 feet east of Fifty-sixth Street, no parking any time.

Robertson Drive, on the south side, from a point 75 feet east of Fifty-sixth Street to a point ~~70~~ 150 feet east thereof, passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days.

Robertson Drive, on the south side, from a point 225 feet east of Fifty-sixth Street to a point 110 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

~~Robertson Drive, on the south side, from a point 145 feet east of Fifty-sixth Street to a point 80 feet east thereof, bus loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days.~~

- C. During a review of the Municipal Code, staff found that code language does not match field conditions and Merced Drive east and west of 29<sup>th</sup> Street is incorrectly referred to as “Merced Street” within the Municipal Code. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will correct these errors.



Sec. 114-3487.5. Merced Drive—cul-de-sac east of Twenty-ninth Street to cul-de-sac west of Twenty-ninth Street.

Merced Drive, on the south side, from and including the cul-de-sac east of Twenty-ninth Street to and including the cul-de-sac west of Twenty-ninth Street, no parking any time.

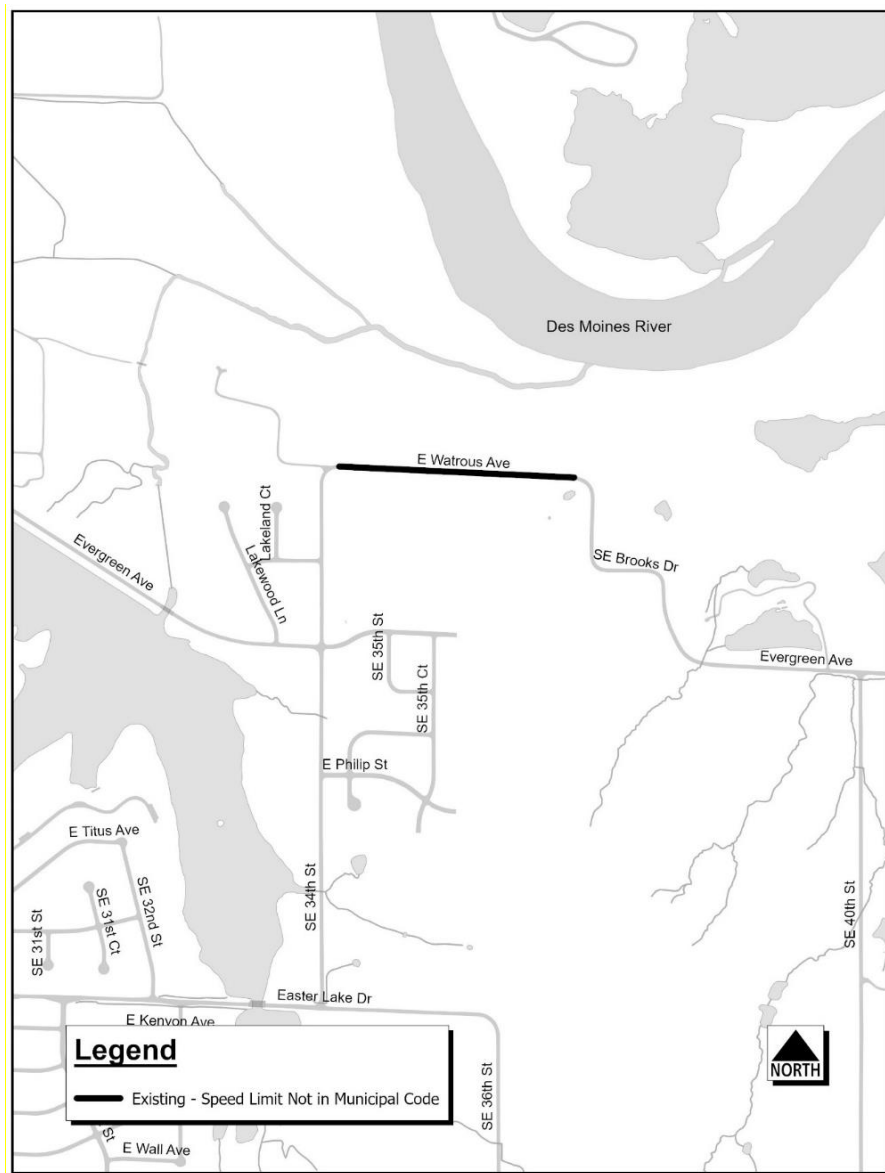
Sec. 114-3488. Merced Street--the cul-de-sac east of Twenty-ninth Street Thirty-eighth Street to Fifty-fourth Street.

~~Merced Street, on the south side, from and including the cul-de-sac east of Twenty-ninth Street to Thirtieth Street, no parking any time.~~

~~Merced Street, on the north side, from Fifty-first Street to Fifty-fourth Street, no parking any time.~~

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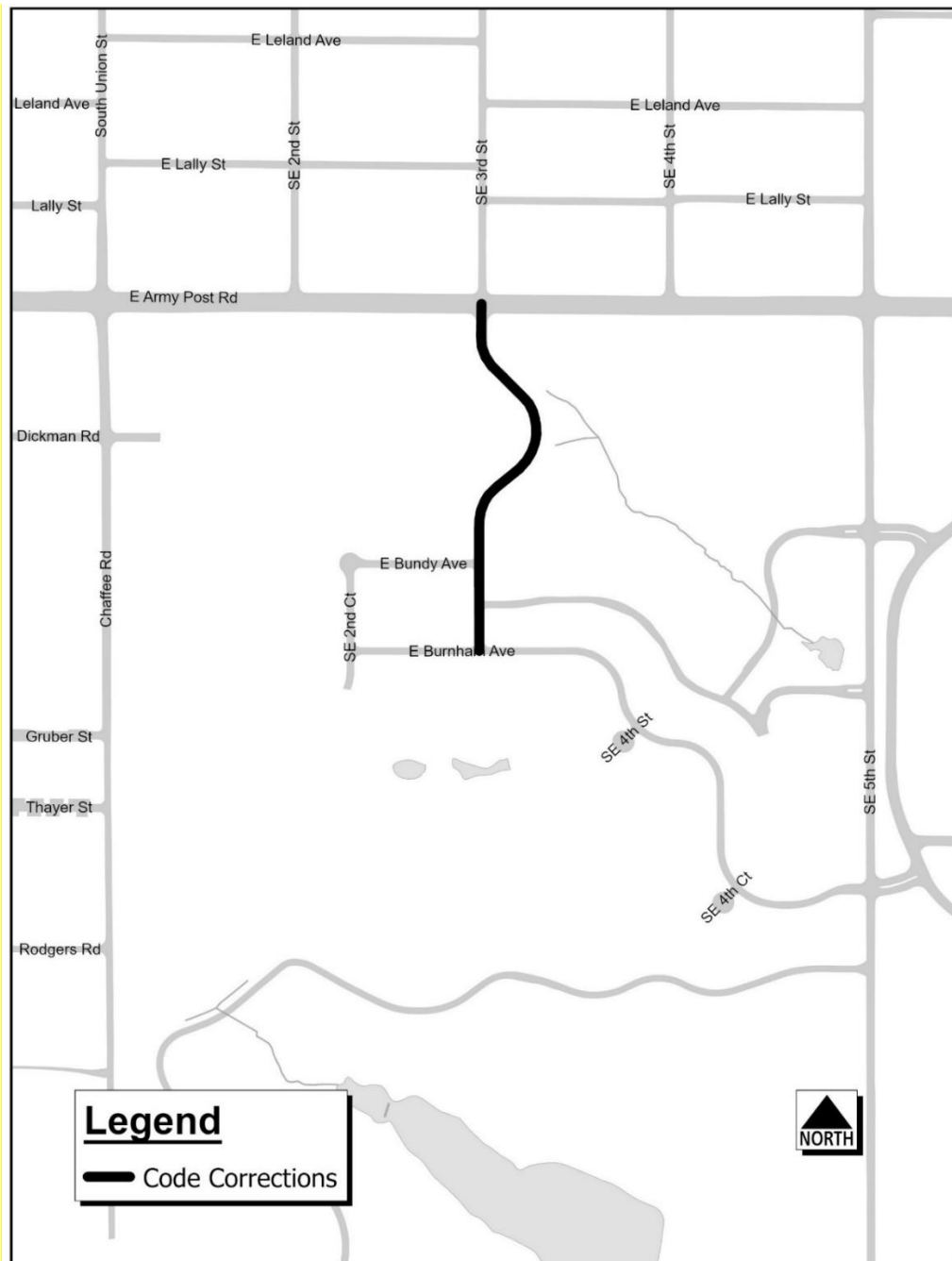
- D. During a review of the Municipal Code, staff found that code language is missing in the Municipal Code for the speed limit on East Watrous Avenue between Southeast 34th Street and Southeast Brooks Drive. The following modification to the Municipal Code will correct this error.



Sec. 114-1367. East Watrous Avenue.

East Watrous Avenue, from Southeast Thirty-Fourth Street to Southeast Brooks Drive, 30 miles per hour.

- E. During a review of the Municipal Code, staff found that parking code language for Southeast 3rd Street does not match field conditions and East Burnham Avenue is incorrectly referred to as “Southeast Burnham Avenue” and “East Burnham Street” within the Municipal Code. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will correct these errors.



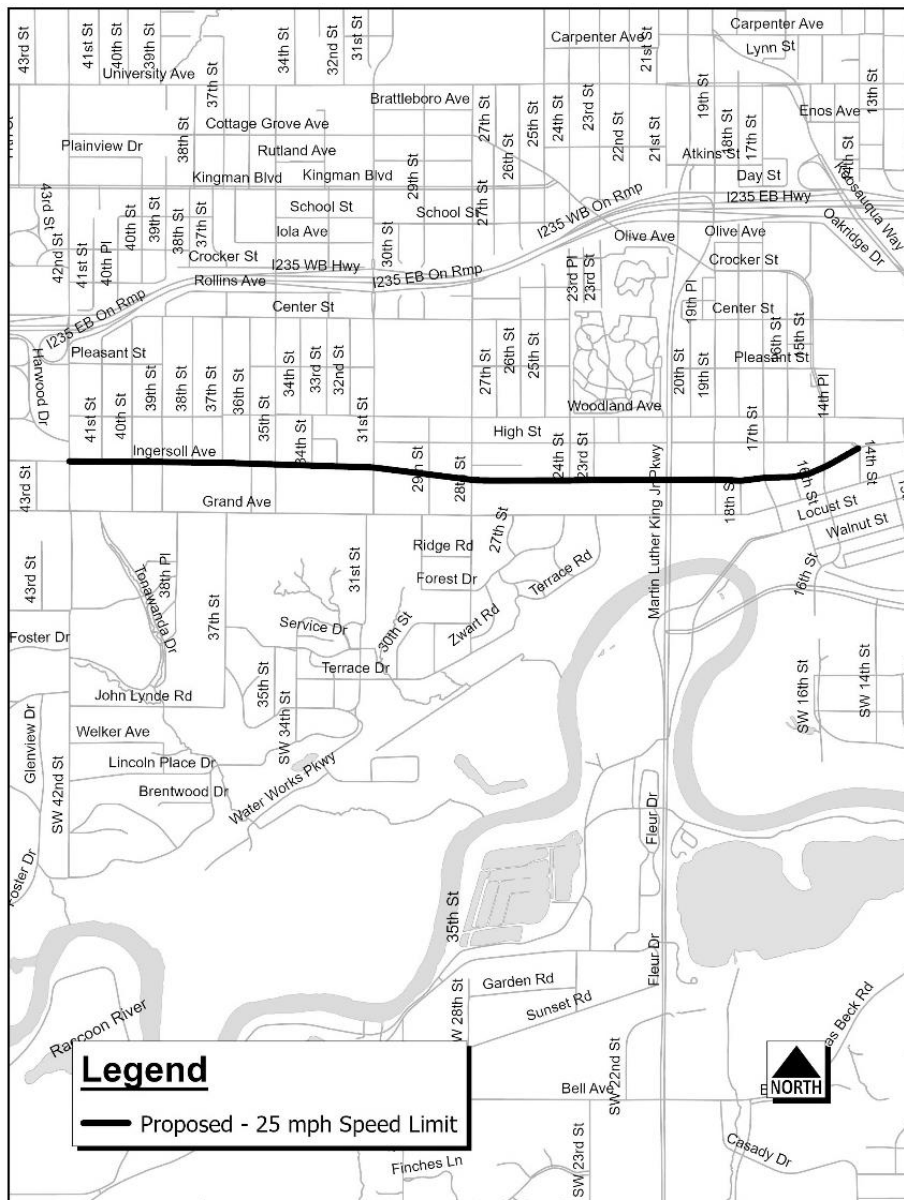
Sec. 114-2613. Southeast Third Street--East Army Post Road to ~~East Bundy Avenue~~ East Burnham Avenue.

Southeast Third Street, on the west side, from East Army Post Road to ~~Southeast~~ East Burnham Street Avenue, no parking any time.

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

Southeast Third Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet north of East Burnham Avenue to East Burnham Avenue, no parking any time.

- G. Over the past six (6) years there have been several projects completed along Ingersoll Avenue from 14th Street to 42nd Street. As part of the project development process, staff reviewed the speed limit on the corridor to determine the credible speed limit. Based on the context of the street and improvements made with these projects, staff recommend reducing the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.

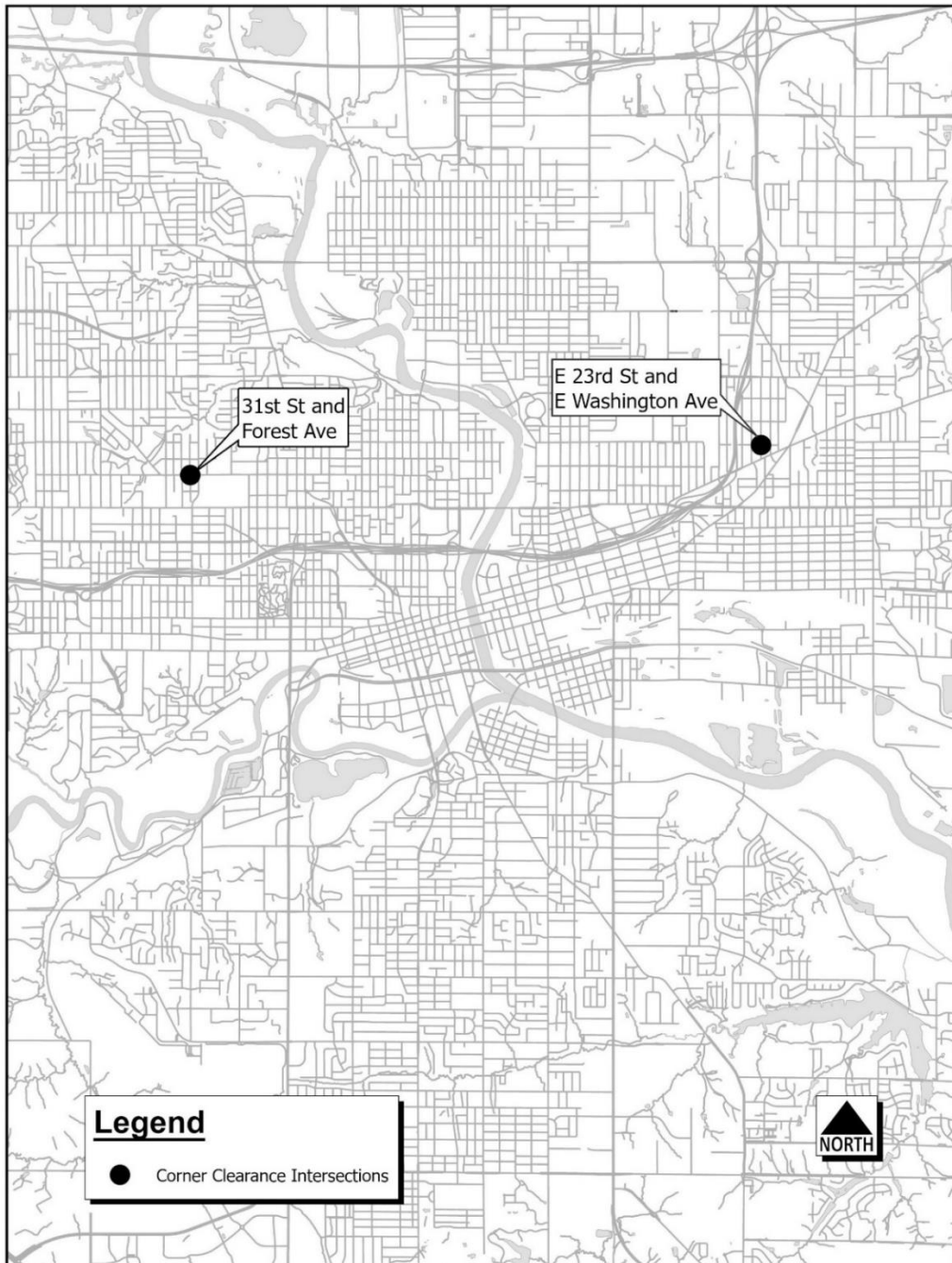


Sec. 114-1327. Ingersoll Avenue.

~~Ingersoll Avenue, from Fourteenth Street to Forty-second Street, 30 miles per hour.~~

H. 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-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. East 23rd Street and East Washington Avenue
2. 31st Street and Forest Avenue



Sec. 114-2816. East Twenty-third Street--Dean Avenue to East Aurora Avenue.

East Twenty-third Street, on the east side, from East Washington Ave to a point 50 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2868. Thirty-first Street--John Lynde Road to dead end north of Lincoln Avenue.

Thirty-first Street, on the west side, from Forest Avenue to a point 50 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: December 22, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1716](#)

Action: [On](#) Ingersoll Avenue Improvements from 31st Street to 35th Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Shekar Engineering, PLC (Chandra Shekar, President), \$4,579,672.91. ([Council Communication No. 25-466](#)) Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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