

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-188	Meeting:	June 8, 2026
	Agenda Item:	54	Roll Call:	26-0708
	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 – East Washington Avenue between East 14th Street and Wayne Street
- B. Parking Modification – Parking changes related to Moulton Elementary School
 - 1. 9th Street between College Avenue and Jefferson Avenue
 - 2. College Avenue between 9th Street and 10th Street
- C. Parking Modification – East 25th Court between East University Avenue and Garfield Avenue
- D. Corner Clearance Parking Restrictions –
 - 1. Southwest 7th Street and Hughes Avenue
 - 2. East 17th Court and Garfield Avenue
 - 3. Southeast 17th Street and East Virginia 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:

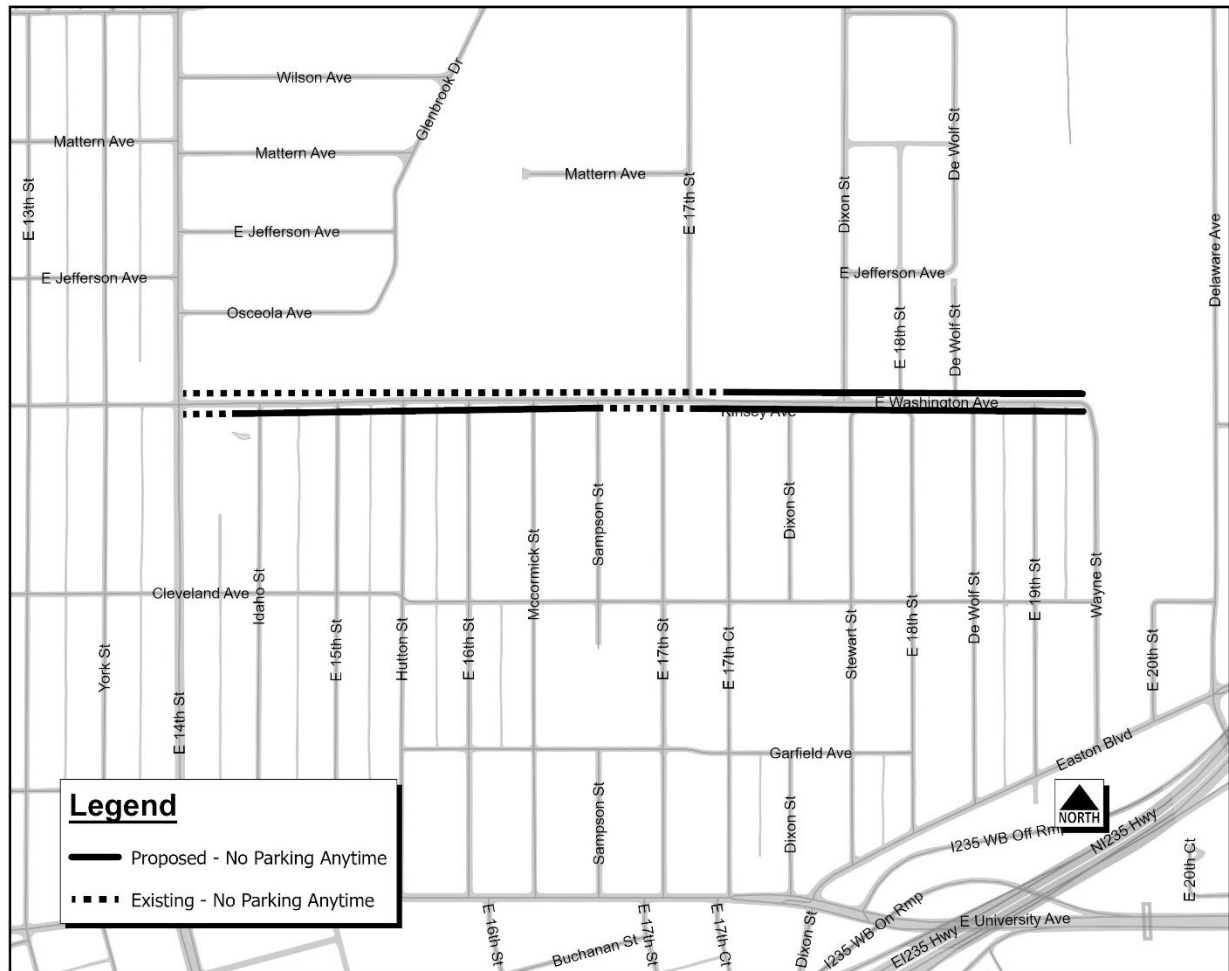
Amount: Costs for sign installations and periodic maintenance of signs.

Funding Source: FY 2026-2027 CIP, Page 168, Traffic Calming Improvements, TR032 (Item A); FY) 2026-27 Operating Budget, Page 57, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. As part of the 2026 Citywide Traffic Calming Improvements project, pavement markings are being added to E Washington Avenue to narrow the roadway from 30 feet to 20 feet. This requires removal of on-street parking on East Washington Avenue between East 14th Street and Wayne Street. As part of the Traffic Calming Program process, a survey was mailed to adjacent residents prior to developing design plans for the corridor. Impacted residents were also sent a notification letter prior to Council approval of the construction plans in December

2025 and prior to the Council meeting on June 8, 2026. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.



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 south side, from Pennsylvania Avenue to a point 150 feet east of East Fourteenth Street, no parking any time.

East Washington Avenue, on ~~the north~~ both sides, from East Fourteenth Street to ~~East Seventeenth Court~~ Wayne Street, no parking any time.

~~East Washington Avenue, on the south side, from Sampson Street to East Seventeenth Street, no parking any time.~~

- B. Moulton Elementary School will be under construction during the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. During this period, students will be dropped off and picked up at the Reichart Community Recreation Center, located at the corner of 9th Street and College Street, and then transported by school bus to another school facility. City staff have worked with the Des Moines Public School District to develop a traffic operations plan for school bus and passenger

loading activities. To facilitate safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up operations, modifications are needed to the existing on-street parking.

- C. On 9th Street, it is proposed that parking be removed from the east side of 9th Street between College Avenue and Jefferson Avenue and prohibited on the west side of 9th Street in this same area between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on school days. A passenger loading zone is proposed on the west side of 9th Street just north of College Avenue to allow parents to drop-off and pick up students.

On College Avenue, parking was recently changed from the south side to the north side of the street between 9th Street and 11th Street as part of the Reichart Community Recreation Center project. It is proposed that parking be removed on the north side of College Avenue between 9th Street and 10th Street and a school bus loading zone be created on the north side of College Avenue in this same area. The area would be restricted to buses only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on school days and available for parking during all other times.

Once construction of Moulton Elementary School is completed and normal school operations resume, 24-hour parking on one side of both College Avenue and 9th Street would be allowed again. Staff would work with residents on those streets at that time to determine the preferred side of the street for parking to be allowed. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2695. Ninth Street--Keosauqua Way to Aurora Avenue.

Ninth Street, on the east side, from College Avenue to Jefferson Avenue, no parking any time.

Ninth Street, on the west side, from Day Street to Hickman Road a point 60 feet north of College Avenue, no parking any time.

Ninth Street, on the west side, from a point 60 feet north of College Avenue to a point 185 feet north thereof, school passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days.

Ninth Street, on the west side, from 245 feet north of College Avenue to a point 55 feet south of Washington Avenue, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days.

Ninth Street, on the west side, from 55 feet south of Washington Avenue to a point 50 feet north of Washington Avenue, no parking any time.

Ninth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet north of Washington Avenue to a point 50 feet south of Jefferson Avenue, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days.

Ninth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet south of Jefferson Avenue to Hickman Road, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3094. College Avenue--Ninth Street to Martin Luther King Jr Parkway.

College Avenue, on the north side, from Ninth Street to a point 45 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

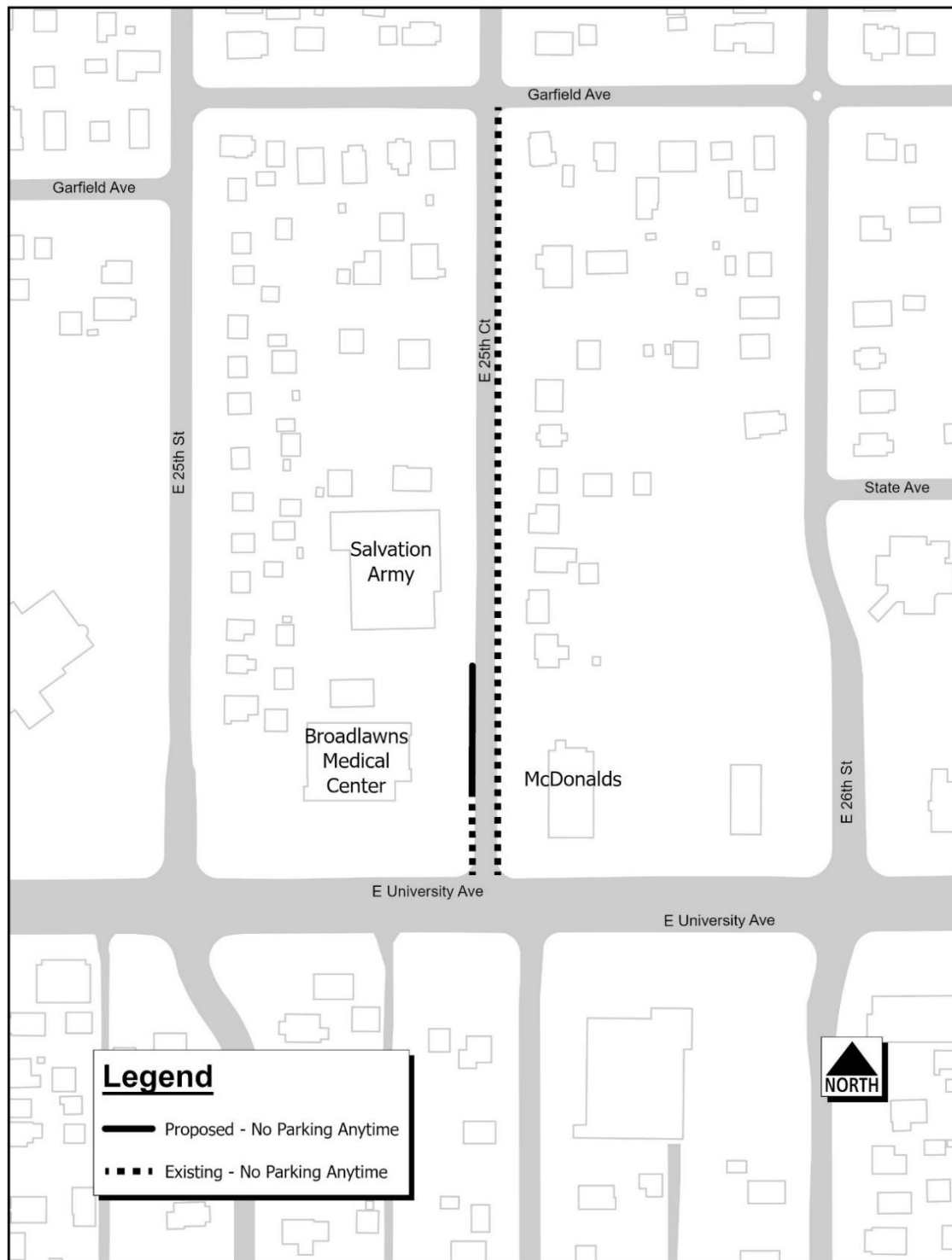
College Avenue, on the north side, from a point 45 feet west of Ninth Street to a point 35 feet east of Tenth Street, school bus loading zone.

College Avenue, on the north side, from ~~Ninth~~ a point 35 feet east of Tenth Street to a point 25 feet west of Tenth Street~~Martin Luther King Jr Parkway~~, no parking any time.

College Avenue, on the north side, from a point 50 feet east of Eleventh Street to Martin Luther King Jr Parkway, no parking any time.

College Avenue, on the south side, from Ninth Street to Eleventh Street, no parking any time.

- D. East 25th Court north of East University Avenue is a 24 feet wide street with driveways to the Salvation Army, McDonalds, and Broadlawns Medical Center all within 260 feet of the intersection. Based on the roadway width, the volume of traffic serving businesses close to the intersection, and queuing traffic at the intersection, staff recommend extending the existing 125 feet parking restriction on the west side of East 25th Court to 255 feet. This will improve sight distance at the intersection and facilitate turning movements onto this narrow, residential street. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.



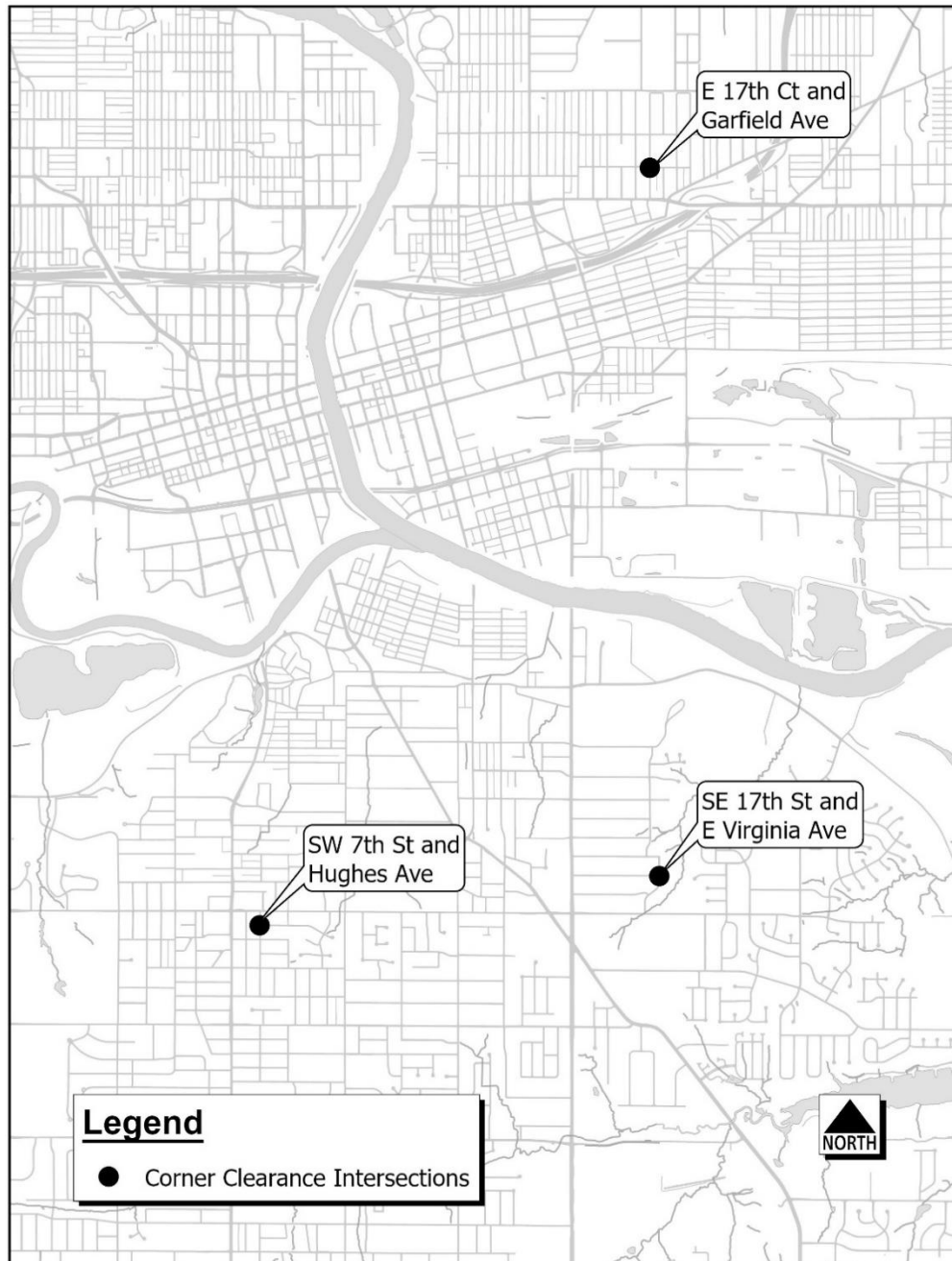
Sec. 114-2827. East Twenty-fifth Court--Maple Street to dead end north of East Ovid Avenue.

East Twenty-fifth Court, on the west side, from East University Avenue to a point ~~125~~ 255 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

- E. 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. Southwest 7th Street and Hughes Avenue
2. East 17th Court and Garfield Avenue
3. Southeast 17th Street and East Virginia Avenue



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

Southwest Seventh Street, on the west side, from a point 45 feet north of Hughes Avenue to a point 65 feet south of Hughes Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2773. East Seventeenth Court--Walker Street to Mattern Avenue.

East Seventeenth Court, on the west side, from a point 70 feet south of Garfield Avenue to a point 75 feet north of Garfield Avenue, no parking any time.

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

Southeast Seventeenth Street, on the west side, from a point 60 feet north of East Virginia Avenue, to East Virginia Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3225. Garfield Avenue--East Ninth Street to East Thirty-seventh Court.

Garfield Avenue, on the north side, from East Seventeenth Court to a point 50 feet west thereof, no parking anytime.

Sec. 114-3327. Hughes Avenue--Dead end east of Southwest Second Street to dead end west of Glover Avenue.

Hughes Avenue, on the south side, from a point 50 feet east of Southwest Seventh Street to Southwest Seventh Street, no parking any time.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 22, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1715](#)

Action: [On](#) 2026 Citywide Traffic Calming Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as InRoads, LLC (Joseph J. Manatt, CEO), \$311,414. ([Council Communication No. 25-462](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0. [Approval](#) of contract and bond. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 6, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0644](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) and approving agreement with J.E. Dunn Construction Company for Construction Manager at Risk Services for the North Side Community Recreation Center, with Pre-Construction Services, not to exceed \$60,518. ([Council Communications No. 24-201](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt; refer to the City Manager to schedule work session on this process and provide evaluations of other projects where it has been used. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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