

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-220	Meeting:	June 29, 2026
	Agenda Item:	61	Roll Call:	26-0788
	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. Speed Limit Modification – Southeast 14th Street (US 69) from East Court Avenue to Creston Avenue
- B. Parking Modification – Center Street from 42nd Street to Polk Boulevard
- C. Code Correction – King Avenue from Southeast 22nd Street to the dead end east of Grand River Drive
- D. Code Correction – Payne Road from Martin Luther King Jr Parkway to 30th Street
- E. Code Correction – Modifications related to right-of-way vacations.
 - 1. Fourteenth Street from Falcon Drive to Linden Street
 - 2. CB&Q Street from Southeast 25th Court to Southeast 30th Street
 - 3. Depot Street from Third Street to Fifth Street
- F. Parking Modification – Southeast Fifth Street from East Market Street to East Elm Street
- G. Parking Modification – East Walnut Street from East 1st Street to East 2nd Street
- H. Parking Modifications – Locust Street – Robert D Ray Drive to Second 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: 2026-27 Operating Budget, Page 57, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

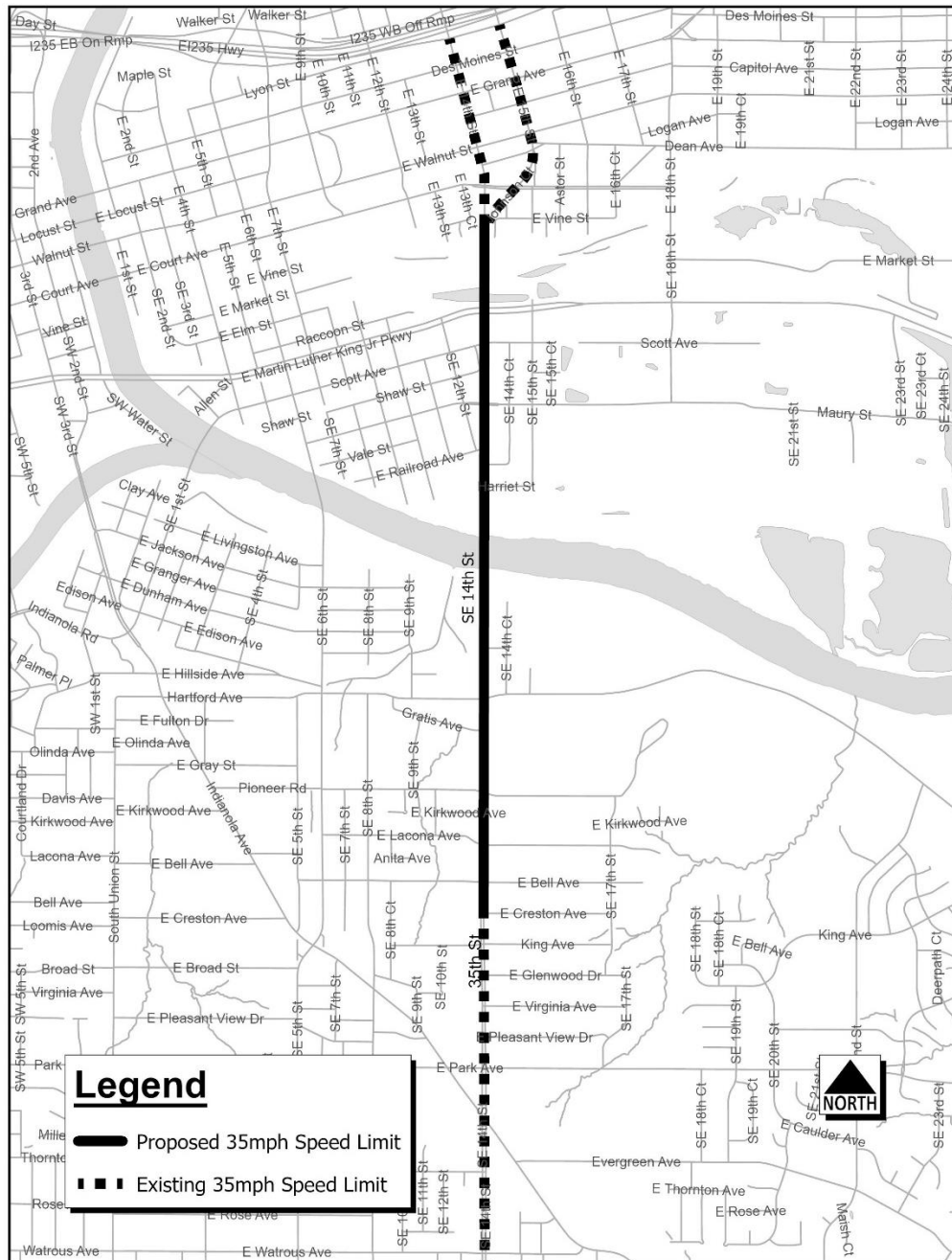
- A. As part of the design process for the Southeast 14th Street and Maury Street Intersection Improvements project, City staff made a request to the Iowa Department of Transportation

(DOT) to review the posted speed limit on Southeast 14th Street (US Highway 69) from just south of East Court Avenue (extension of Vine Street) to just north of Creston Avenue. Southeast 14th Street is designated as US Highway 69 and speed limits on state and federal highways are set by the Iowa DOT. The current speed limit on this segment of Southeast 14th Street is 40 miles per hour (mph), while the adjoining segments of East/Southeast 14th Street to the north and south are posted at 35 mph.

As part of this review, the Iowa DOT requested that the City conduct a credible speed limit evaluation using the City's established speed limit review process. This process applies three (3) credible speed models that consider factors such as traffic volumes, operating speeds, land use, roadway context, and other relevant characteristics to determine an appropriate speed limit.

Based on the results of this analysis, Iowa DOT has agreed to reduce the speed limit on Southeast 14th Street between just south of East Court Avenue (extension of Vine Street) to just north of Creston Avenue from 40 mph to 35 mph. IDOT requires the speed limit to be reflected in the City's Municipal Code.

The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.



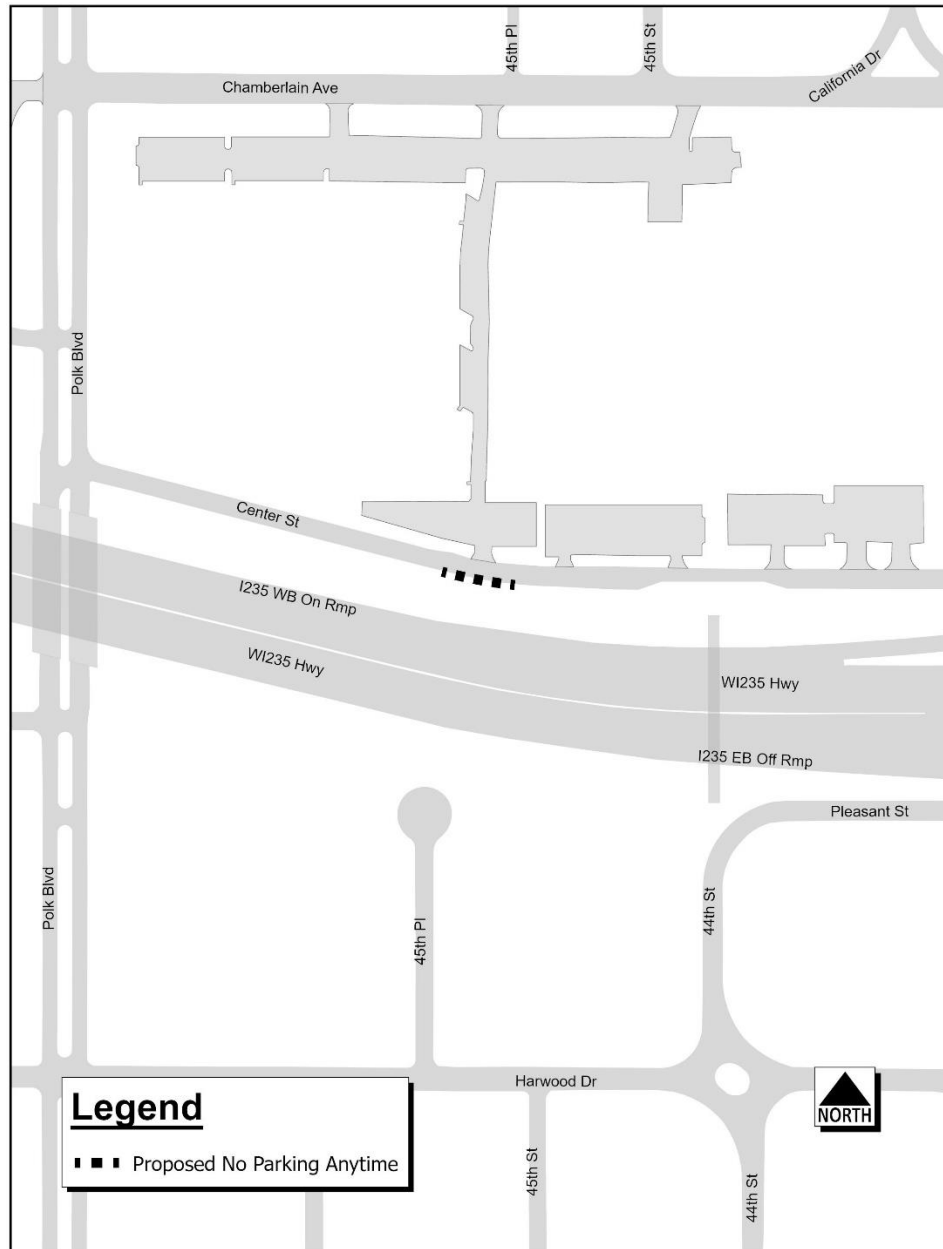
Sec. 114-1253. Southeast Fourteenth Street.

Southeast Fourteenth Street, from East Vine Street to a point 50 feet north of East Creston Avenue, 4035 miles per hour.

- B. Des Moines Public Schools has requested parking be prohibited for 75 feet on the south side of Center Street across from the driveway serving Roosevelt High School to improve bus access to the school.

Vehicles parked near the driveway, particularly student vehicles, can restrict the turning path needed for school buses to safely enter the driveway. Restricting parking in this area will improve maneuverability for buses and enhance overall traffic operations and safety.

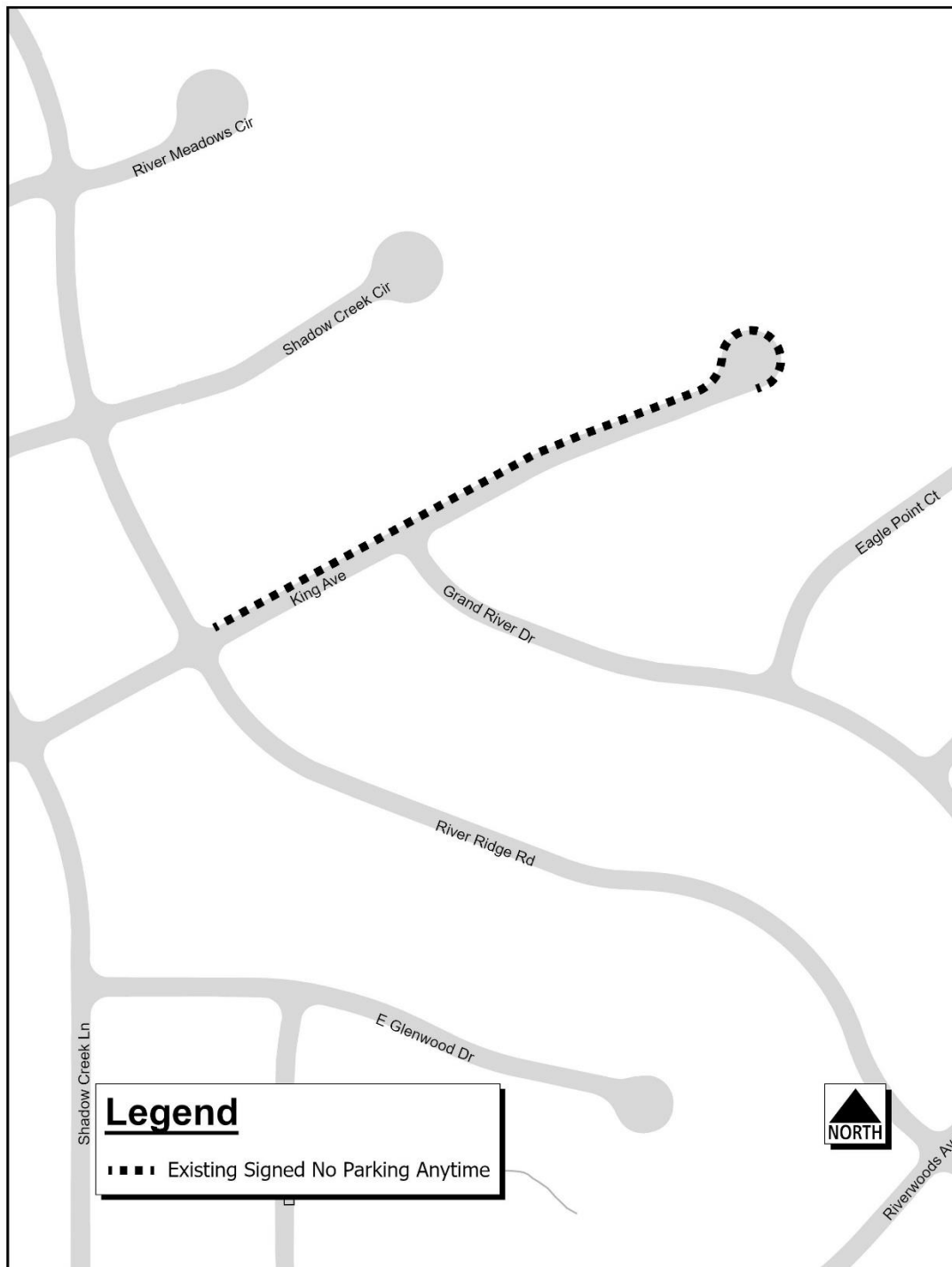
The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place the requested change into effect.



Sec. 114-3065. Center Street--Thirty-fifth Street to city limits.

Center Street, on the south side, from a point 615 feet east of Polk Boulevard to a point 75 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

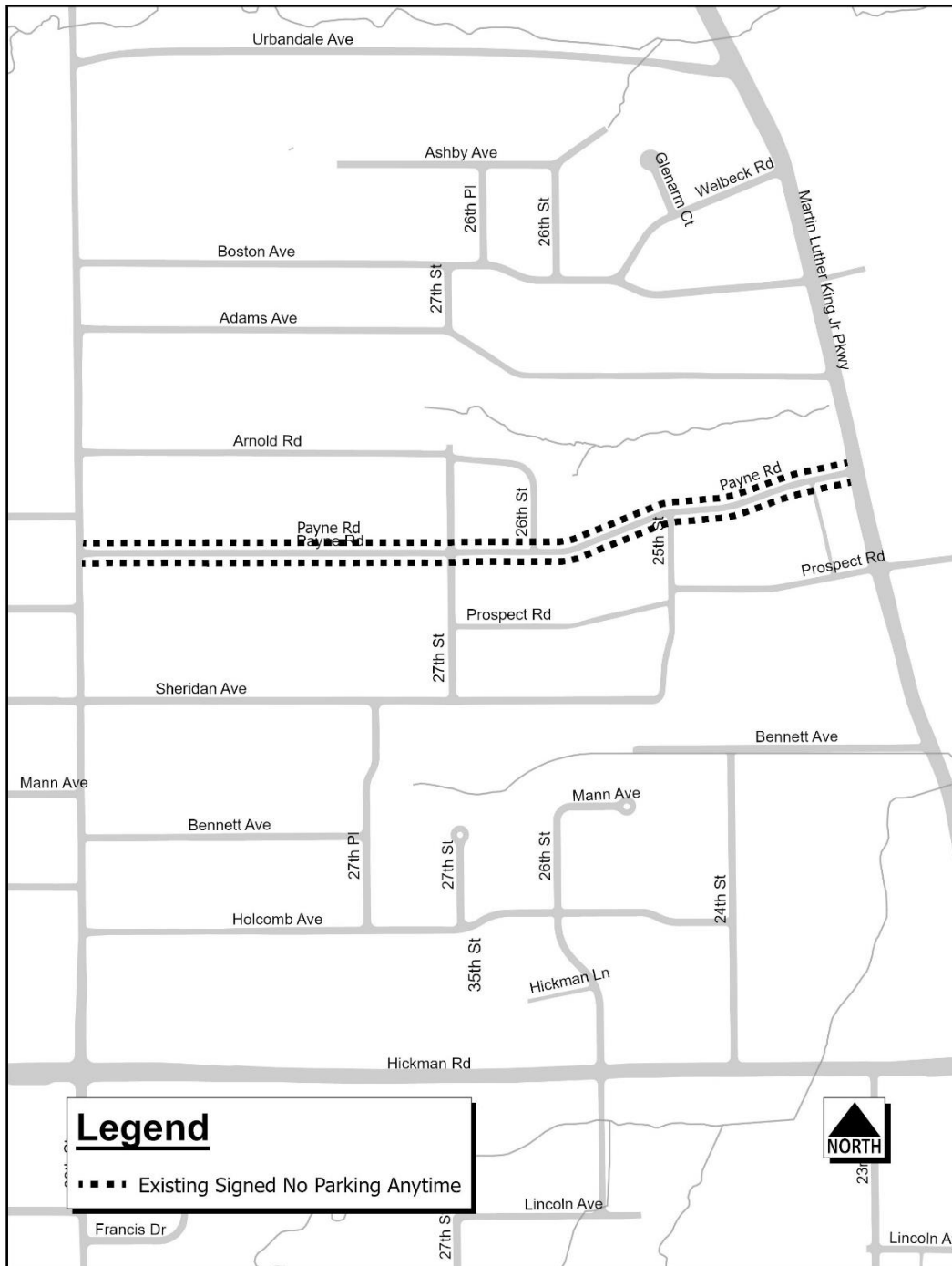
- C. During a field review it was found the Municipal Code was not updated when King Avenue was extended further east and the cul-de-sac was built. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will update the code to match field conditions.



Sec. 114-3376. King Avenue--Southeast Eighth Court to ~~dead-end~~ cul-de-sac east of Grand River Drive

King Avenue, on the north side, from Southeast Twenty-second Street to ~~dead-end~~ and including the cul-de-sac east of Grand River Drive, no parking any time.

- D. During a field review it was found the Municipal Code does not match the parking restriction signage in the field on Payne Road between Martin Luther King Jr Parkway and 30th Street. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will update the code to match field conditions.



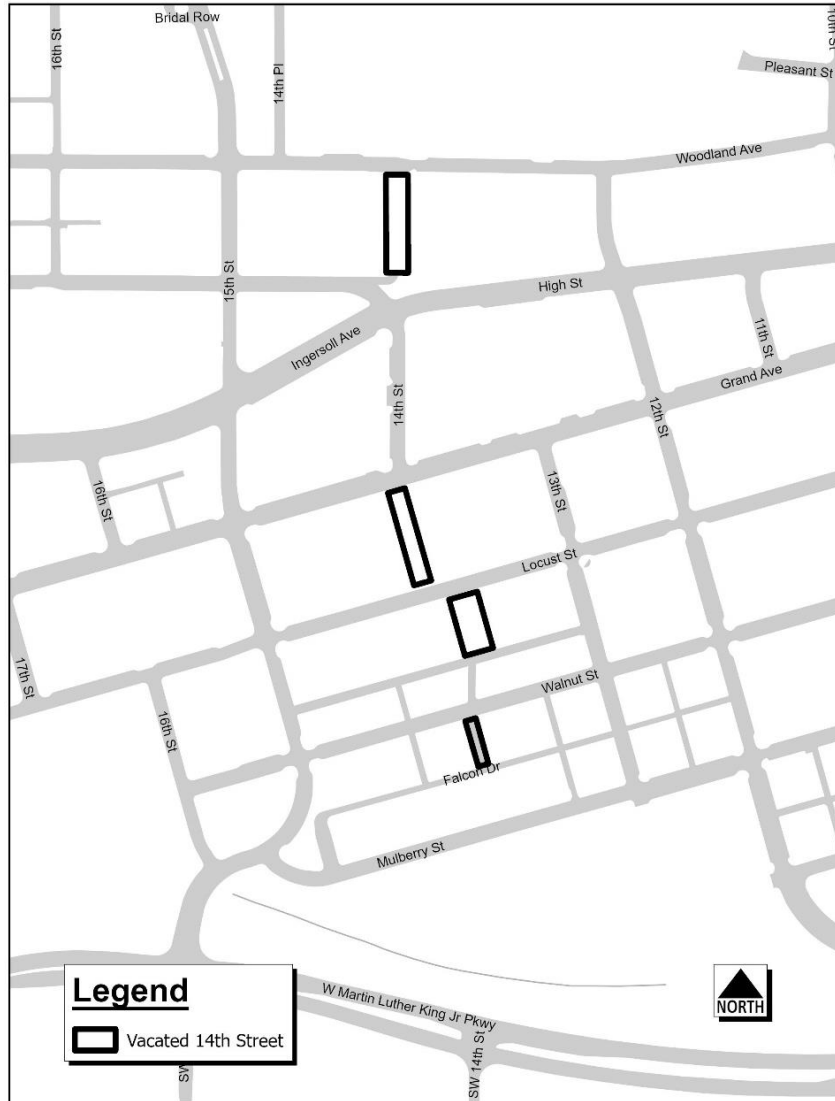
Sec. 114-3562. Payne Road--Martin Luther King Jr Parkway to Thirtieth Street.

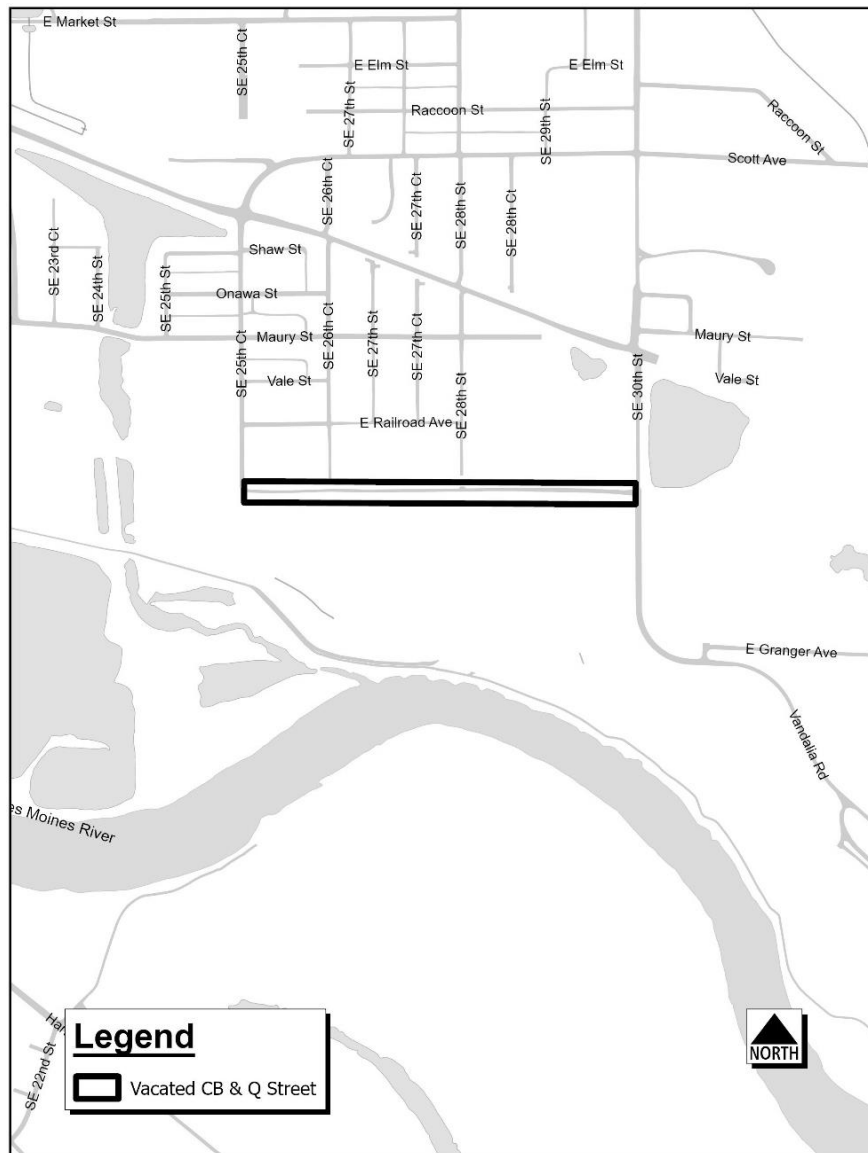
Payne Road, on ~~the south side~~ both sides, from Martin Luther King Jr Parkway to Thirtieth Street, no parking any time.

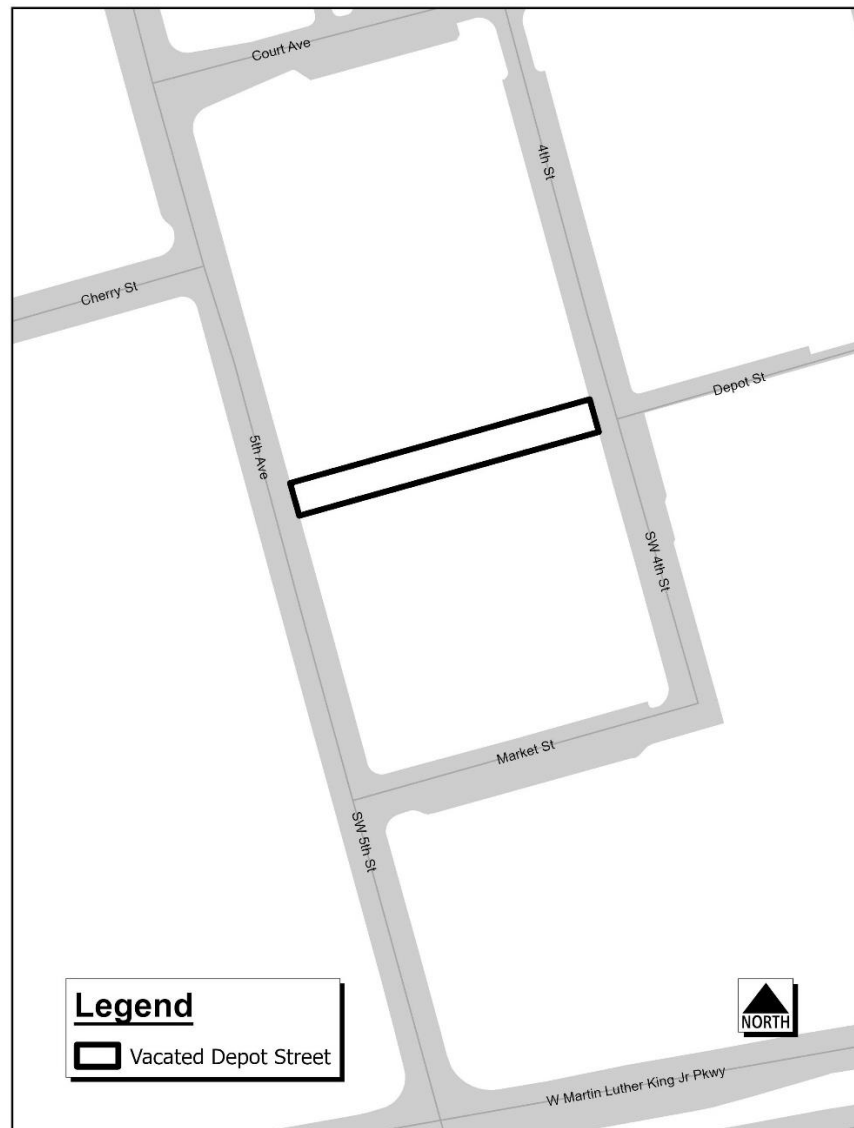
~~Payne Road, on the north side, from Martin Luther King Jr Parkway to Twenty-fifth Street, no parking any time.~~

~~Payne Road, on the north side, from Twenty seventh Street to Thirtieth Street, no parking any time.~~

- E. The following changes update the Municipal Code to remove references to streets vacated through previous council actions and make code corrections resulting from the vacations of these streets. These streets include:
1. Fourteenth Street from Locust Street to Linden Street
 2. CB&Q Street from SE 25th Court to SE 30th Street
 3. Depot Street from Third Street to Fifth Street







Sec. 114-2029. Fourteenth Street.

~~Fourteenth Street, from the north line of Locust Street to the south line of Ingersoll Avenue, stop.~~

Sec. 114-2239. Ingersoll Avenue.

Ingersoll Avenue, at Fourteenth Street, stop.

Ingersoll Avenue, at the west leg of High Street, stop.

Sec. 114-2748. ~~Fourteenth Street--Falcon Drive to Grand Avenue~~Walnut Street to the alley north of Walnut Street.

~~Fourteenth Street, on the west side, from Walnut Street to a point 145 feet south thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Fourteenth Street, on the east side, from Falcon Drive to Walnut Street, no parking any time.~~

Fourteenth Street, on both sides, from Walnut Street to ~~Locust Street~~ the alley north of Walnut Street, no parking any time.

~~Sec. 114-2749. Fourteenth Street--Grand Avenue to Linden Street.~~

~~Fourteenth Street, on the east side, from Grand Avenue to Linden Street, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-2750. Fourteenth Street--~~Linden Street~~ Grand Avenue to Ingersoll Avenue.

~~Fourteenth Street, on the east side, from Linden Street to Ingersoll Avenue, no parking any time.~~

~~Fourteenth Street, on the west side, from Linden Avenue to a point 120 feet north thereof, no parking 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.~~

~~Fourteenth Street, on the west side, from Ingersoll Avenue to a point 120 feet north of Linden Street, no parking any time.~~

Fourteenth Street, on the east side, from Grand Avenue to Ingersoll Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-98. Southeast Thirtieth Street crossings.

A suitable mechanical signal device shall be erected, maintained and operated by Norfolk & Southern Railroad Company at the intersection of its tracks at ~~East~~Southeast Thirtieth Street at ~~CB&Q Street~~ approximately 1040 feet south of the intersection of Southeast Thirtieth Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.

Sec. 114-2828. Southeast Twenty-fifth Court--East Market Street to ~~C.B. & Q.~~ dead end south of East Railroad Avenue.

Southeast Twenty-fifth Court, on both sides, from Scott Avenue to ~~C.B. & Q. Street~~ and including the dead end south of East Railroad Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2843. Southeast Twenty-seventh Court--East Market Street to ~~C.B. & Q. Street~~ East Leach Avenue.

Southeast Twenty-seventh Court, on the west side, from the dead end north of Maury Street to East Railroad Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2852. Southeast Twenty-eighth Street--East Market Street to South City Limits.

Southeast Twenty-eighth Street, on the west side, from Maury Street to ~~C.B. & Q. Street~~ and including the dead end south of East Railroad Avenue, no parking any time.

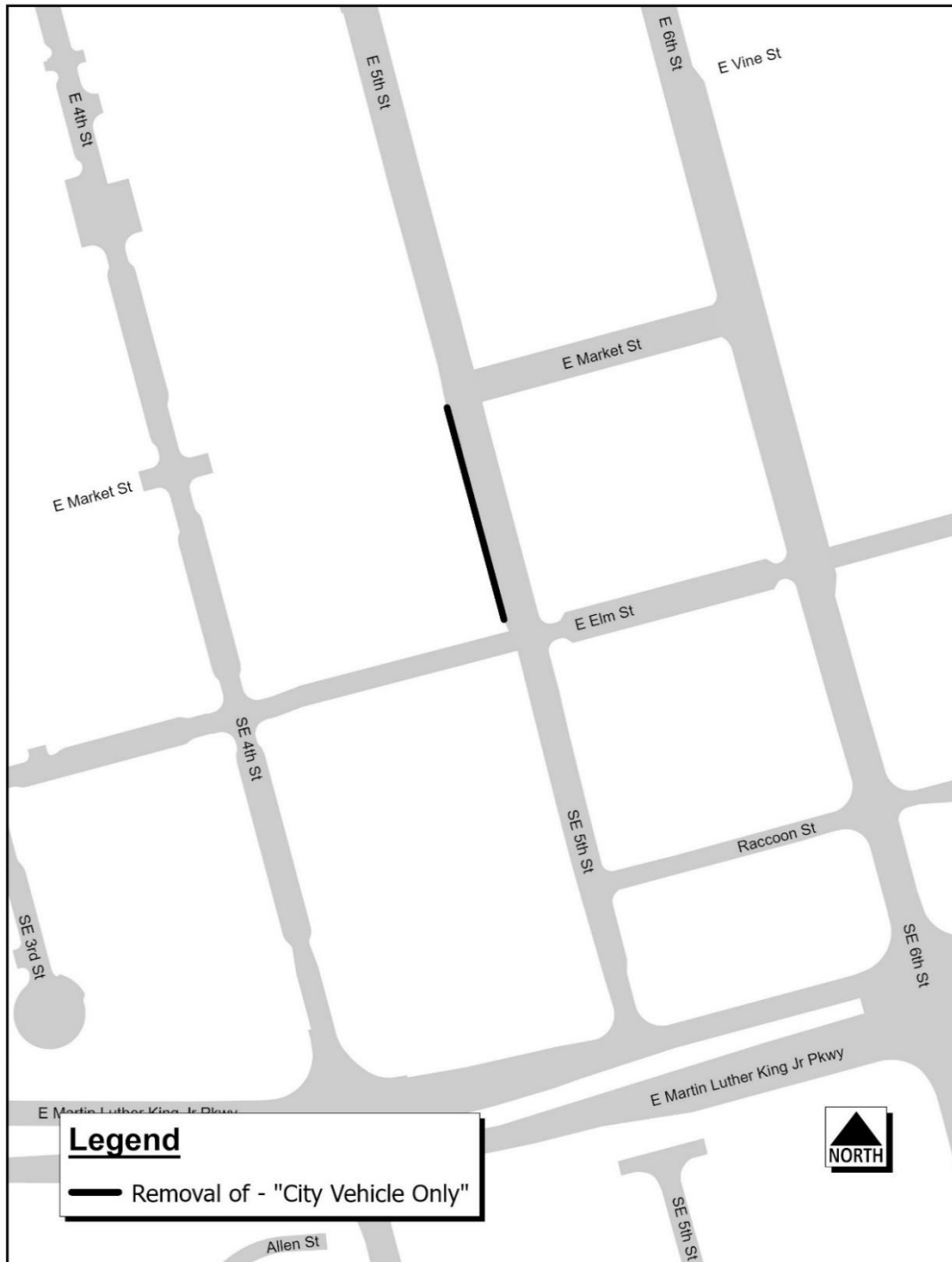
~~Sec. 114-3058. C.B. & Q. Street--Southeast Twenty-fourth Court to Southeast Thirtieth Street.~~

~~C.B. & Q. Street, on both sides, from Southeast Thirtieth Street to a point 35 feet west thereof, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-3146. Depot Street--Third Street to ~~Fifth Avenue~~ Fourth Street.

Depot Street, on ~~the south side~~ both sides, from Third Street to Fourth Street, no parking any time.

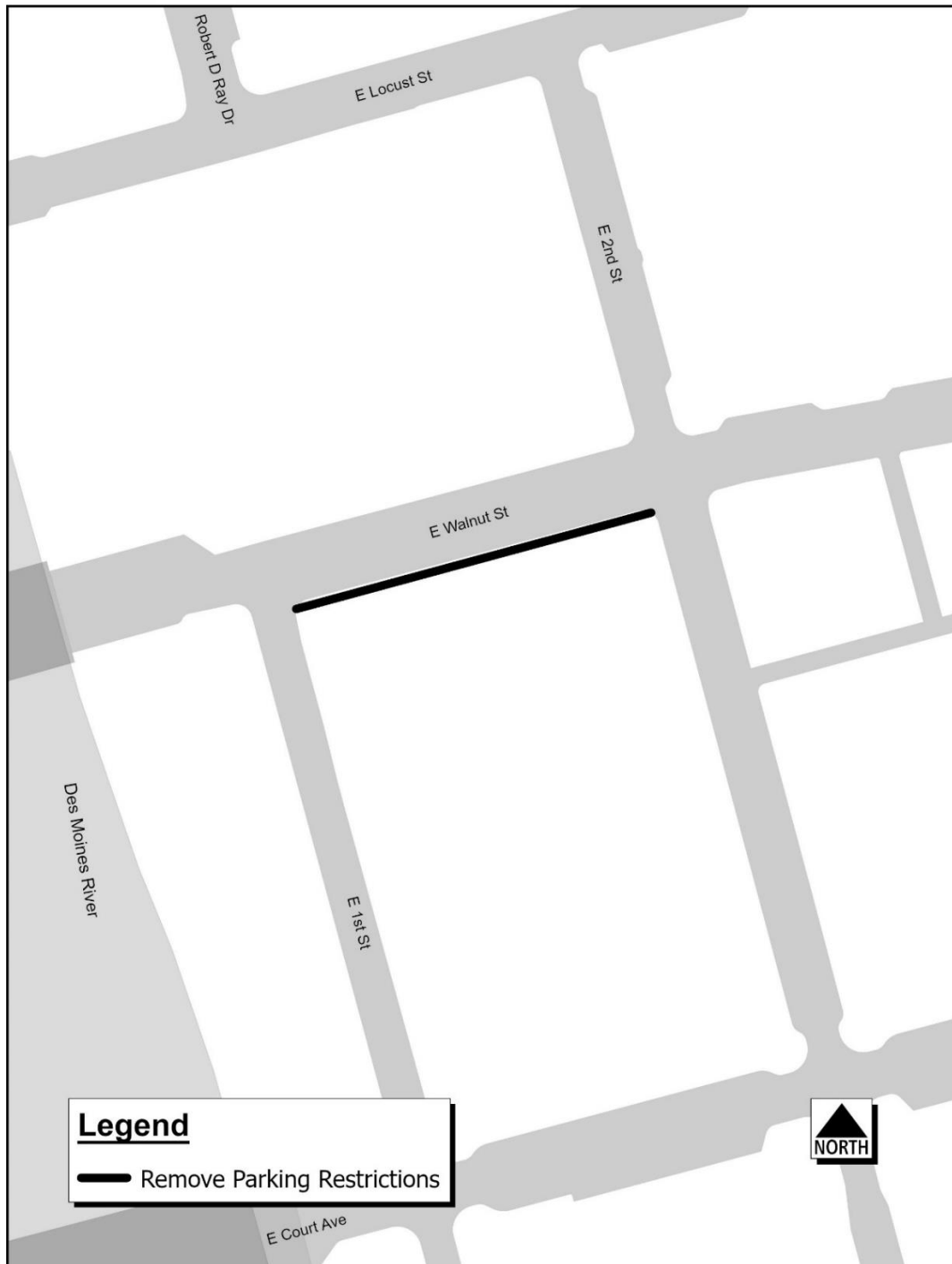
- F. During a field review, staff determined that the City vehicle permit parking zone along Southeast 5th Street between East Market and East Elm Street remains in place but is no longer needed. The parking zone was originally established to serve City operations that have been since been relocated, and the buildings associated with those operations have been demolished.
- G. The following modification to the Municipal Code will implement this change.



Sec. 114-2636. Southeast Fifth Street--East Vine Street to East County Line Road.

~~Southeast Fifth Street, on the west side, from East Market Street to East Elm Street, parking for city vehicles only.~~

- H. With the move of federal offices from the former United States Federal Courthouse at 123 East Walnut Street and the sale of this property, the loading zone is no longer needed, and it is proposed to create 12 metered public parking spaces in this area.
The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended change into effect.



Sec. 114-3747. East Walnut Street--East First Street to East Second Street.

~~East Walnut Street, on the south side, from East First Street to a point 140 feet east thereof, no stopping or standing.~~

~~East Walnut Street, on the south side, from a point 190 feet east of East First Street to Second Street, no stopping or standing.~~

~~East Walnut Street, on the south side, from a point 140 feet east of East First Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, loading zone.~~

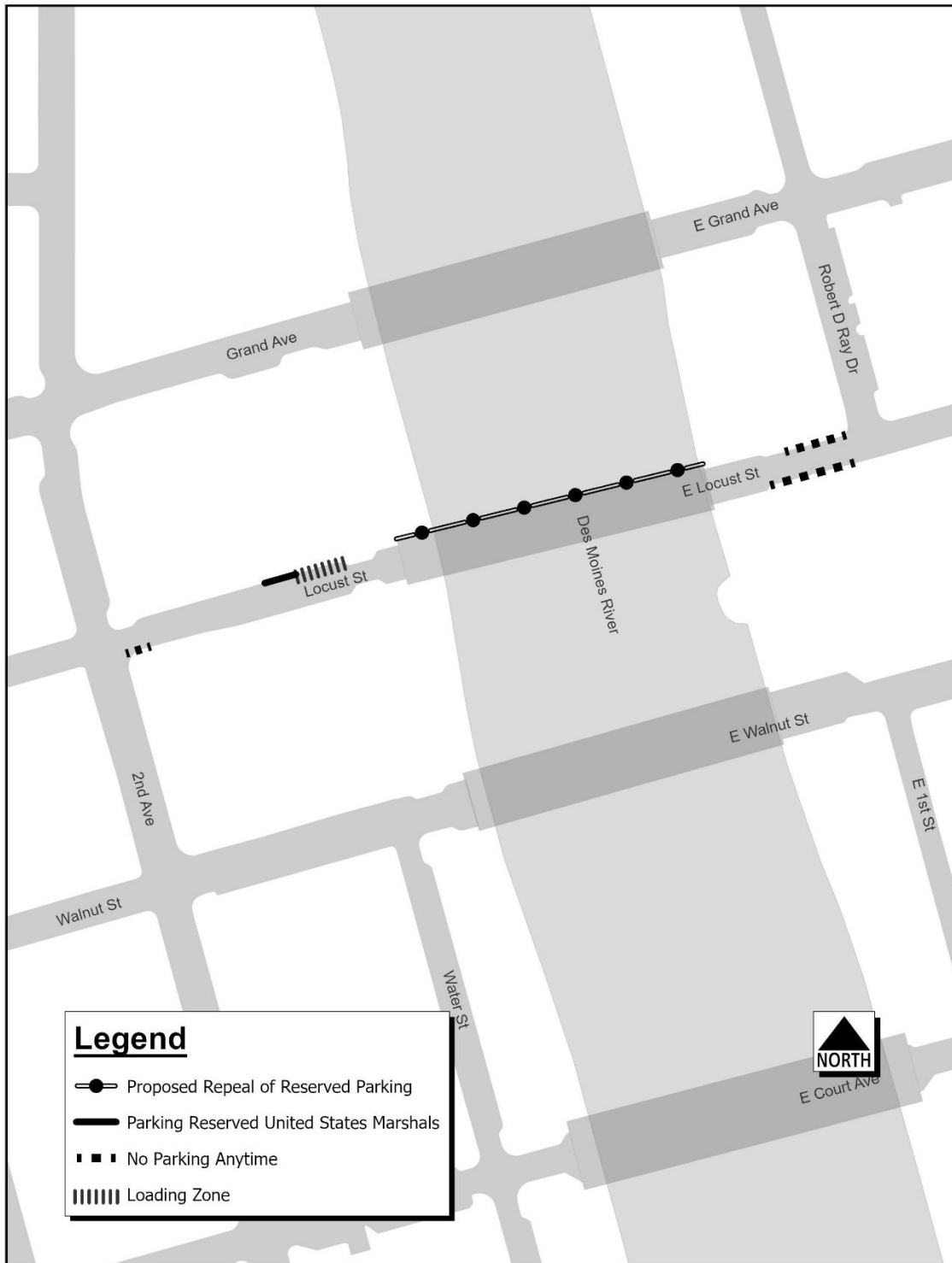
- H. The United States Marshals Service has requested the designation of a parking area for official US Marshals vehicles on Locust Street in the 100 block, adjacent to the United States Federal Courthouse at 111 Locust Street.

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To accommodate this request, the existing loading zone on the north side of Locust Street will be shortened by approximately 45 feet, and the resulting space will be designated for parking by US Marshals vehicles.

In addition, staff identified that a previously approved City Council action to remove reserved municipal employee permit parking on the Locust Street Bridge, which was approved by the City Council on March 9, 2026, was inadvertently omitted from the ordinance that amended the Municipal Code.

The following amendments to the Municipal Code will implement both of these changes.



Sec. 114-3419. - Locust Street—Robert D Ray Drive to Second Avenue.

Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 225 feet east of Second Avenue to a point 45 feet east thereof, parking spaces for United States Marshals.

Locust Street, on the north side, from a point ~~225~~270 feet east of Second Avenue to a point ~~45~~70 feet east thereof, loading zone.

~~Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 200 feet west of Robert D Ray Drive to a point 505 west thereof, reserved for City of Des Moines municipal employee permit parking, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.~~

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 9, 2026

Roll Call Number: [26-0337](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows: ([Council Communication No. 26-073](#)) Moved by Westergaard that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.

- (A) Code Correction – Woodbury Circle from Walnut Ridge Drive to the dead end north of Walnut Ridge Drive.
- (B) Parking Modification – 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 Modifications – Loading zone on 6th Avenue between Clinton Avenue and Douglas Avenue
- (D) Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six votes. Moved by Westergaard 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, [#16,543](#). Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: October 20, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1425](#)

Action: [On](#) vacation of CB & Q Street right-of-way between Southeast 25th Court and Southeast 30th Street and conveyance to the Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Authority for the WRA Treatment Facilities Expansion project. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

- (A) [First](#) consideration of ordinance above. Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) Final consideration of ordinance above, required 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, [#16,505](#). Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 9, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0012](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. for the Southeast 14th Street and Maury Street Intersection Improvements, not to exceed \$455,035. ([Council Communication no. 23-007](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 25, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-0720](#)

Action: [On](#) vacation and lease of a portion of 14th Street right-of-way adjoining 1459 Grand Avenue to Linden Street Investments, LLC in exchange for permanent easement for a public pedestrian way across adjoining property owned by Linden Street Investments, LLC. ([Council Communication No. 16-209](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

- (A) [First](#) consideration of ordinance above. Moved by Hensley that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) [Final](#) consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by Kum & Go), requires six votes. Moved by Hensley 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 the ordinance do now pass, [#15,467](#). Motion Carried 7-0

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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