

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 63

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-132
MARCH 17, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
TRAFFIC REGULATION CHANGES	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD E. SMITH CITY ENGINEER

SYNOPSIS —

The following traffic regulation change has been reviewed by staff and is recommended for approval:

Request from Des Moines Police Department to change commercial loading zone to 24-hour loading zone.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION —

Refer to Legal Department for preparation of ordinance revisions.

BACKGROUND —

The Parking Meter Enforcement Section of the Police Department has experienced problems with vehicles parking in the loading zone on Fifth Street adjacent to Capital Square. This loading zone is designated as a commercial loading zone, which prohibits parking between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM, Monday through Saturday, except for loading or unloading not to exceed 20 minutes. However, vehicles that park in this area after 6 PM and prior to 8 AM interfere with nighttime and early morning delivery vehicles which service Capital Square.

Changing the loading area at Capital Square from a commercial loading zone to a 24-hour loading zone will allow for loading activities during these off hours and will prohibit parking at all times. This designation as a 24-hour loading zone will also provide more uniform signing and enforcement than a combination of a commercial loading zone with a separate parking restriction from 6 PM to 8 AM. The east side of Fifth Street north of the loading zone will remain No Parking Any Time.

The following ordinance changes are necessary to designate the 24-hour loading zone:

SEC. 27-1606. FIFTH AVENUE--WALNUT STREET TO LOCUST STREET.

Fifth Avenue, on the east side, from Walnut Street to a point 125 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.

Fifth Avenue, on the east side, from Walnut Street to a point 125 feet north thereof, no parking 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.