



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

99-032

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

The following traffic regulation changes have been reviewed by staff and are recommended for approval:

JANUARY 25, 1999

SUBJECT:

TRAFFIC
REGULATION
CHANGES

1. Request for No Parking Restrictions in the Vicinity of Stitzell Electric, 101-107 - 12th Street.
2. Request for No Parking Restrictions Adjacent to the West Driveway of 4004 Grand Avenue.
3. Request for Changes to Municipal Code to Support Current Signing for Caulder Circle.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

FISCAL IMPACT -

N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.
ACTING CITY
ENGINEER

RECOMMENDATION -

Receive, file, and refer to Legal Department for proper legislation.

BACKGROUND -

1. Harry Strong, President of Stitzell Electric, contacted the Traffic and Transportation Division regarding two parking problems adjacent to his business. One of these problems relates to the proximity of a parking meter adjacent to the drive to this business. Upon field review of this location and from the information provided by Mr. Strong, the Traffic and Transportation Division proposes to remove one parking meter (12-107) and convert that space to a no parking any time area. The installation of a loading zone in this space would not solve the problem of a parked vehicle obstructing backing delivery

vehicles. Mr. Strong has concurred with this solution.

As related in correspondence from Mr. Strong, there is also an ongoing problem with gatherings of loop scoopers and drag racers in this area. Due to the close proximity of the Churches United Shelter and the various activities of the loop scoopers, there is the potential for a dangerous situation, as noted in Mr. Strong's letter. Traffic and Transportation proposes to post this area no parking 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on 12th Street and on Cherry Street in this area. These types of restrictions are much the same as has been done on sections of Grand Avenue to discourage large gatherings of people in the roadway and to give the Police Department an enforcement tool to disperse crowds obstructing traffic. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these no parking restrictions into effect:

SEC. 27-1699. TWELFTH STREET-CHERRY STREET TO MULBERRY STREET.

Twelfth Street, on the east side, from Cherry Street to a point 80 feet north thereof, no parking 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Twelfth Street, on the east side, from a point 145 feet north of Cherry Street to Mulberry Street, no parking 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Twelfth Street, on the west side, from a point 25 feet north of Cherry Street to a point 25 feet south of Mulberry Street, no parking 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Twelfth Street, on the east side, from a point ~~100~~ 80 feet north of Cherry Street to a point ~~45~~ 65 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

SEC. 27-2044.01. CHERRY STREET-TWELFTH STREET TO THIRTEENTH STREET.

Cherry Street, on both sides, from Twelfth Street to Thirteenth Street, no parking 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

SEC. 27-2864. TWELFTH STREET-CHERRY STREET TO MULBERRY STREET.

Twelfth Street, on the east side, from Cherry Street to a point ~~100~~ 80 feet north thereof, ten hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00

p.m.

2. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from the residents at 4004 Grand Avenue regarding visibility and turning difficulties out of the west driveway of this retirement center. The property is located just east of Tonawanda Drive along the south side of Grand Avenue. There is currently a no parking any time restriction along both sides of Grand Avenue in this area; however, parking is allowed on Sundays. This investigation showed that parked vehicles on the south side of Grand Avenue adjacent to the west driveway of 4004 Grand Avenue could present a visibility problem, depending on the density of the vehicles.

The following ordinance changes will implement a short section of no parking any time for a 75-foot section to the west of this driveway. In order to provide adequate visibility for turning vehicles at this location, the following changes to the Municipal Code are necessary.

SEC. 27-2232. GRAND AVENUE-THIRTY-FIFTH STREET TO FORTY-SECOND STREET.

~~Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 50 feet west of Tonawanda Drive to a point 50 feet east of Forty second Street, no parking Monday through Friday.~~

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 50 feet west of Thirty-eighth Place to a point 240 feet east of Tonawanda Drive, no parking Monday through Saturday.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 165 feet east of Tonawanda Drive to a point 75 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 50 feet east of Tonawanda Drive to a point 115 feet east thereof, no parking Monday through Saturday.

3. During review of traffic ordinances and street name signing, the Traffic and Transportation Division has discovered a discrepancy related to a street name designation. The following ordinance change will change the Municipal Code to reflect correct street name signing in the field.

SEC. 27-2024. EAST CAULDER AVENUE CIRCLE-

**SOUTHEAST FIRST STREET TO SOUTHEAST
~~TWENTY SECOND~~ FIFTH STREET.**

East Caulder Avenue Circle, on the south side, from Southeast First Street to a point 220 feet east thereof, and any part of the cul-de-sac, no parking any time.