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SUBJECT—

Traffic Regulation Changes

SYNOPSIS—

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

- A. Corner Clearance—East Side of East 43rd Court South of Douglas..
- B. Corner Clearance—West Side of 21st Street North of Meek Avenue and West Side of 21st Street South of Mondamin Avenue.
- C. Corner Clearance—South Side of Meek Avenue East of 21st Street.
- D. Removal of Commercial Loading Zone—West Side of 8th Street North of Walnut Street.
- E. Loading Zones Established—30th Street between University Avenue and Forest Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Minor costs for signing and parking meters to be paid from the Traffic and Transportation operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

- A. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles at the intersection of E. 43rd Court and E. Douglas Avenue. In order to provide adequate visibility for vehicles at this intersection, staff recommends that the 50-foot “corner clearance” no parking zone be extended to 100 feet on the east side of E. 43rd Court south of E. Douglas Avenue. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect.

Sec. 114-2928.05. East Forty-third Court—Douglas Avenue to the dead end south.

East Forty-third Court, on the east side, from Douglas Avenue to point ~~50~~ 100 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

- B. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from Police Department regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles at the intersection of 21st Street and Mondamin Avenue and Meek Avenue. In order to provide adequate visibility for vehicles at these intersections, staff recommends that 50-foot “corner clearance” no parking zones be established on the west side of Twenty-first Street south of Mondamin Avenue and on the west side of Twenty-first Street north of Meek Avenue. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these changes into effect.

Sec. 114-2803. Twenty-first Street--Olive Avenue to Franklin Avenue.

Twenty-first Street, on the west side, from Meek Avenue to a point 50 feet north thereof, no parking anytime.

Twenty-first Street, on the west side from Mondamin Avenue to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking anytime.

- C. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from Police Department regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles at the intersection of Meek Avenue and 21st Street. In order to provide adequate visibility for vehicles at this intersection, staff recommends that a 50-foot “corner clearance” no parking zone be established on the south side of Meek Avenue east of Twenty-first Street. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect.

Sec. 114-3487. Meek Avenue--Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway to dead end west of Twenty-seventh Street.

Meek Avenue, on the south side, from Twenty-first Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking anytime.

- D. Traffic and Transportation has reviewed the area adjacent to the demolition site on the west side of 8th Street between Locust Street and Walnut Street. There is a substantial lack of on-street and off-street parking in this area, related to the demolition of the 8th & Mulberry Municipal Parking Garage. This recommended ordinance change will remove one existing loading zone on the west side of 8th Street adjacent to the demolition site and add two additional on-street parking metered spaces in the area of this existing loading zone.

Sec. 114-2677. Eighth Street--Walnut Street to Locust Street.

~~Eighth Street, on the west side, from Walnut Street to a point 50 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.~~

Sec. 114-3890. Eighth Street--Walnut Street to Locust Street.

Eighth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet north of Walnut Street to a point 105 feet north thereof, two-hour meters, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- E. In 1999 during the reconstruction and realignment of 30th Street and 31st Street between University Avenue and Forest Avenue, Drake University asked that loading zones be established on the east side of the street to facilitate the loading and unloading of the students in the adjacent dormitories. At that time Drake University desired to maintain control of these loading zones. They were signed as loading zones but not ordinances as such. Drake University now requests that the City of Des Moines enforce illegal parking in these loading zones. Because these areas were never ordinances as loading zones, they must be established in the municipal code prior to enforcement. The following ordinance changes will establish both areas as loading zones for usage and enforcement purposes.

Sec. 114-2862. Thirtieth Street--Terrace Drive to dead end north of Aurora Avenue.

Thirtieth Street, on the east side, from Carpenter Avenue to a point 300 feet north, loading zone.

Thirtieth Street, on the east side, from a point 80 feet south of Carpenter Avenue to a point 300 feet south thereof, loading zone.

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