


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>22-461</b>	Meeting:	<b>October 3, 2022</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>71</b>	Roll Call:	<b>22-1586</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows:

- A. Parking modification - Remove parking on the east side of 6th Avenue between Locust Street and Grand Avenue and between Grand Avenue and High Street.
- B. Parking modification - Extend parking restrictions on Chamberlain Avenue at 45th Street.
- C. One-way designation - St. Johns Road between 35th Street and 34th Street.
- D. Parking modification - Change parking restriction start time from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on SE 7th Street between Indianola Avenue and E Virginia Avenue.
- E. Code correction - Update parking restriction to match field conditions on SE 22nd Street from King Avenue to E Virginia Avenue.
- F. Code correction - Update parking restriction to match field conditions on 41st Street from College Avenue to Germania Drive.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the staff recommendation and the ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

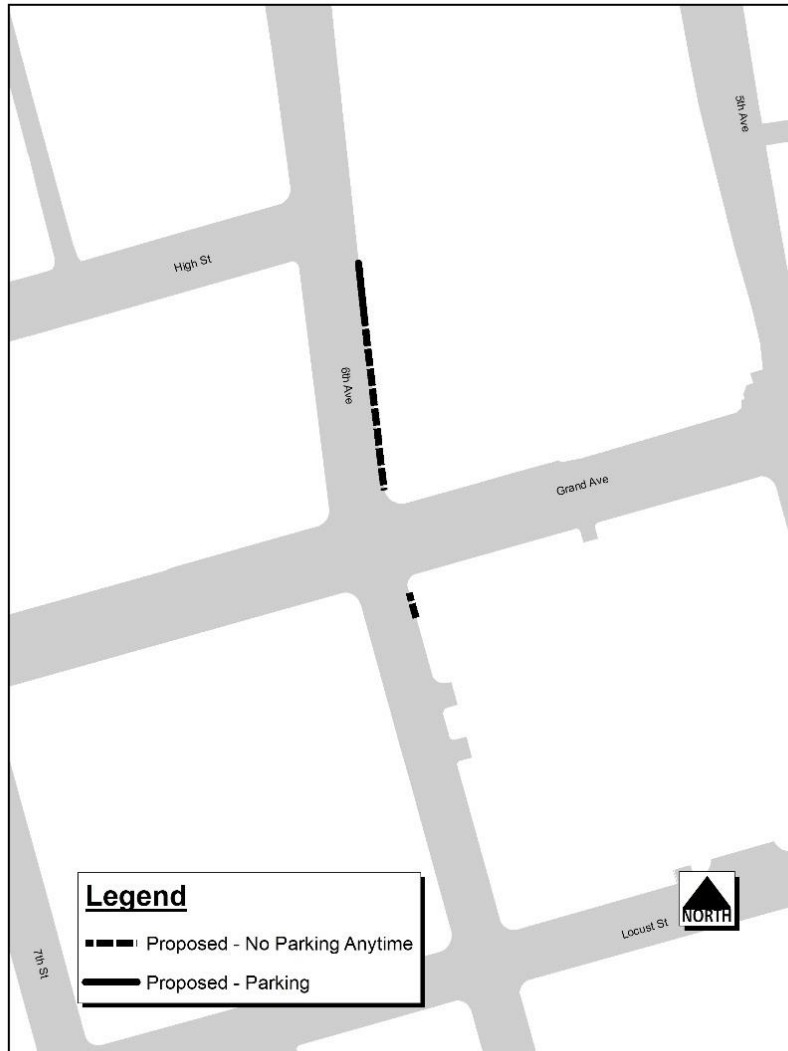
Amount: Costs for sign installations and periodic maintenance of signs.

Funding Source: 2022-23 Operating Budget, Page 60, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) contacted the Traffic and Transportation Division with a request to move the bus stop located on east side of 6th Avenue at the southeast corner of Grand Avenue to be on the east side of 6th Avenue at the northeast corner of this intersection. Several transit routes travel through this intersection during the day. Some buses turn left to proceed west, while others proceed northbound on 6th Avenue through the intersection. Those buses turning left do not service riders waiting at the bus stop on the southeast corner. At times, riders think that the bus they see waiting for the traffic signal in the far-left lane can be boarded and they attempt to cross the street. The intent of this request is to reduce the confusion of some riders by providing the bus stop just north of Grand Avenue to distinguish the routes that are serviced at this stop. This request involves the removal of parking

on the east side of 6th Avenue, north from Grand Avenue for about 130 feet, to provide space for passengers to enter and exit a bus from the curb. The present handicapped accessible spaces in this area will be moved to the north and just south of High Street. Parking will also be restricted on the east side of 6th Avenue, south from Grand Avenue for 35 feet, to enhance the visibility of pedestrians and other users crossing the south approach of 6th Avenue. The proposed action will revise the Municipal Code to appropriately reflect the removal of parking along 6th Avenue between Locust and High Streets.



Sec. 114-2642. Sixth Avenue—Locust Street to Grand Avenue.

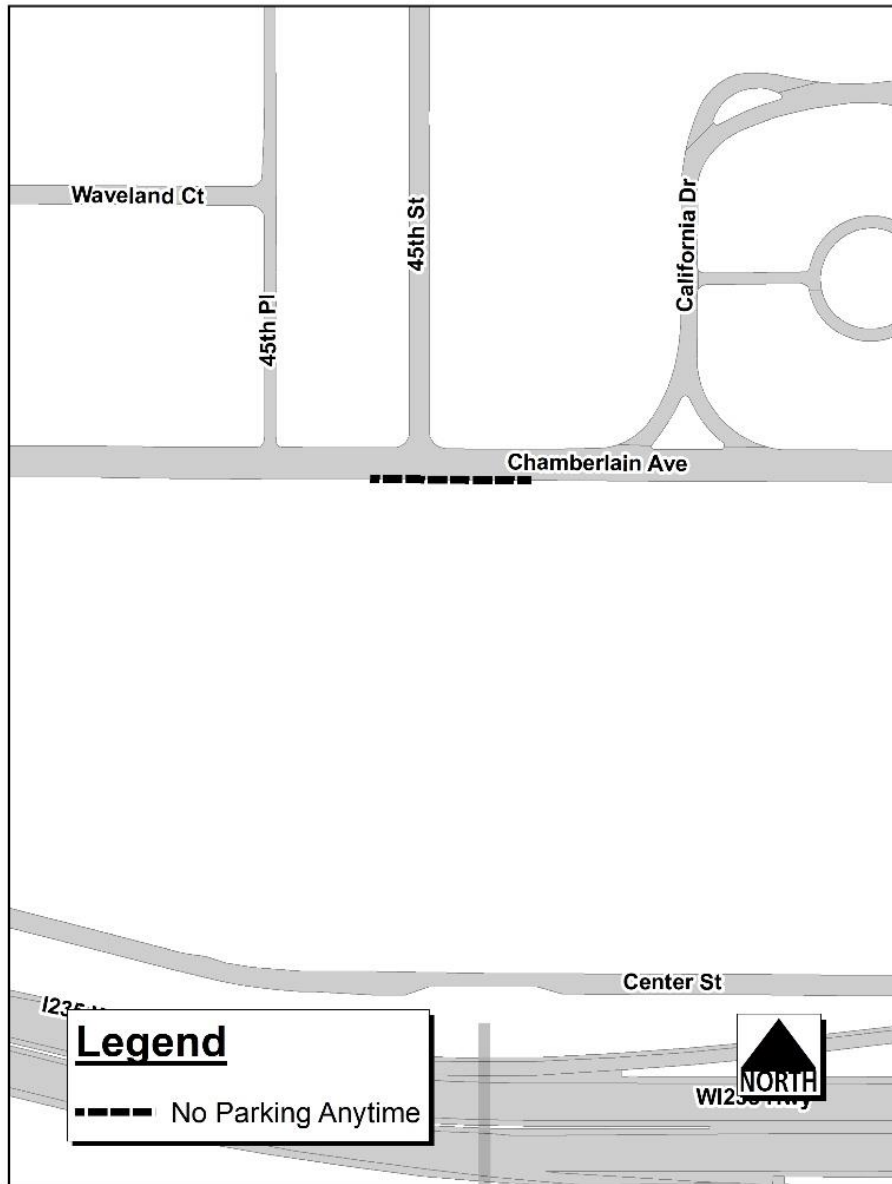
Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from Grand Avenue to a point 35 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2643. Sixth Avenue—Grand Avenue to High Street.

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from Grand Avenue to a point ~~90~~ 130 feet north thereof, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and ~~4:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.~~ any time.

Sixth Avenue, on the east side, from a point ~~90~~ 130 feet north of Grand Avenue to High Street, no parking 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

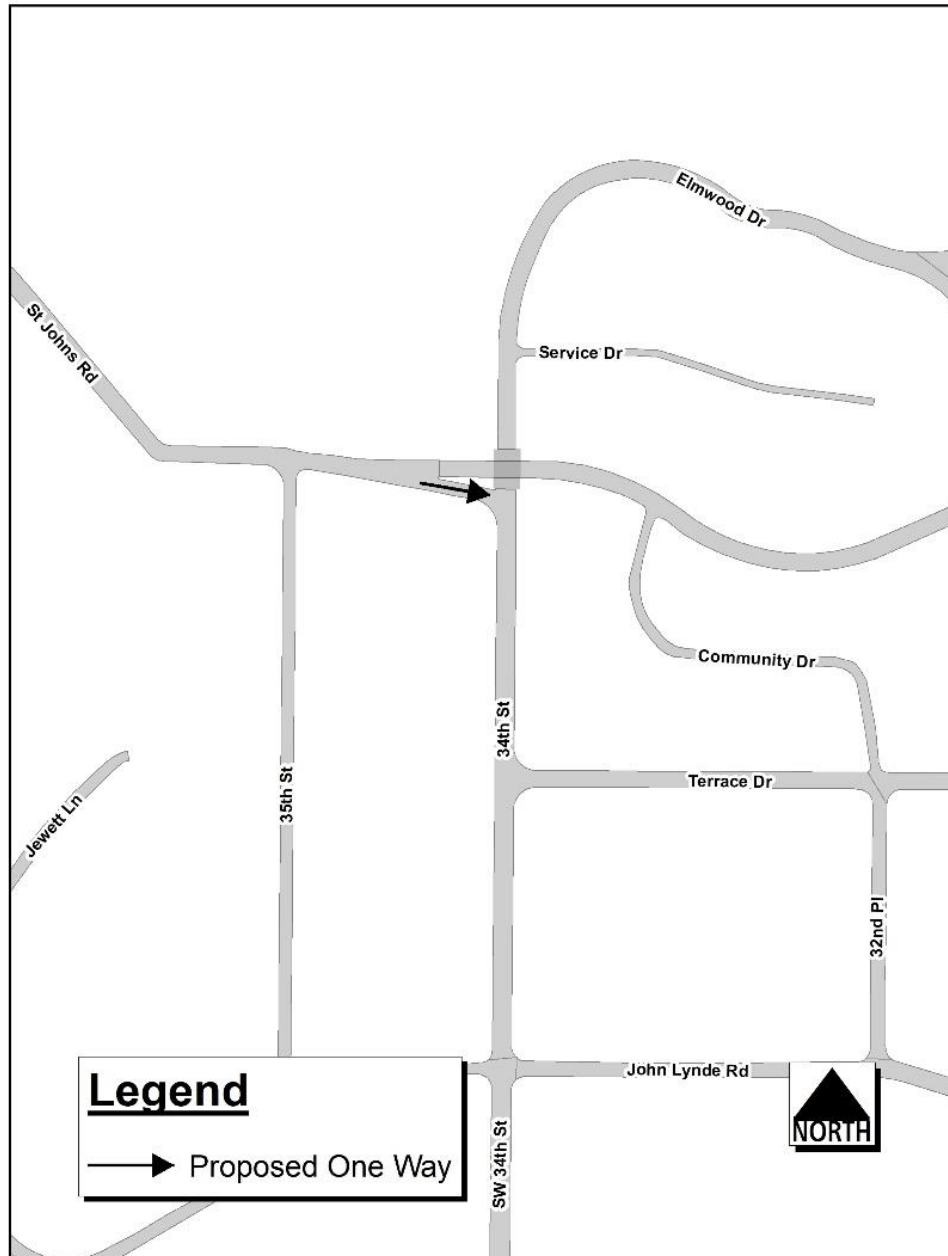
B. At the request of DART, the parking restriction along Chamberlain Avenue will be extended by 50 feet to better accommodate bus boardings for Roosevelt High School.



Sec. 114-3066. Chamberlain Avenue--Forty-second Street to Polk Boulevard.

Chamberlain Avenue, on the south side, from a point 50 feet west of Forty-fifth Street to a point 85 135 feet east of Forty-fifth Street, no parking any time.

- C. Staff received a concern from a resident regarding vehicles traveling westbound on the connecting road between 34th Street and St. Johns Road creating an unsafe condition as they attempted to merge into St. Johns Road traffic. Staff reviewed the intersection and recommends the connecting road be one-way for eastbound traffic exiting St. Johns Road to 34th Street. Traffic on 34th Street wanting to connect to St. Johns Road to travel westbound would use adjacent roadways. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect.



Sec. 114-1860.05. St. Johns Road.

St. Johns Road, from a point 170 feet west of the intersection of St. Johns Road and Thirty-fourth Street to Thirty-fourth Street, eastbound.

- D. The Des Moines Public School District requested the start time for the current, signed parking restriction on SE 7th Street across from Howe Elementary School be amended from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. to better align with school start times. The current signing restricts parking on the west side of SE 7th Street from Indianola Road to E Virginia Avenue between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on school days. This restriction is not currently in the Municipal Code. The proposed restriction would restrict parking in this same area between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., school days. Since this restriction has not been in the Municipal Code, letters were sent to directly affected residents notifying them of the proposed change and council date. While reviewing the Municipal Code for this restriction, an error was found in the terminus of one (1) of the restrictions. Proposed revisions to the Municipal Code for this item would correct that error and match signing in the field. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place both changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2671. Southeast Seventh Street--East Vine Street to East Porter Avenue.

Southeast Seventh Street, on the west side, from East Elm Street to East Railroad Avenue the dead end south of Vale Street, no parking any time.

Southeast Seventh Street, on the west side, from Indianola Avenue to East Virginia Avenue, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days.

E. During a field review of SE 22nd Street between King Avenue and E Virginia Avenue adjacent to River Woods Elementary School, it was found that the Municipal Code did not match the loading and parking restriction signing in the field. Staff contacted the Des Moines Public School District to verify loading/unloading operations and the need for the restrictions as currently signed. The proposed revisions to the Municipal Code would modify the code to match signing in the field. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2810. Southeast Twenty-second Street--Hartford Avenue to East Philip Avenue.

~~Southwest~~ Southeast Twenty-second Street, on the east side, from Hartford Avenue to a point 100 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Southeast Twenty-second Street, on the west side, from Hartford Avenue to ~~East Virginia~~ King Avenue, no parking any time.

Southeast Twenty-second Street, on the west side, from King Avenue to East Virginia Avenue, no stopping or standing.

Southeast Twenty-second Street, on the east side, from King Avenue to a point 510 feet south thereof, school passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days.

Southeast Twenty-second Street, on the east side, from a point 510 feet south of King Avenue to a point 255 feet south thereof, no stopping or standing.

Southeast Twenty-second Street, on the east side, from a point 765 feet south of King Avenue to a point 50 feet north of East Virginia Avenue, school passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days.

Southeast Twenty-second Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet north of East Virginia Avenue to East Virginia Avenue, no parking any time.

- F. During a field review of 41st Street between College Avenue and Germania Drive it was found that the Municipal Code did not match the parking restriction signing in the field. Staff reviewed the sight distance at the intersection of 41st Street and Germania Drive and determined that the current parking restriction is needed as signed in the field. The proposed revisions to the Municipal Code would modify the code to match signing in the field. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2921. Forty-first Street--Grand Avenue to north city limits.

~~Forty first Street, on the east side, from a point 100 feet south of College Avenue to a point 100 feet north of College Avenue, no parking any time.~~

~~Forty first Street, on the east side, from Germania Drive to a point 85 feet south thereof, no parking any time.~~

Forty-first Street, on the east side, from a point 110 feet south of Germania Drive to College Avenue, no parking any time.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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