


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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|  CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER | Number: | 23-254 | Meeting: | May 22, 2023 |
| | Agenda Item: | 60 | Roll Call: | 23-0777 |
| | 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. Code Correction – Cambridge Street between E Euclid Avenue and E Douglas Avenue
- B. Parking Modification – E Sheridan Avenue between Sampson Street to Glenbrook Drive
- C. Parking Modification – Park Avenue between SW 24th Street and SW 29th Street
- D. Parking Modification – Watrous Avenue between Fleur Drive and SW 26th Street
- E. Parking Modification – Lower Beaver Road between Madison Avenue and Shawnee Place
- F. Corner Clearance Parking Restrictions
 - 1. 17th Street and Clark Street
 - 2. 36th Street and Cottage Grove Avenue
 - 3. 53rd Street and Ovid Avenue

SYNOPSIS:

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

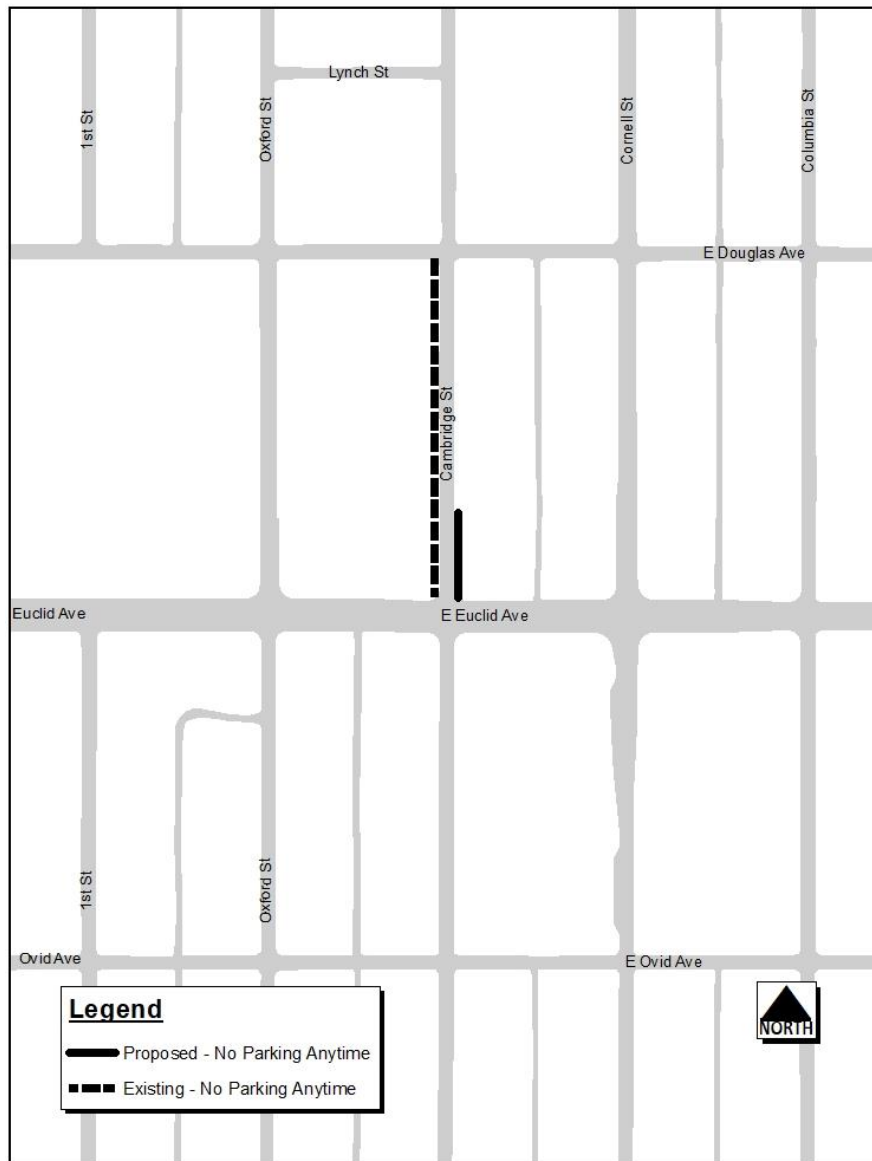
FISCAL IMPACT:

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

Funding Source: 2023-24 Operating Budget, Page 59, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

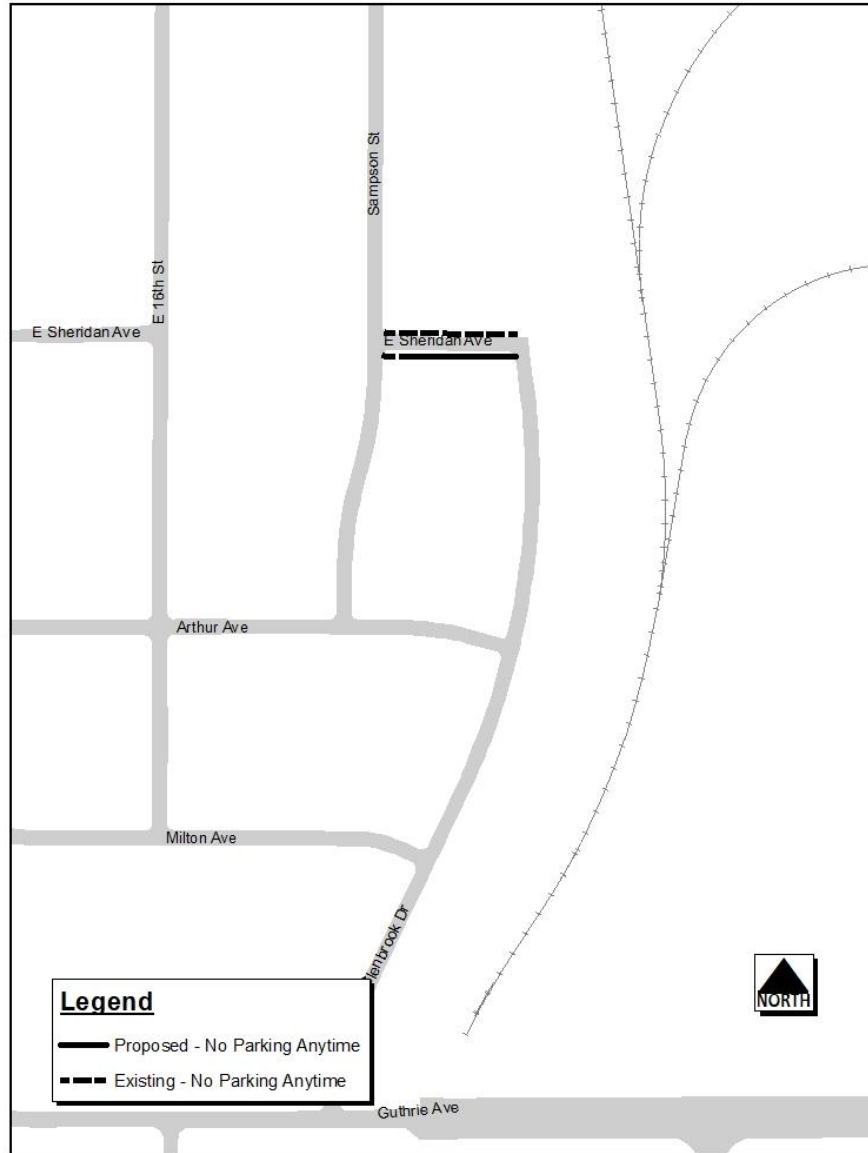
- A. As part of a standard field review, discrepancies between the Municipal Code and field conditions regarding parking restrictions on Cambridge Street between E Euclid Avenue and E Douglas Avenue were found. The proposed Municipal Code changes will correct code language to match field conditions and place the recommended change into effect.



Sec. 114-3044. Cambridge Street--East Sheridan Avenue to East Aurora Avenue.

Cambridge Street, on the east side, from East Euclid Avenue to a point ~~200~~ 170 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

- B. Staff received a petition from property owners on E Sheridan Avenue requesting that parking be restricted on the south side of E Sheridan Avenue between Sampson Street and Glenbrook Drive. Parking is currently restricted on the north side in this section of E Sheridan Avenue. The City’s Parking Restriction Policy allows for the consideration of two (2)-sided parking restrictions initiated by residents if a petition has been signed by 60 percent or more of the directly affected property owners. There are four (4) properties on this section of E Sheridan Avenue. A petition was submitted with 75 percent of the property owners in favor of the restriction. The fourth property was for sale at the time the petition was circulated. The policy also requires that the request be reviewed by the Transportation Safety Committee. The request was approved by the Transportation Safety Committee on March 28, 2023. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.

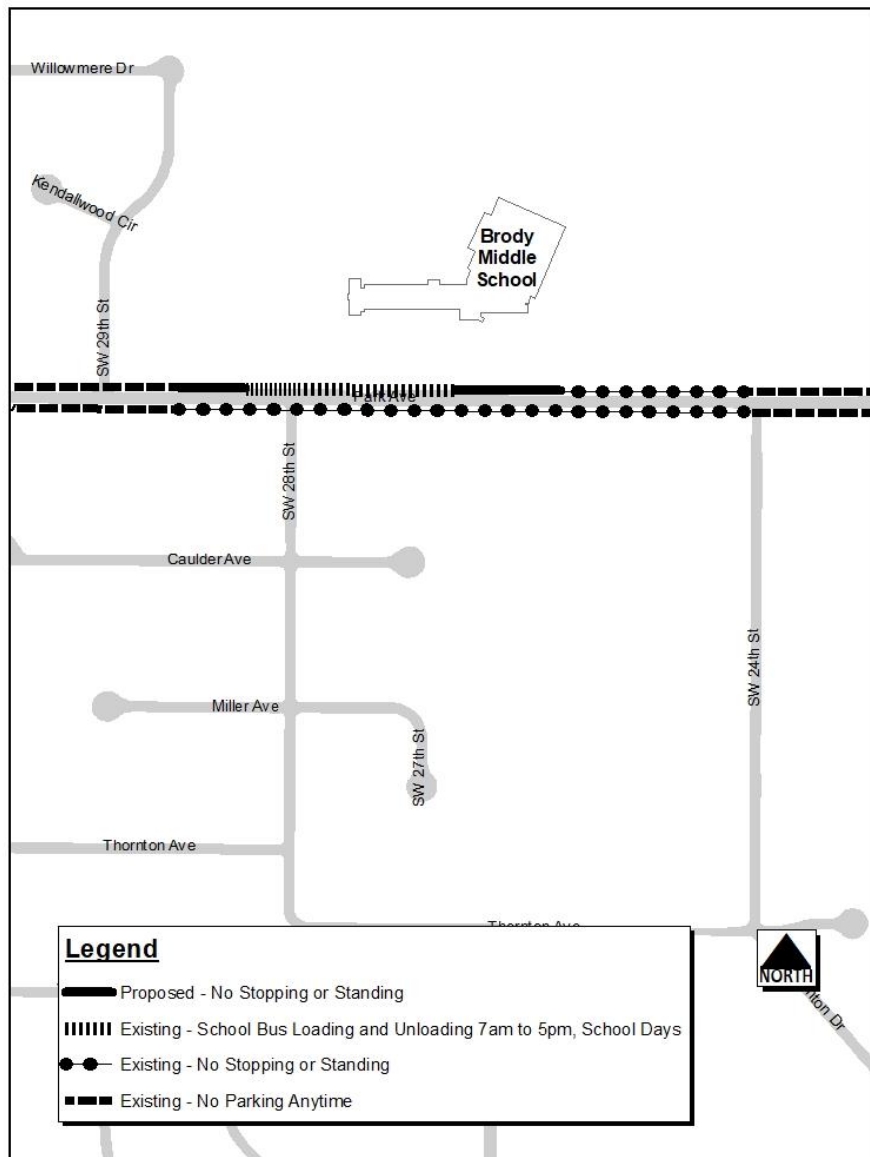


Sec. 114-3637. East Sheridan Avenue--First Street to east city limits.

East Sheridan Avenue, on ~~the north~~ both sides, from Sampson Street to Glenbrook Drive, no parking any time.

~~East Sheridan Avenue, on the south side, from Sampson Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

- C. During a field review it was found that on Park Avenue in front of Brody Middle School, the signage was conflicting, and the Municipal Code did not match field conditions. Staff worked with Des Moines Public Schools to determine the correct locations for bus loading and passenger loading on Park Avenue. The proposed changes will correctly define the bus and passenger loading areas. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.



Sec. 114-3549. Park Avenue--Fleur Drive to Southwest Sixty-third Street.

~~Park Avenue, on the north side, from Southwest Twenty fourth Street to a point 500 feet west thereof, no stopping or standing.~~

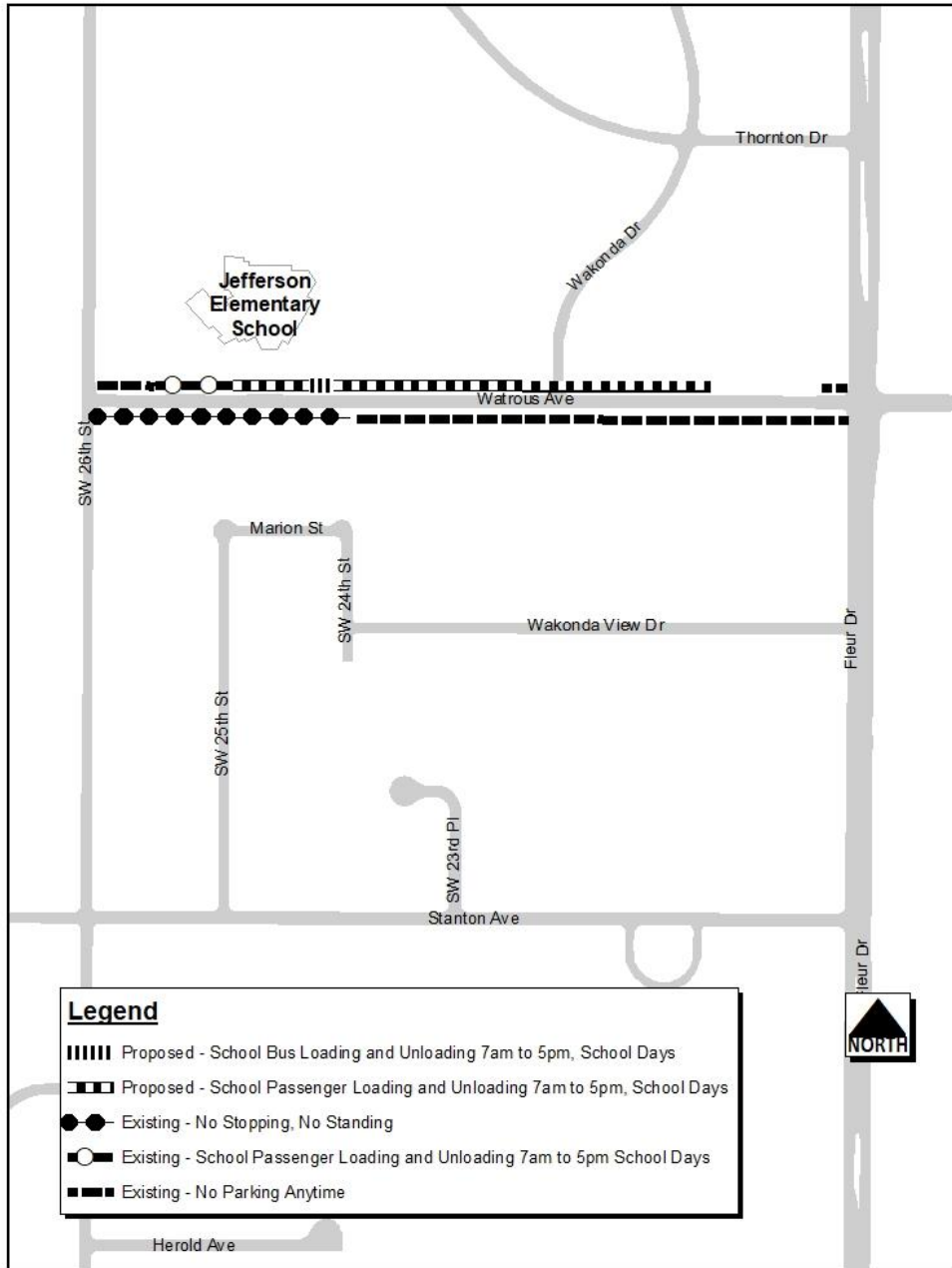
Park Avenue, on the north side, from Southwest Twenty-fourth Street to a point 400 feet east of Southwest Twenty-eighth Street, no stopping or standing.

Park Avenue, on the north side, from a point 400 feet east of Southwest Twenty-eighth Street to a point 100 feet west of Southwest Twenty-eighth Street, ~~no parking any time~~, school bus loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

~~Park Avenue, on the north side, from a point 500 feet west of Southwest Twenty fourth Street to a point 200 feet west of Southwest Twenty eighth Street, passenger loading and unloading.~~

Park Avenue, on the north side, from a point 100 feet west of Southwest Twenty-eighth Street to a point 100 feet west thereof, no stopping or standing.

- D. During a field review it was found that on Watrous Avenue in front of Jefferson Elementary School, the signage was conflicting, and the Municipal Code did not match field conditions. Staff worked with Des Moines Public Schools to determine the correct locations for bus loading and passenger loading on Watrous Avenue. The proposed changes will correctly define the bus and passenger loading areas. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.



Sec. 114-3761. Watrous Avenue--South Union Street to Southwest Sixty-third Street.

~~Watrous Avenue, on the north side, from Southwest Twenty-sixth Street to a point 150 feet east thereof, no parking any time.~~

~~Watrous Avenue, on the south side, from Southwest Twenty-sixth Street to a point 650 feet east thereof, no stopping or standing.~~

~~Watrous Avenue, on the north side, from a point 150 feet east of Southwest Twenty-sixth Street to a point 200 feet east thereof, school passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.~~

Watrous Avenue, on the north side, from a point 360 feet west of Fleur Drive to a point 605 feet east of Southwest Twenty-sixth Street, school passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

Watrous Avenue, on the south side, from a point 650 feet east of Southwest Twenty-sixth Street to Southwest Twenty-sixth Street, no stopping or standing.

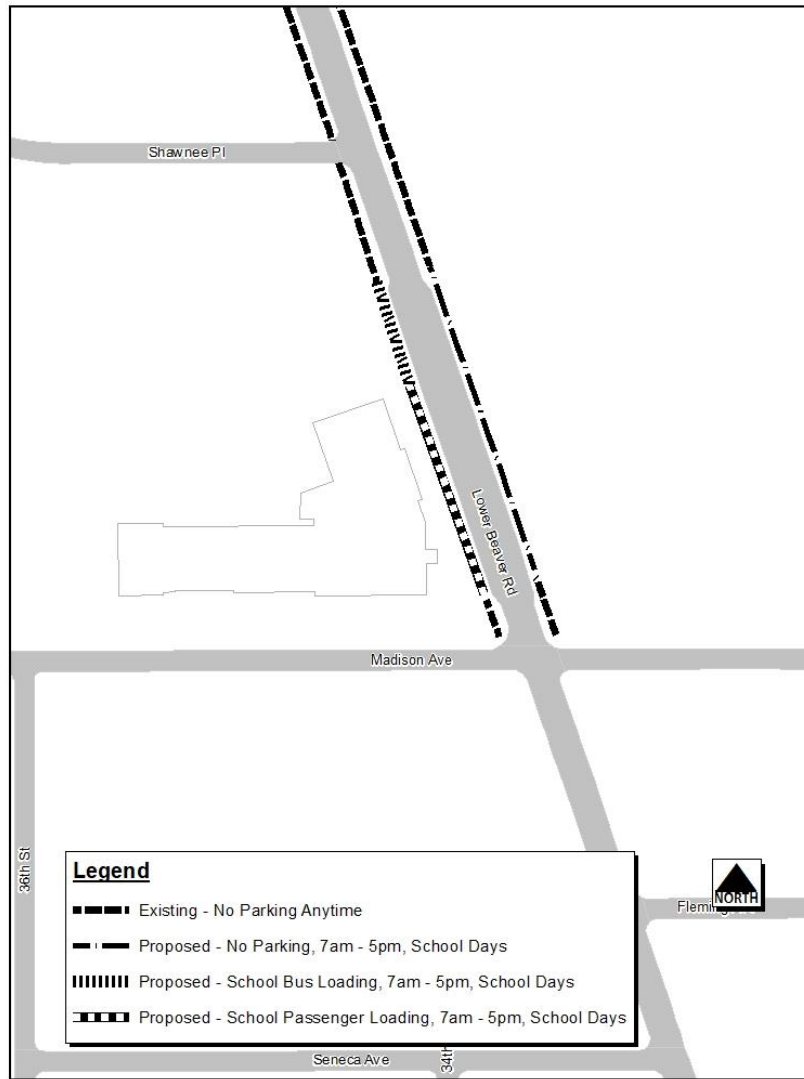
Watrous Avenue, on the north side, from a point 605 feet east of Southwest Twenty-sixth Street to a point 60 feet west thereof, school bus loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

Watrous Avenue, on the north side, from a point 545 feet east of Southwest Twenty-sixth Street to a point 395 feet west thereof, school passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

Watrous Avenue, on the north side, from a point 150 feet east of Southwest Twenty-sixth Street to Southwest Twenty-sixth Street, no parking any time.

Watrous Avenue, on both sides, from the dead end east of Southwest Sixty-first Street to Southwest Sixty-third Street, no parking any time.

- E. The neighborhood association has expressed concerns regarding pedestrian crossing safety on Lower Beaver Road north of Madison Avenue in the vicinity of the preschool, Woodlawn Education Center. Currently, parking is allowed on the east side of Lower Beaver Road north of Madison Avenue. A bus and passenger loading area is signed on the west side but is not in the Municipal Code. While passenger loading is provided on the west side of Lower Beaver Road directly adjacent to the school, some parents choose to park on the east side and cross Lower Beaver Road midblock rather than utilize the signal at Lower Beaver Road and Madison Avenue. Staff has worked with the Des Moines Public Schools and is recommending that the existing bus and passenger loading area on the west side be added to the Municipal Code and parking be restricted on school days from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the east side of Lower Beaver Road in this area. The Lower Beaver Neighborhood Association and Wesleyan Church have been notified of the proposed parking changes. The Wesleyan Church is located on the east side of Lower Beaver Avenue and uses the on-street parking on occasion for weekend church services and weeknight events. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.



Sec. 114-3441. Lower Beaver Road--Douglas Avenue to north city limits.

Lower Beaver Road, on the west side, from a point 75 feet north of Madison Avenue to a point 370 220 feet north thereof, school passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days. school bus loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

Lower Beaver Road, on the west side, from a point 295 feet north of Madison Avenue to a point 150 feet north thereof, school passenger loading and unloading 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

Lower Beaver Road, on the east side, from a point 65 feet north of Madison Avenue to a point 380 feet north thereof, school passenger loading and unloading no parking, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

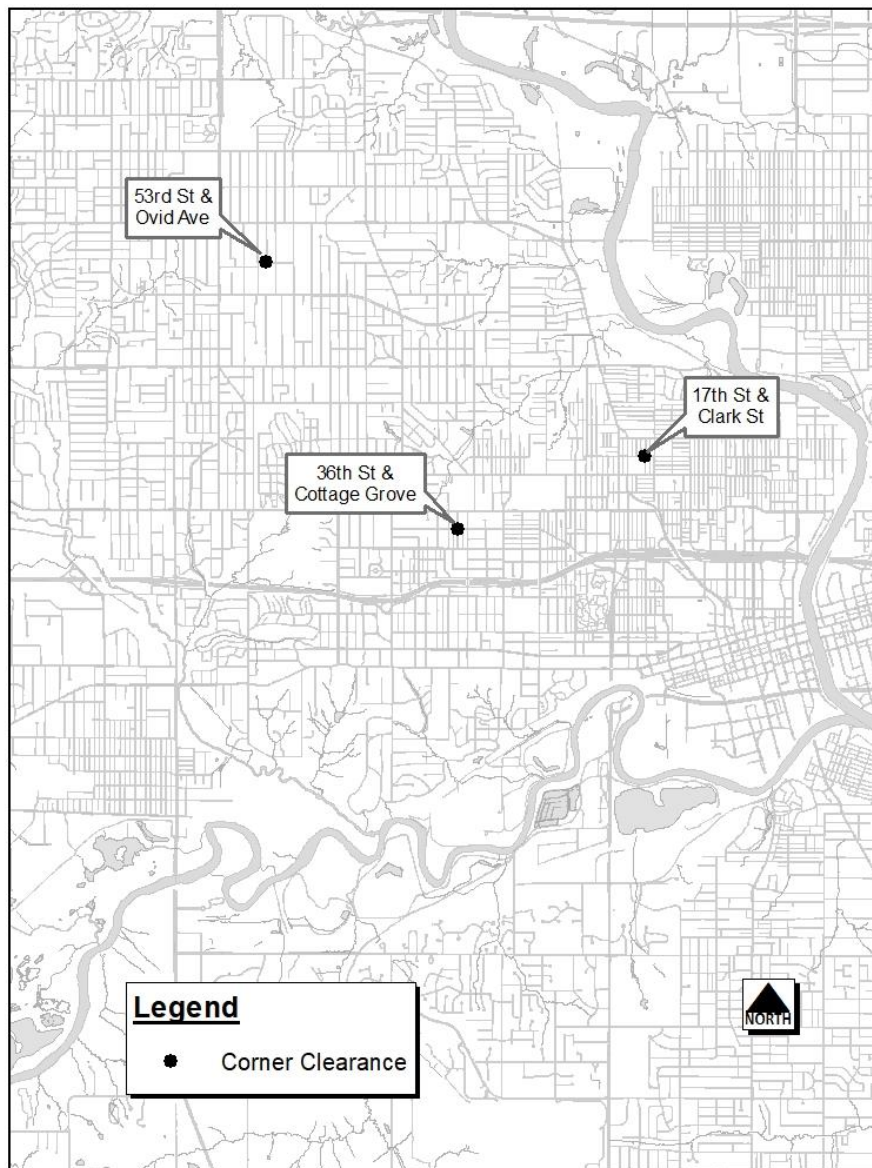
Lower Beaver Road, on the east side, from Bel Aire Road to a point 75 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Lower Beaver Road, on the east side, from a point 75 feet south of Bel-Aire Road to Bel-Aire Road, no parking any time.

F. A corner clearance is a parking restriction that extends 150 feet or less from an intersection. Corner clearances are typically installed to provide required sight distance at the intersection or facilitate turning movements onto narrow, residential streets where a parked vehicle might prevent two-way traffic. A request for a corner clearance is typically generated from resident concerns. Staff has reviewed the following locations and determined corner clearances are necessary.

- 17th Street and Clark Street
- 36th Street and Cottage Grove Avenue
- 53rd Street and Ovid Avenue

The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.



Sec. 114-3081. Clark Street--Ninth Street to Thirtieth Street.

Clark Street, on the north side, from a point 50 feet east of Seventeenth Street to a point 50 feet west of Seventeenth Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3107. Cottage Grove Avenue--Twenty-eighth Street to Forty-second Street.

Cottage Grove Avenue, on the south side, from a point 50 feet east of Thirty-sixth Street to a point 50 feet west of Thirty-sixth Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3543. Ovid Avenue--First Street to Merle Hay Road.

Ovid Avenue, on the south side, from a point 45 feet east of Fifty-third Street to a point 55 feet west of Fifty-third Street, no parking any time.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Transportation Safety Committee

Date: March 28, 2023

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion was made by Giada Morresi to restrict parking on the south side of E Sheridan Avenue between Sampson Street and Glenbrook Drive; seconded by Stephanie Fleckenstein. Motion passed 5:0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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