


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number: 23-510	Meeting: November 20, 2023
	Agenda Item: 50	Roll Call: 23-1659
	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. Parking Modification – 25th Street from University Avenue to Forest Avenue
- B. Parking Modification – Grand Avenue from 4th Street to 5th Avenue
- C. Parking Modification – SE 6th Street from East Elm Street to East Vine Street
- D. Code Correction – Grand Avenue from 7th Street to 8th Street
- E. Parking Modification – SE 22nd Street between Evergreen Avenue and E Marion Street
- F. Corner Clearance Parking Restrictions –
 1. E 9th Street and Cleveland Avenue
 2. SW 28th Street and Caulder Avenue
 3. E 36th Street and Hull Avenue
 4. 55th Street and Forest Avenue
 5. E Sheridan Avenue and E 40th Court
 6. E Sheridan Avenue and E 41st Street

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the staff recommendation and the ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes. Costs for sign installations and periodic maintenance of signs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

Funding Source: 2023-2024 Operating Budget, Page 68, Engineering Department T&T – Sign, Painting, Signal and Lighting, EG062080, Road Use Tax Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. A request was received to further restrict parking on the west side of 25th Street from University Avenue to Forest Avenue to include Sundays. Currently, parking along the west side of 25th Street from University Avenue to just south of Forest Avenue is signed as no parking Monday through Saturday. The street width is 34.5 feet from curb to curb with parking allowed along the east side of 25th Street from University to Forest Avenues. There is not sufficient width to accommodate parked vehicles in this segment of 25th Street and there is ample off-street parking available in surface lots to the east of 25th Street and north of Carpenter Avenue.

Additionally, there is a need to restrict parking on the west side of 25th Street, 75 feet south of University Avenue to minimize traffic conflicts and create better visibility at the intersection. It is City staff's recommendation to further restrict parking on the west side of 25th Street from just south of University to Forest to include Sundays. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2829. - Twenty-fifth Street—Woodland Avenue to Payne Road.

Twenty-fifth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet north of Cottage Grove Avenue, to a point 185 feet south of University Forest Avenue, no parking Monday through Saturday.

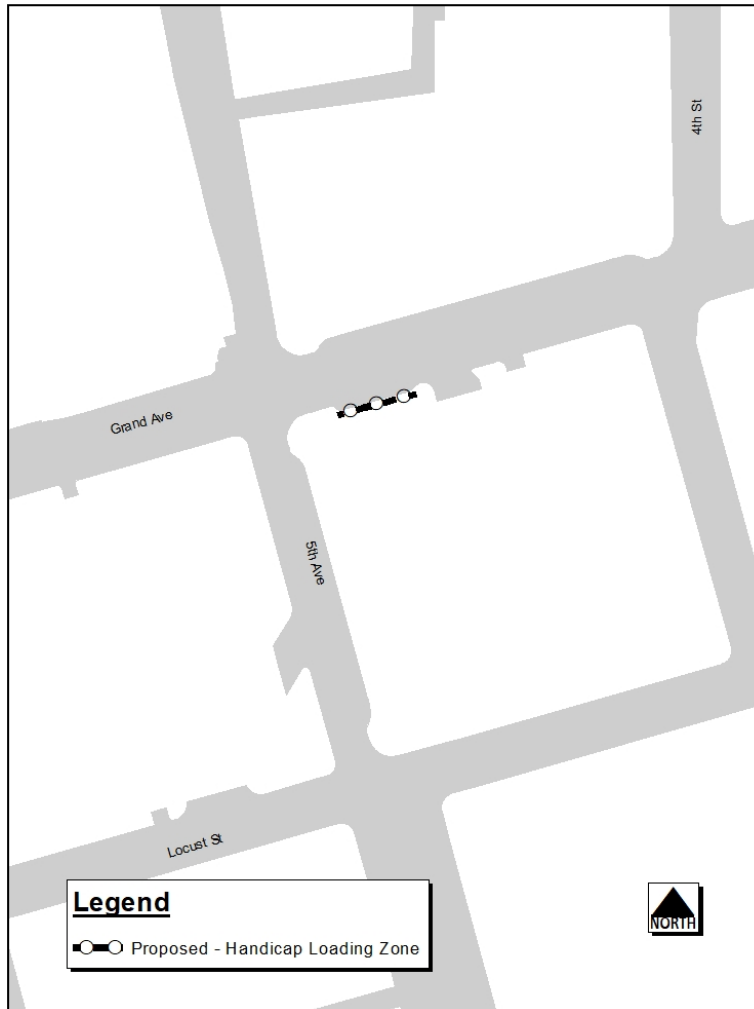
Twenty-fifth Street, on the west side, from University Avenue to a point 75 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Twenty-fifth Street, on the west side, from University Avenue, to a point 185 feet south of Forest Avenue, no parking any time.

Twenty-fifth Street, on the west side, from Forest Avenue to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

- B. A request was received from the management of the Elsie Mason Manor, 430 Grand Avenue, to designate the existing loading zone on the south side of Grand Avenue, just east of 5th

Avenue as a handicapped loading zone to better serve their residents. A loading zone is present on the east side of 5th Avenue, just south of Grand Avenue to serve other loading/unloading needs. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.

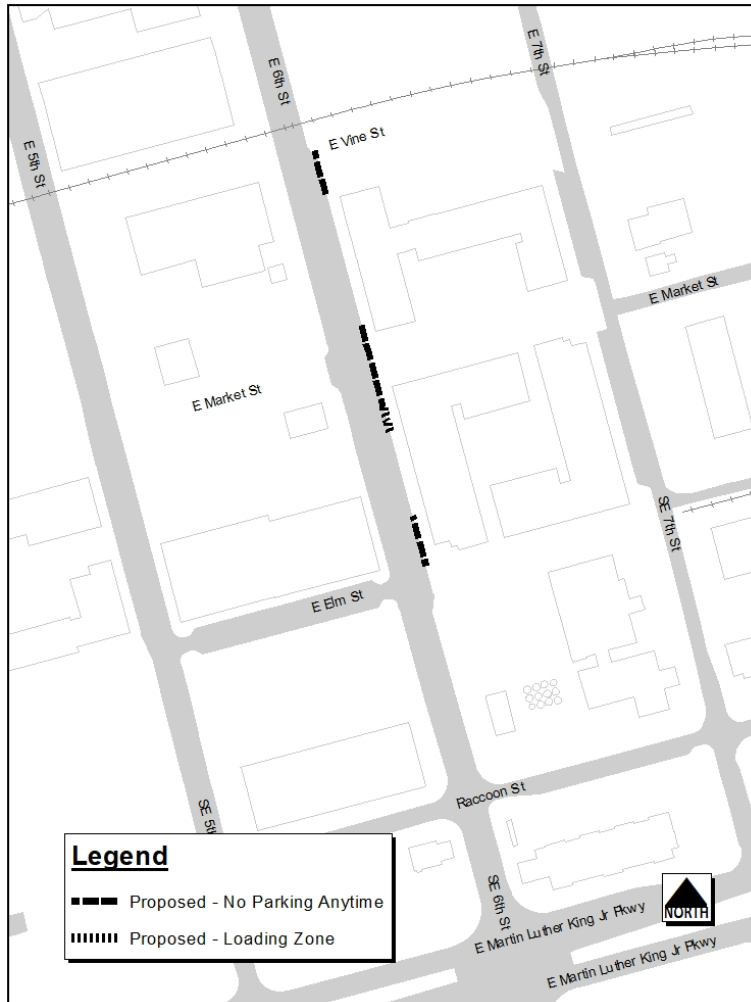


Sec. 114-3247. Grand Avenue--Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 65 feet east of Fifth Avenue to a point 42 feet east thereof, handicapped loading zone, 30-minute limit, subject to the special identification device and use restrictions found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter loading zone.

- C. A request was received to review on-street parking on the east side of SE 6th Street from E Elm Street to East Vine Street to address sight distance issues for drivers turning from either E Vine Street or E Elm Street onto SE 6th Street. A field review revealed that there was a need to restrict parking in the vicinity of both intersections to provide adequate sight distance as well as to further restrict parking in the vicinity of the intersection of SE 6th Street at E Market Street. It was also observed that a loading zone would be desirable to be place on SE 6th Street, just south of E Market Street for deliveries to the retail spaces in The District a 6th as well as to facilitate general deliveries to the residential units in the building. It is recommended that parking be restricted at the intersections of E Elm Street, E Market Street and E Vine Street

with SE 6th Street. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended changes into effect.



Sec. 114-2657. Southeast Sixth Street—East Vine Street to East Porter Avenue.

Southeast Sixth Street, on the east side, from East Vine Street to a point 45 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

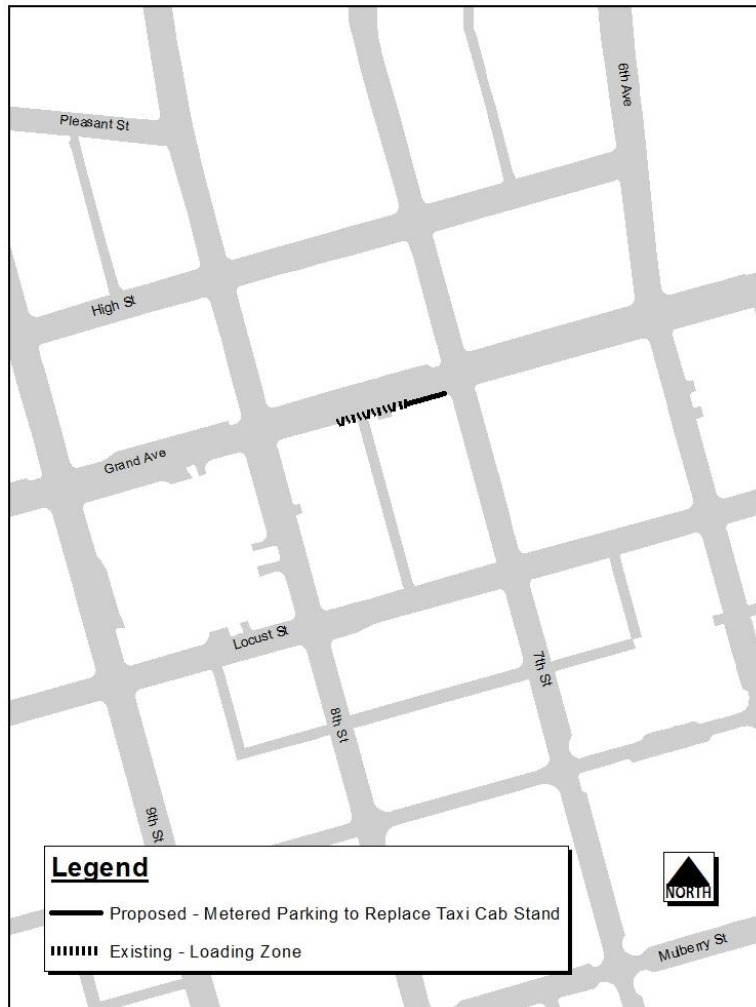
Southeast Sixth Street, on the east side, from a point 30 feet north of East Market Street to a point 130 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Southeast Sixth Street, on the east side, from a point 60 feet south of East Market Street to a point 50 feet south thereof, loading zone.

Southeast Sixth Street, on the east side, from East Elm Street to a point 60 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

- D. Upon a field review of curb uses on the south side of Grand Avenue between 7th Street and 8th Street, it was found that the signed loading zone is not in the Municipal Code. Upon review of this street segment, it was also found that a Taxicab stand was in place. After consultation with the management of the Marriott Hotel, 700 Grand Avenue, the taxicab stand is no longer used

and a better use of the space would be as metered parking spaces. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place the recommended corrections and changes into effect.

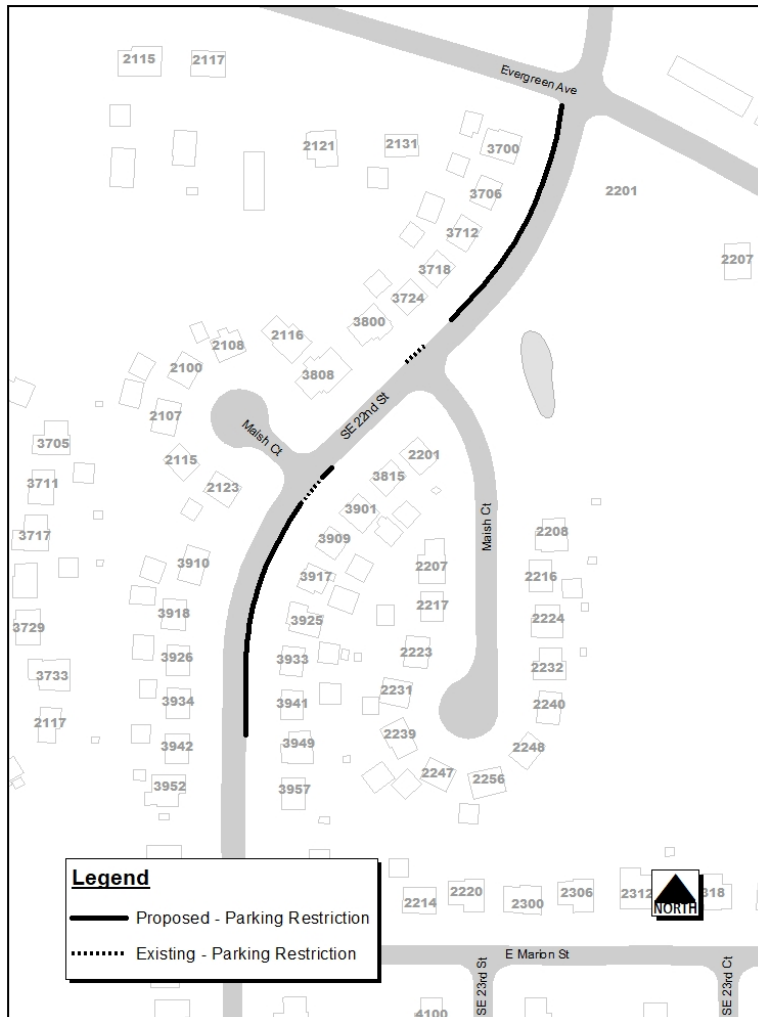


Sec. 114-3250. Grand Avenue—Seventh Street to Eighth Street.

~~Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Seventh Street to a point 80 feet west thereof, taxicab stand.~~

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 80 feet west of Seventh Street to a point 105 feet west thereof, ~~no parking any time~~ loading zone.

- E. Councilmember Voss shared a safety concern from a resident regarding parked vehicles within the curve on SE 22nd Street between Evergreen Avenue and E Marion Street. Parking is currently allowed on both sides of E 22nd Street between Evergreen Avenue and E Marion Street. A field review of SE 22nd Street between Evergreen Avenue and E Marion Street was completed by Traffic and Transportation staff. Based on the posted speed limit of 25 mph, street width and maneuverability through the curve, staff recommends removing parking on the west side of SE 22nd Street within the northernmost curve and removing parking on the east side of SE 22nd Street with the southernmost curve. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these changes into effect.



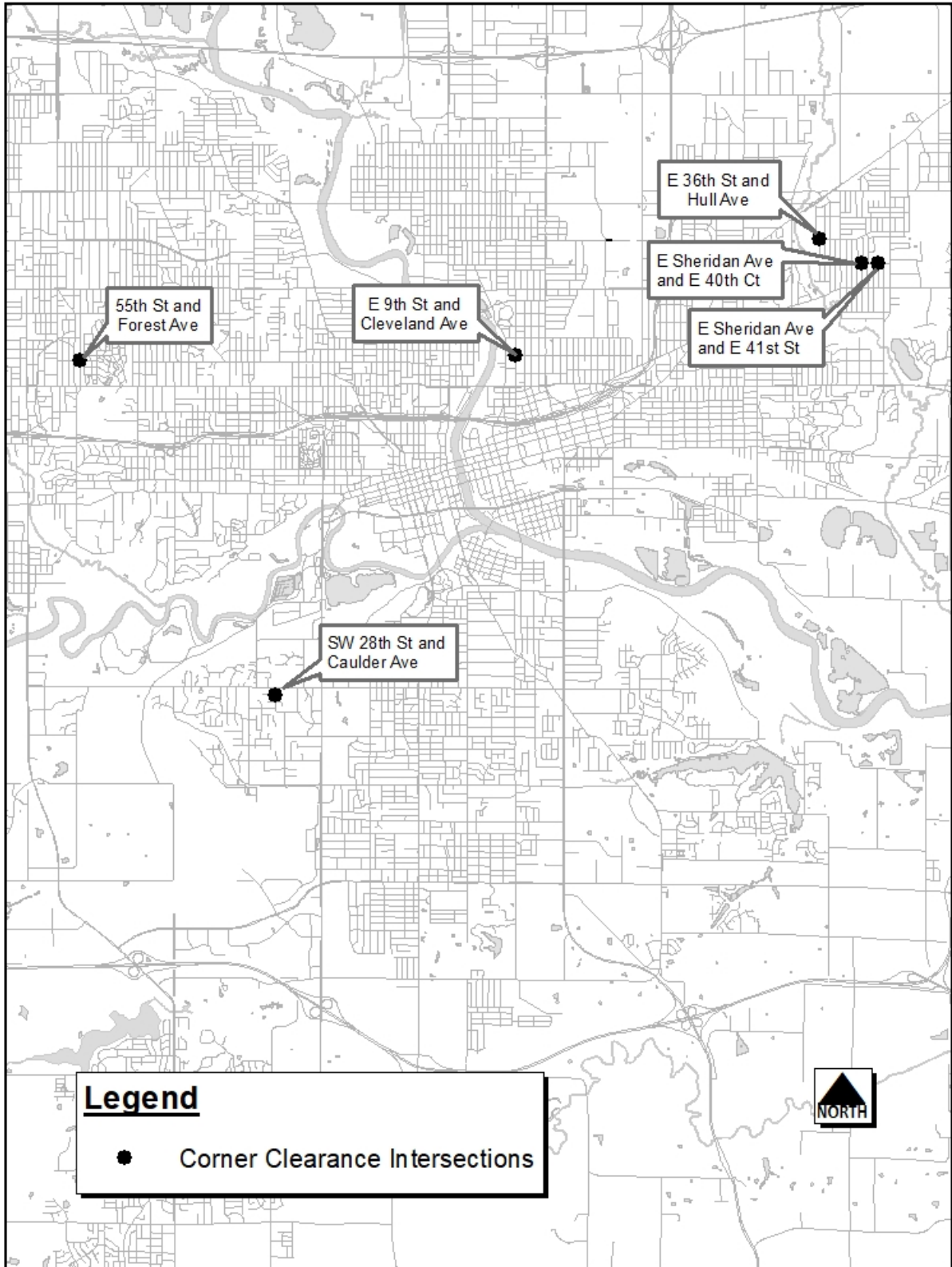
Sec. 114-2810. Southeast Twenty-second Street--Hartford Avenue to East Philip Avenue.

Southeast Twenty-second Street, on the west side, from Evergreen Avenue to a point 310 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Southeast Twenty-second Street, on the east side, from a point 20 feet north of the west leg of Maish Court to a point 315 feet south of the west leg of Maish Court, 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.

- E 9th Street and Cleveland
- SW 28th Street and Caulder Avenue
- E 36th Street and Hull Avenue
- 55th Street and Forest Avenue
- E Sheridan Avenue and E 40th Court
- E Sheridan Avenue and E 41st Street



Sec. 114-2696. East Ninth Street--East Vine Street to East Aurora Avenue.

East Ninth Street, on the east side, from a point 75 feet south of Cleveland Avenue to a point ~~100~~50 feet north of Cleveland Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2853. Southwest Twenty-eighth Street--George Flagg Parkway to dead end south of Summit Vista Drive.

Southwest Twenty-eighth Street, on the east side, from a point 60 feet north of Caulder Avenue to a point 50 feet south of Caulder Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2897. East Thirty-sixth Street--East Court Avenue to Hull Avenue.

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

Sec. 114-3207. Forest Avenue--Thirtieth Street to Sixty-third Street.

Forest Avenue, on the north side, from Fifty-fifth Street to a point 50 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

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

East Sheridan Avenue, on both sides, from a point 50 feet west of East Fortieth Court to a point 50 feet east of East Fortieth Court, no parking any time.

East Sheridan Avenue, on the south side, from a point 60 feet west of East Forty-first Street to East Forty-first Street, no parking any time.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 11, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1278](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows: ([Council Communication No. 23-414](#)) Moved by Mandelbaum that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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