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## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: PARKING REGULATIONS ON IRONWOOD COURT**

**BACKGROUND:**

Ironwood Court is located in the northwestern corner of University Boulevard and US Highway 30; opposite the west entrance to the Iowa State Veterinarian College. Currently, there are no parking regulations that exist along Ironwood Court; it should also be noted that the street is 24-foot wide and has no paved shoulders. (*Please see attached map*)

Over the past couple of years there has been a growing number of parking related safety concerns expressed by the residents of the Ironwood Court Neighborhood Association; mainly during ISU home football games and other major events being held at the Iowa State Center facilities. Patrons of these events have been parking on both sides of Ironwood Court. When this occurs, the street becomes impassable for two-way traffic and larger vehicles such as fire trucks and other emergency vehicles.

The Ames Police Department recently met with members of the Ironwood Court Neighborhood Association and the Iowa Cattlemen's Association regarding these proposed parking regulations; neither group expressed any opposition to creating "No Parking" areas along Ironwood Court. Therefore, staff recommends that parking be prohibited, at all times, along both sides of Ironwood Court from its intersection with University Boulevard to a point 100 feet east of the western property line of 2055 Ironwood Court (Iowa Cattlemen's Association).

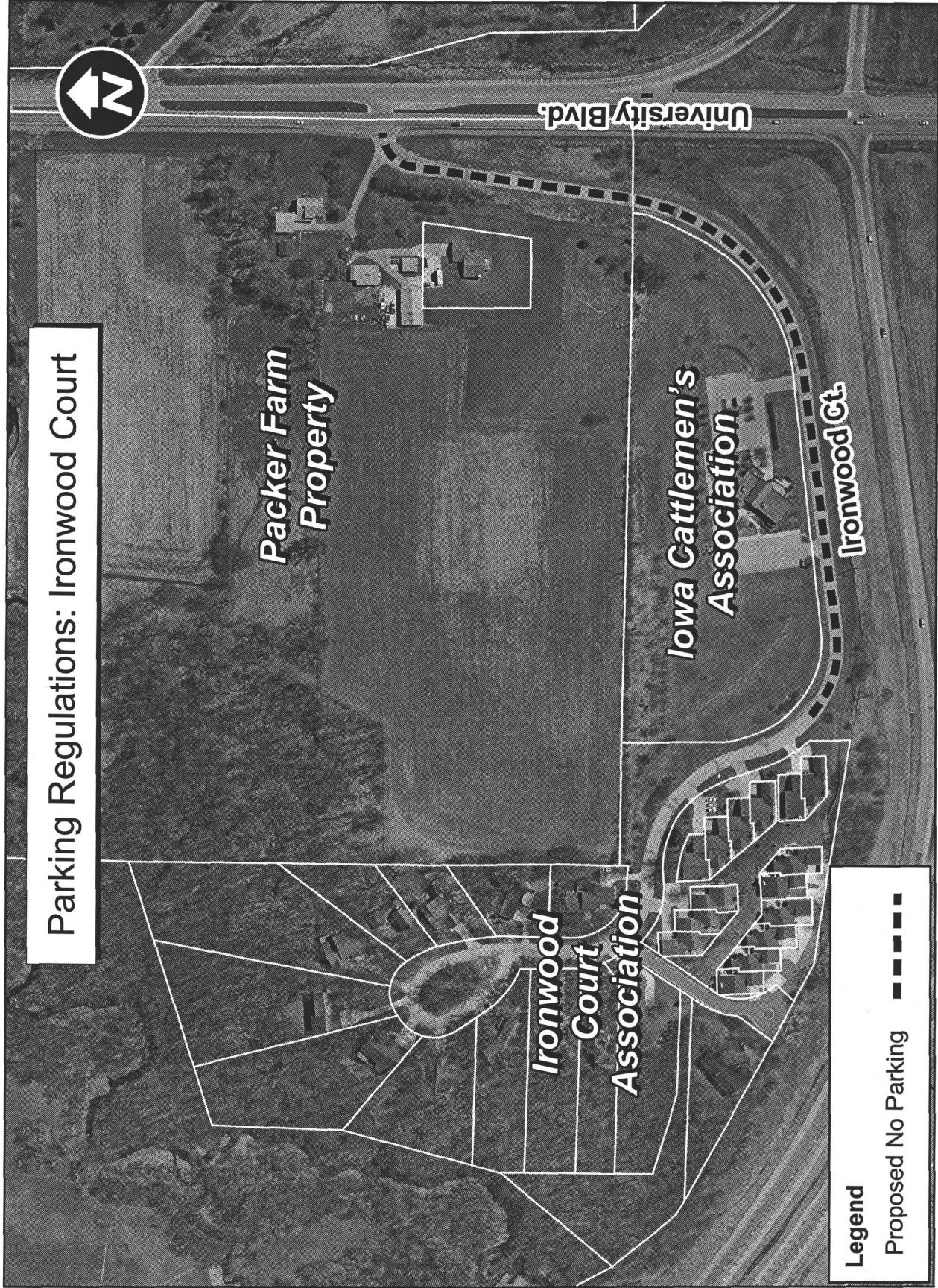
**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit parking at all times along both sides of Ironwood Court from its intersection with University Boulevard to a point 100 feet east of the western property line of 2055 Ironwood Court (Iowa Cattlemen's Association).
2. Reject this ordinance.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby directing the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit parking, at all times, along both sides of Ironwood Court from its intersection with University Boulevard to a point 100 feet east of the western property line of 2055 Ironwood Court (Iowa Cattlemen's Association).

Parking Regulations: Ironwood Court



Legend

Proposed No Parking



ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 18.31 (347) THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING PARKING REGULATIONS FOR IRONWOOD COURT; REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that:

Section One. The Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa shall be and the same is hereby amended by enacting a new Section 18.31 (347) as follows:

“(347) **IRONWOOD COURT.** Parking is prohibited at all times along both sides of Ironwood Court from its intersection with University Boulevard to a point 100 feet east of the western property line of Lot 15 of the Gateway Hills II Subdivision.”

Section Two. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Diane R. Voss, City Clerk  
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Ann H. Campbell, Mayor

# Memo

Police Department



**TO:** Mayor Campbell and City Council Members

**FROM:** Lieutenant Jeff Brinkley 

**DATE:** August 22, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Suspension of Rules for Approval of Parking Changes on Ironwood Court

**CC:** Police Chief Chuck Cychosz  
Traffic Engineer Damion Pregitzer

During the past year, city staff has worked with residents in the Ironwood Court area to review changes to parking regulations. This action was initiated after complaints were received by the Police Department during football games. Congestion in the area was serious enough during football games that it would prevent large emergency vehicles from being able to reach the residential areas of Ironwood Court.

Based on meetings with residents, property owners, and business managers, the recommendation was to amend parking regulations to facilitate the safe travel of two-way traffic and emergency vehicles. You have the draft of the ordinance for approval on August 26, 2008.

In an effort to have these regulations in place for the first home football game, I am asking that you suspend the three readings rule so that the ordinance goes into effect after it has been published. Because the first home football game is August, 28, 2008, this will allow us to post signs to insure access for residents and emergency vehicles in the Ironwood Court neighborhood.