

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: PARKING REGULATIONS ON CLARK AVENUE (MAIN STREET TO LINCOLN WAY)**

**BACKGROUND:**

The 2015/16 Downtown Pavement Improvement program involves the reconstruction of Clark Avenue from Main Street to Lincoln Way and includes significant changes to the configuration of the street to accommodate all modes of travel (complete streets). Most notably, this includes the addition of bike facilities that use “green lane” markings, which denote potential high conflict areas for cyclists. Green lane markings are approved at the Statewide level by the Iowa DOT. These markings have also shown to increase safety for cyclists by bringing heightened visual awareness to those high-conflict zones.

During the design process, Staff discovered some existing parking regulations under *Municipal Code Section 18.31(55)* that will ultimately conflict with the new configuration for the street. The majority of Clark Avenue is Alternate Side Parking with a 3 AM to 6 AM restriction. However, in the segment beginning at the railroad track to Main Street, there is a small stretch that allows on-street parking, though the public very rarely uses it. **Therefore, Staff is recommending the elimination of parking at all times on both sides of the street from Lincoln Way to Main Street to accommodate the bike facilities. This will remove any conflicting code sections for Clark Avenue.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to make Clark Avenue “No Parking” at all times on both side of the street from Lincoln Way to Main Street.
2. Direct staff to make alterations to the Clark Avenue project.

**MANGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The 2015/16 Downtown Pavement Improvements marks the City’s first usage of the “green lane” marking for bike facility designation. Staff benefitted from working with local bike advocacy groups during the design process to obtain a cyclist perspective in these more congested corridors. The City hopes not only to improve safety and encourage the integration of modes, but to learn from this project moving forward with the City’s Complete Streets plan.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.

# Clark Ave Parking Regulations

