

ITEM# 12
DATE: 9/27/2016

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



5TH ST

5TH ST

CLARK AVE

BURNETT AVE

MAIN ST

MAIN ST

MAIN ST

MAIN ST

No Parking on Both Sides

GILCHRIST ST

GILCHRIST ST

GILCHRIST ST

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WALNUT AVE

WASHINGTON ST

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY REPEALING SECTION 18.31(55)(a)(b)(c) AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 18.31(55)(a)(b)(c) THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARKING REGULATIONS ON CLARK AVENUE; 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(55)(a)(b)(c) as follows:

“Sec. 18.31. REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC STREETS OR LOCATIONS.

(55) **CLARK AVENUE.**

(a) Parking is prohibited on both sides between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Main Street to Seventh Street.

(b) Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides from Lincoln Way to Main Street.

(c) Parking is prohibited at all times from the south line of Seventh Street south a distance of seventy-five (75) feet; and on the west side from Sixth Street to Seventh Street, except on Sunday.

Section Two. Violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a municipal infraction punishable as set out by law.

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 All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

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

Passed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

Ann H. Campbell, Mayor