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DATE: 01-22-19
02-26-19

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: NORTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE PARKING ORDINANCE

BACKGROUND:

Over the past several months, staff have received a number of complaints about parking along N. Riverside Drive (Lincoln Way to N Russell Avenue). Staff's review of the existing parking ordinances in Sections 18.31 and 18.33 of the *Municipal Code* **found that no restrictions are currently in place for N. Riverside Drive**. According to current roadway and emergency standards, the existing 31' width of N Riverside Drive should only allow for parking on one side of the street. In order to create the most available room for parking, staff is **recommending prohibiting parking along the east side of N. Riverside Drive**. This allows parking along the west side of N Riverside Drive which has no driveways.

A letter was sent to adjacent properties along N. Riverside Drive on December 17, 2018, to receive feedback on this proposed ordinance. Out of 33 letters sent, no responses were received. The lack of responses is likely due to a high number of rental properties in the area. Another notice will be sent to the neighborhood when the first reading of the ordinance is scheduled for City Council consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that prohibits parking at all times on the east side of North Riverside Drive.
2. Do not make any ordinance changes at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By directing legal staff to make an ordinance update, it will be possible to improve safety for our traffic system and the residents in this area. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

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02-26-19

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: HARRIS STREET PARKING ORDINANCE

BACKGROUND:

Over the past several months, staff have received multiple complaints about parking along Harris Street (Wellons Drive to Dotson Drive). Staff's review of the existing parking ordinances in Sections 18.31 and 18.33 of the *Municipal Code* has found that **no restrictions are currently in place for Harris Street**. According to current roadway and emergency standards, the existing 26' and 31' widths of Harris Street only allow for parking on one side of the street. To be consistent with the current ordinance standards and considering the location of existing fire hydrants on the north side, staff is **recommending prohibiting parking along the north side of Harris Street**.

A letter was sent to adjacent property owners and residents along Harris Street on December 10, 2018, to receive feedback on this proposed ordinance. Out of 70 letters sent, two responses were received; they both were in favor of the proposed ordinance. No responses were received opposed to the proposed ordinance. The lack of responses is likely due to a high number of rental properties in the area. Another notice will be sent to the neighborhood when the first reading of the ordinance is scheduled for City Council consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that prohibits parking at all times on the north side of Harris Street.
2. Do not make any ordinance changes at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By directing legal staff to make the ordinance update, it will be possible to improve the safety for our traffic network and the residents in this area. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No.1, as noted above.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 18.31(375) AND 18.31(376) THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARKING REGULATIONS ON NORTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND HARRIS STREET REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; 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 new Sections 18.31(375) and 18.31 (376) as follows:

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

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(375) **NORTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE.** Parking is prohibited at all times on the east side of North Riverside Drive.

(376) **HARRIS STREET.** Parking is prohibited at all times on the north side of Harris Street.”

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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 _____, _____.

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

John A. Haila, Mayor