

ITEM #: 5
DATE: 10-12-10

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: NEW PARKING REGULATIONS FOR SUNSET RIDGE, 4TH ADDITION

BACKGROUND:

In response to filing of the Final Plats for the Sunset Ridge Subdivision 4th Addition and the Northridge Heights Subdivision 10th Addition, parking regulations are required for the addition of the following new streets: Springbrook Drive and Wilder Avenue in Sunset Ridge 4th, and Roxboro Drive and Ballentine Drive in Northridge Heights 10th.

The adjacent land use for all of these roads is residential. The City of Ames allows construction of narrower residential streets to minimize impacts related to infrastructure while maintaining access for emergency vehicles. Therefore, there is a need to restrict parking on one side of the street. This is typically done on the side of the street in which the water main is located to allow continuous access to fire hydrants.

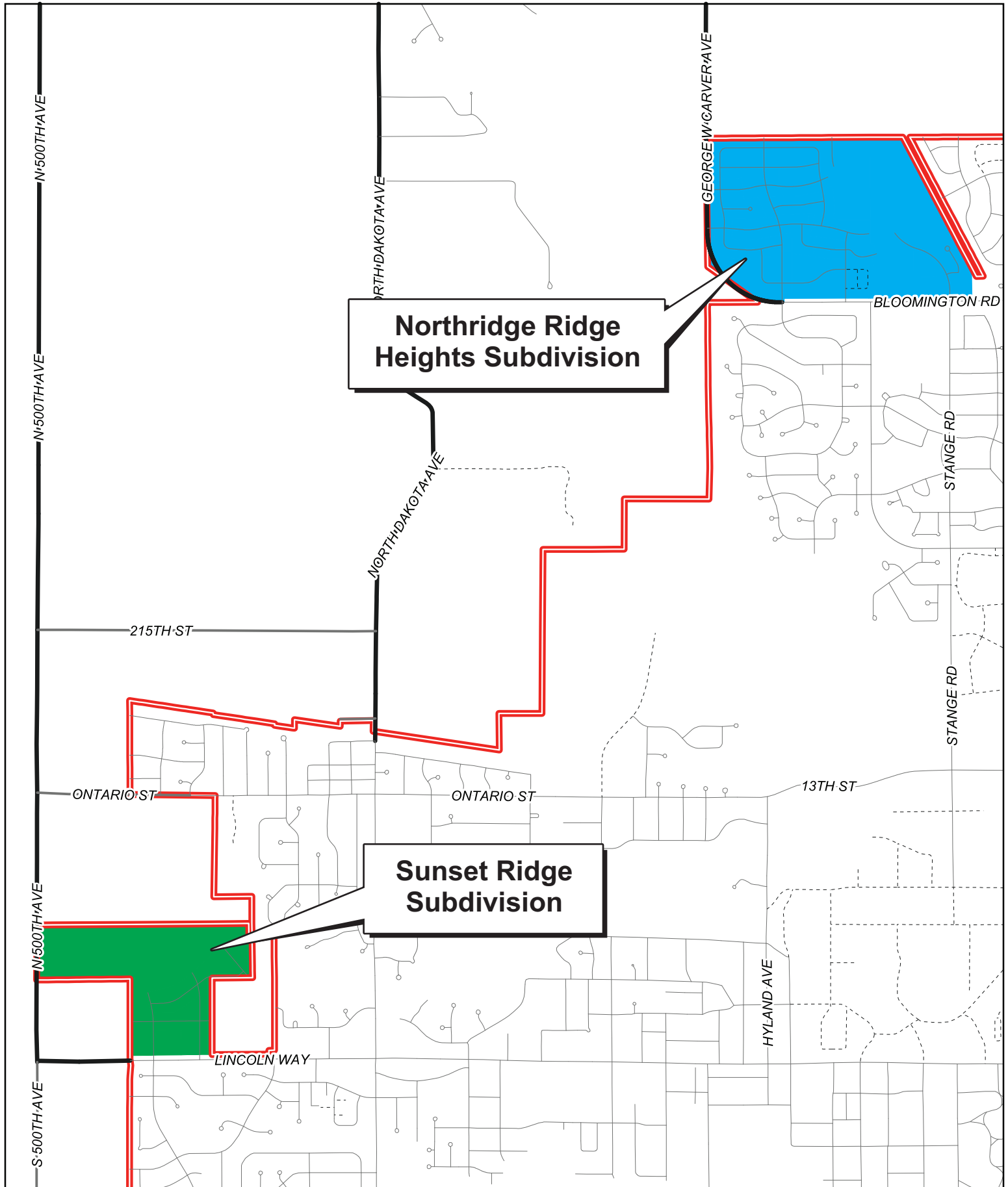
ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit parking:
 - a. At all times of the day on the north side of Springbrook Drive
 - b. At all times of the day on the east side of Wilder Avenue.
 - c. At all times of the day on the north side of Roxboro Drive
 - d. At all times of the day on the north side of Ballentine Drive
2. Do not initiate these parking restrictions.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Restriction of parking along the designated streets is appropriate in order to provide unrestricted emergency vehicle access to these new residential areas.

Therefore, 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 prohibiting parking as indicated above.



Proposed Parking Regulations



Title: Subdivision Areas

Scale: 1 inch = 2,000 feet

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