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ITEM # 7  
DATE: 11-23-10

### COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT:** NEW PARKING REGULATIONS FOR NORTH 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET

**BACKGROUND:**

In response to a recent street paving project along North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, which was a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded project, North 4<sup>th</sup> Street was taken from a gravel road to a paved asphalt surface with curb and gutter. The new road is 26 feet wide. In order to facilitate two-way traffic and emergency vehicle access along this newly paved street, parking should be restricted to one side of the street.

The adjacent land use for North 4<sup>th</sup> Street is residential along the south side, with the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way on the north side. Because of this, staff recommends that parking be prohibited along the north side in order to provide parking next to the residences. This will also allow unobstructed access to the fire hydrants within the neighborhood.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit parking along the north side of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street from North Riverside Avenue to North Maple Avenue.
2. Do not initiate these parking restrictions.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Restriction of parking along this street is appropriate in order to provide unobstructed emergency vehicle access to this residential area.

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 to prohibit parking along the north side of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street from North Riverside Avenue to North Maple Avenue.



**NORTH**

**N. Riverside Dr.**

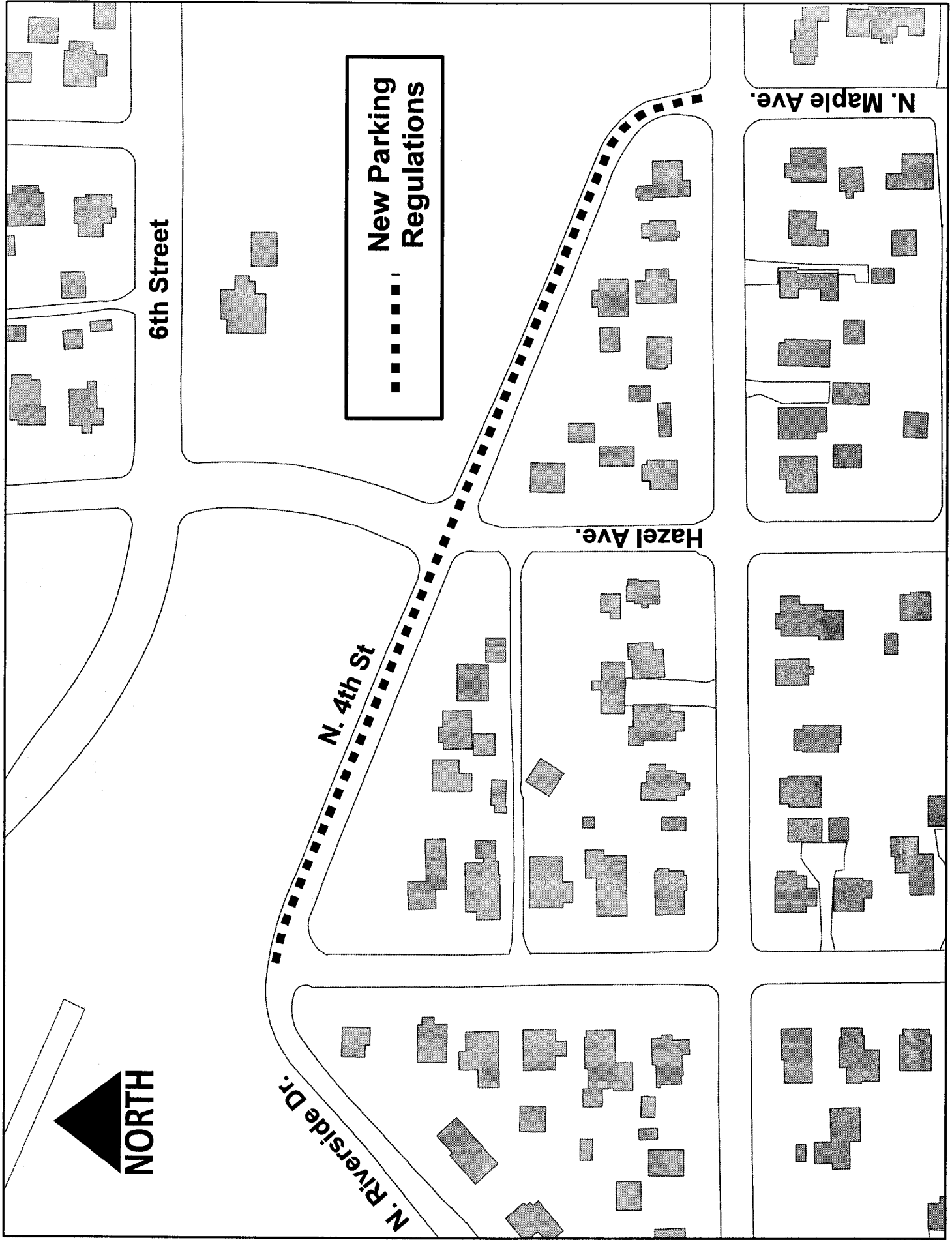
**N. 4th St**

**6th Street**

**Hazel Ave.**

**N. Maple Ave.**

**New Parking  
Regulations**



ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 18.31 (356) NORTH 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING PARKING REGULATIONS FOR NORTH 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET; 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 (356) as follows:

**"Sec. 18.31. REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC STREETS OR LOCATIONS.**

(356) **NORTH 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET.** Parking is prohibited at all times of the day along the north side of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street from North Riverside Avenue to North Maple Avenue."

Section Two. Violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a simple misdemeanor 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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

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Ann H. Campbell, Mayor