

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: PARTIAL CLOSURE OF DEPOT PARKING LOT

BACKGROUND:

As part of the statewide initiative to make Iowa a healthier place to live, Ames residents are welcome to join with thousands of other Iowans in several one-kilometer "Start Somewhere" walks at noon on Friday, Oct. 7. Local walkers will meet at various locations around the city, including Mayor Ann Campbell's Downtown "Start Somewhere Walk" that will begin at City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue. The Mayor's walk will loop around Downtown and end at the HyVee Drugstore at 500 Main Street.

HyVee Drugstore, along with other nearby businesses, would like to get involved in the Mayor's walk by providing information on healthy lifestyles and providing healthy snacks at the end of the walk. HyVee has made a request to Hubbell Realty to approve a partial closure of the Depot lot for this event. A representative of Hubbell Realty approved the request via email.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve partial closure of the Depot parking lot from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, October 7, and waive parking meter fees in Lot N (east City Hall lot) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for persons participating in the walk.
2. Deny partial closure of the parking lot.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The City Council has authority to close all or a portion of the Depot parking lot, and generally has done so upon request of Depot tenants and approval by the property owner, Hubbell Realty.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving partial closure of the Depot parking lot from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, October 7.