

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: PARKING REGULATIONS FOR ASH AVENUE

BACKGROUND:

The 2011/12 Collector Street Pavement Improvements program in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) was for the reconstruction of Ash Avenue from Mortensen Parkway to Knapp Street. There was a considerable amount public participation from residents in the neighborhood abutting the project. Concerns heard from the residents centered on the need to calm traffic and to provide a buffer along the west side of the roadway.

In response, some of the existing road width was utilized for a designated bikeway, thereby also narrowing the street to help lower vehicle speeds through the area. In doing so, the portion of roadway between Country Club Boulevard and Mortensen Parkway for vehicle traffic was reduced to the standard 31-foot width for residential collector streets, along with a 10-foot width for the bikeway.

Due to the reduced width for vehicles, parking will need to be restricted on one side of the street. **Therefore, it is recommended that current parking regulations be amended to prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Ash Avenue in order to maintain safe access for emergency vehicles, as well as to maintain two-way traffic flow.** The location of these parking restrictions is shown on the attached map.

Because the street has already been opened to traffic, staff is asking Council to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on all three readings to match the existing conditions on this street. It should be noted that suspending the rules are both to facilitate the safe operation of the road and would be consistent with the feedback received from the adjacent residents.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Approve first passage of the ordinance to prohibit parking at all times along the west side Ash Avenue from a point 460 feet south of the south line of Country Club Boulevard to Mortensen Parkway.
- b. Suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance on second and third readings.
2. Do not initiate these parking restrictions.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

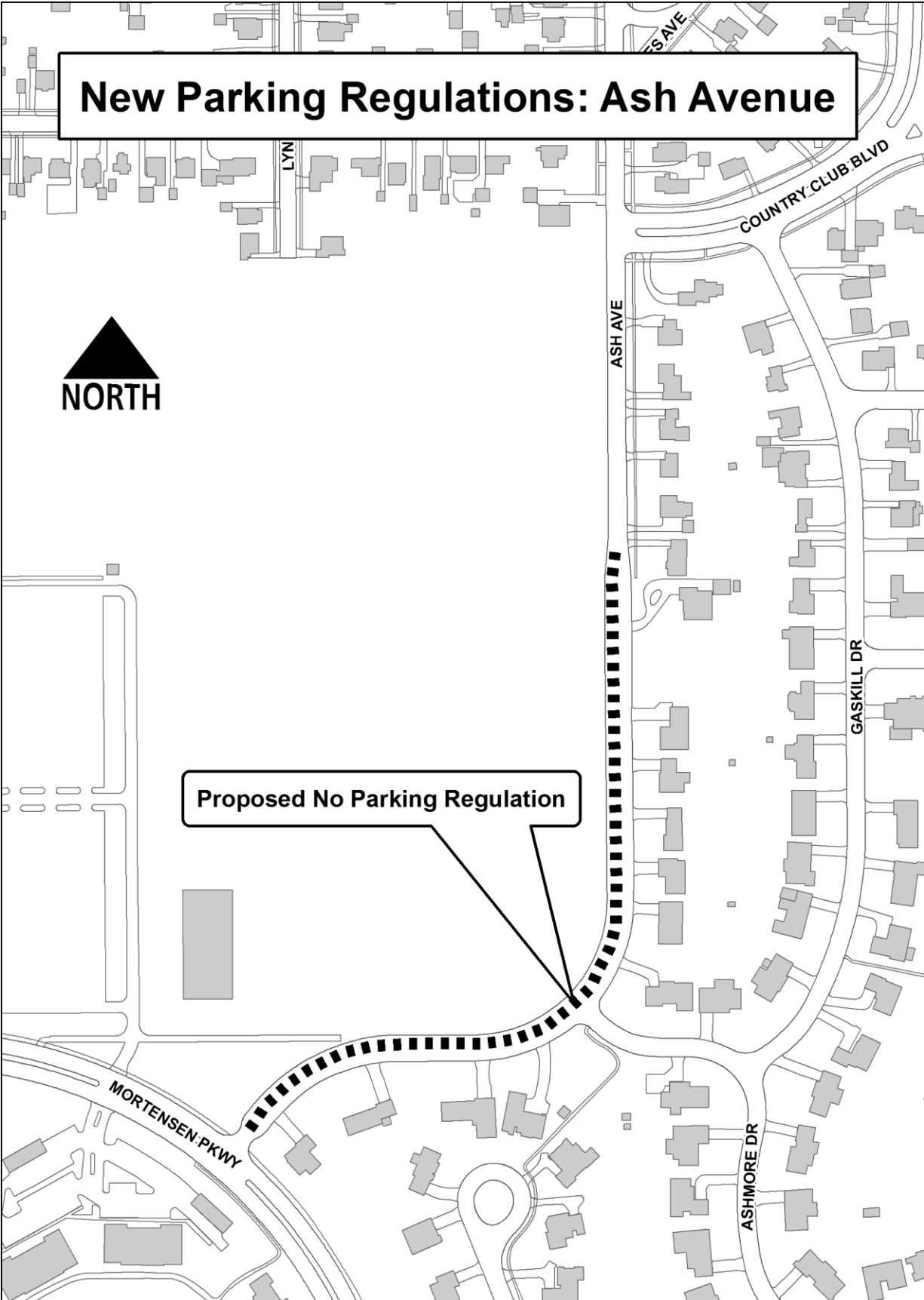
Restriction of parking along this street is appropriate in order to provide unobstructed emergency vehicle access to this residential area. It is also critical in order to safely maintain two-way traffic flow.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the first passage of the ordinance to prohibit parking at all times along the west side Ash Avenue from a point 460 feet south of the south line of Country Club Boulevard to Mortensen Parkway, and to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on second and third readings.

New Parking Regulations: Ash Avenue



Proposed No Parking Regulation



ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY REPEALING SECTION 18.31 (11) AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 18.31 (11), FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING PARKING REGULATIONS ALONG ASH AVENUE BY THE ADDITION OF; PARKING IS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ALONG COUNTRY CLUB BOULEVARD TO MORTENSEN PARKWAY ; 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 repealing Section 18.31 (11) and enacting a new Section 18.31 (11) as follows:

“(11) **ASH AVENUE.** Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides from the south line of Lincoln Way south for a distance of one hundred (100) feet.

Parking is prohibited on Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the west side and on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday on the east side from a point one hundred (100) feet south of the south line of Lincoln Way to the north line of Knapp Street, from midnight to 9:00 p.m. and also from the south line of Knapp Street to a point four hundred sixty (460) feet south of the south line of Country Club Boulevard from midnight to 9:00 p.m.

In addition, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. parking is limited to four hours on the side of the street on which it is lawful to park from Knapp Street to Country Club Boulevard.

Parking is prohibited at all times along Country Club Boulevard to Mortensen Parkway.”

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