

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: UPDATES TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 18.31 (PARKING REGULATIONS)**

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 28, 2017, staff presented a report on parking system improvements. The report covered several topics related to potential parking changes, one of which was to make overnight parking consistent across the business districts in Ames, thereby restricting (prohibiting) parking Monday to Sunday from 4 AM to 6 PM. The timeframe was requested through survey results taken from Campustown and Downtown businesses conducted in the Fall of 2017.

Staff has conducted a review of the existing parking ordinances in Section 18.31 of the *Municipal Code* and identified a list of corrections. The City Attorney's office drafted an ordinance that makes all the necessary updates per City Council direction. The final draft ordinance is attached to this Council Action Form. This ordinance also includes some minor housekeeping corrections to the listing of Municipal Parking Lots.

A thorough inventory of parking regulation signs were taken in the business areas of Ames, and staff determined that approximately 235 signs will need to be either modified or replaced to reflect the new overnight restrictions. This effort is expected to take several weeks depending on other work priorities of staff. Public Works has already begun coordination with the Police Department regarding enforcement during this transition period to minimize any potential confusion to our customers.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve first passage of the ordinance to update Section 18.31 of the Municipal Code and waive the requirement for three readings, thereby approving second and third readings, and adopting the ordinance.
2. Approve first passage of the ordinance to update Section 18.31 of the Municipal Code only.
3. Reject the ordinance.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

To be as responsive to request by our customers and businesses it will be important to implement this parking change. It should be noted that this change appears to have broad support by our business district parking users. **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 REPEALING CHAPTER 18, SECTION 18.31 (91) AND ENACT A NEW CHAPTER 18, SECTION 18.31(91) AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 18, SECTION 18.31(38)(a), (50),(55)(a),(73)(b),(117)(b)(c),(137)(a),(147)(b),(153),(167)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h)(i)(j)(k)(l)(m)(n)(n),(178)(b),(251)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e),(252)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e), (293)(a)(b)(d), THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTRICTION OF OVERNIGHT PARKING FROM 4:00 AM AND ENDING AT 6:00 AM, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, AND APPLY THE SNOW ORDINANCE TO THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT AND THE CAMPUSTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT 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 amending Chapter 18, Section 18.31 as follows:

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

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**(38) BURNETT AVENUE.**

(a) Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Main Street to Seventh Street.

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**(50) CHAMBERLAIN STREET.** Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Lynn Avenue to Hayward Avenue.

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**(55) CLARK AVENUE.**

(a) Parking is prohibited on both sides between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Main Street to Seventh Street.

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**(73) DOUGLAS AVENUE.**

(b) Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Main Street to Seventh Street.

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**(91) FIFTH STREET.**

(a) Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides from the east line of Grand Avenue to the west line of Pearle Avenue;

(b) Parking is prohibited on everyday between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Duff Avenue to Grand Avenue;

(c) Angle parking is permitted on the both sides from Carroll Avenue to Duff Avenue.

(d) Parking is limited to two hours on the north side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street from 40 feet west of Allen Drive west 140 feet to the Pyle Office Park entry drive.

Also see Sec. 18.25, Reserved for Official Cars.

*(Ord. No. 2017, Sec. 2, 1-21-64; Ord. No. 2078, Sec. 2, 7-20-65; Ord. No. 2228, Sec. 2, 3-19-68; Ord. No. 2449, Sec. 2, 7-24-73; Ord. No. 2980, Sec. 1, 6-30-87; Ord. No. 2988, Sec. 1, 10-6-87, Ord. No. 3650, 2-26-02)*

See also South Fifth Street.

(117) **HAYWARD AVENUE.**

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(b) Parking is prohibited at all times on the west side from the south line of Lincoln Way (extended) to Mortensen Road.

(c) Parking is prohibited between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Lincoln Way to Hunt Street; and on the east side between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Hunt Street to Mortensen Road.

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(137) **KELLOGG AVENUE.**

(a) Parking is prohibited everyday between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Lincoln Way to Seventh Street.

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(147) **LINCOLN WAY.**

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(b) Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Lynn Avenue to Sheldon Avenue.

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(153) **MAIN STREET.** Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides from the west line of Duff Avenue to the west for a distance of one hundred and fifty-one feet (151'); and on the north side from the west line of Pearle Avenue to Grand Avenue; and on the south side thereof from the west line of Clark Avenue west sixty-eight (68) feet and from a point one hundred and seventy-nine (179) feet east of the west line of Pearle Avenue west to Grand Avenue.

Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. everyday from Duff Avenue to Allan Drive.

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(167) **MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS.**

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(c) Lot P (Gilchrist), east parking district: Parking is limited to metered spaces only.

(d) Lot Q, east parking district: Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. every day, except for those vehicles lawfully parked in spaces reserved pursuant to Section 18.5.

(e) Lot S, east parking district: Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. except for those vehicles lawfully parked in spaces re-served pursuant to Section 18.5

(f) Lot T, west parking district: Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. every day, except for those vehicles lawfully parked in spaces reserved pursuant to Section 18.5.

*(Ord. No. 3779, 07-13-04)*

(g) Lot V, east parking district: Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. every day, except for those vehicles lawfully parked in spaces reserved pursuant to Section 18.5.

(h) Lot W, east parking district: Parking is limited to permit parking only in stalls 1-16, otherwise, Parking is not prohibited.

- (i) Lot X, west parking district: Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. except for those vehicles lawfully parked in spaces re-served pursuant to Section 18.5  
(Ord. No. 3779, 07-13-04)
- (j) Lot X, east parking district: Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. except for those vehicles lawfully parked in spaces reserved pursuant to Section 18.5.  
(Ord. No. 3750, 12-16-03)
- (k) Lot Y, west parking district: Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. except for those vehicles lawfully parked in spaces reserved pursuant to Section 18.5  
(Ord. No. 3779, 07-13-04)
- (l) Lot Y, east parking district: Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. except for those vehicles lawfully parked in spaces reserved pursuant to Section 18.5  
(Ord. No. 3750, 12-16-03)
- (m) Lot Z, west parking district: Parking is limited to permit parking only.
- (n) Lot Z, east parking district: Parking is prohibited between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. everyday, except for those vehicles lawfully parked in spaces reserved pursuant to Section 18.5;

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(178) **NORTHRIDGE PARKWAY.**

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- (b) Parking is prohibited on both sides of Northridge Parkway from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from Kent Avenue to Stange Road, and on the north side from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from Stange Road to a point 300 feet west of Stange Road.

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(251) **STANGE ROAD.**

- (a) Parking is prohibited at all times on the west side from 24th Street to Camden Drive.
- (b) Parking is prohibited at all times on the east side from 24th Street to Bristol Drive.
- (c) Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides from Clayton Drive to the north end of Stange Road.
- (d) Parking is prohibited from 4:00 am to 6:00 am on the east side from a point 330 feet north of Northridge Parkway to a point 360 feet south of Northridge Parkway.
- (e) Parking is prohibited from 4:00 am to 6:00 am on the west side from Northridge Parkway to Aspen Road.

(252) **STANTON AVENUE.**

- (a) Parking is prohibited on Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the west side and on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday on the east side from midnight to 9:00 p.m. from Baker Street to the south end of Stanton Avenue.
- (b) Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides from Lincoln Way to Knapp Street except at the location of designated parking meter spaces.
- (c) Parking is prohibited at all times on the west side from Knapp Street to the south line of the intersection of Stanton Avenue and Baker Street.
- (d) Parking is prohibited for more than four hours, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the side on which it is lawful to park south of Baker Street.
- (e) Parking is prohibited for more than fifteen minutes in the southern most 2 parking stalls located on the west side of Stanton Avenue in front of 119 Stanton Avenue.

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(293) **WELCH AVENUE.**

(a) Parking is prohibited at all times on the west side between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Lincoln Way to Storm Street.

(b) Parking is prohibited at all times on the east side between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from Lincoln Way to Hunt Street.

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(d) Parking is prohibited for more than four (4) hours on the west side from Knapp Street to Storm Street.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

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John A. Haila, Mayor