

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: DUFF AVENUE PARKING ORDINANCE

BACKGROUND:

The contract for the 2019/20 Multi-Modal Roadway Improvements (30th Street & Duff Avenue Restriping) project was awarded by City Council on May 12, 2020. Several portions of Duff Avenue need to have parking restrictions to allow for the new lane configurations. Below is a list of the proposed parking restrictions:

- Prohibit Parking at all times on the east & north side (northbound) of Duff Avenue from 20th Street to Grand Avenue
- Prohibit Parking at all times on the west & south side (southbound) of Duff Avenue from Douglas Avenue to 22nd Street and from 120' west of Briggs Circle intersection to Grand Avenue

In addition to the bike lanes, the restriping project will install a painted parking lane along the west & south side of Duff Avenue from 20th Street to 120' west of Briggs Circle intersection, to match these proposed restrictions.

A public information meeting was held for the project. All adjacent properties were mailed invitations to the meeting. In attendance were 7 of the 135 adjacent properties, along with 6 other residents. Of the thirteen who attended the public meeting, two comments were made related to the parking ordinance. The first comment was the request to include five feet of no parking next to driveways in the parking lane to increase vision of vehicles leaving their driveway. Five feet of no parking adjacent to driveways will be included with the restriping project. The second comment was that parking along Inis Grove Park is convenient; however, staff concluded the existing parking lots to the north and east of the park provide sufficient parking.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that prohibits parking at all times on the east & north side of Duff Avenue from 20th Street to Grand Avenue, and prohibits parking at all times on the west & south side of Duff Avenue from Douglas Avenue to 22nd Street and from 120' west of Briggs Circle intersection to Grand Avenue.
2. Do not make any ordinance changes at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By directing legal staff to make an ordinance update, it will be possible to implement multi-modal improvements in this area. 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 SECTION 18.31 (75) AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 18.31 (75) THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING PARKING REGULATIONS ON DUFF AVENUE REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; 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 (75) as follows:

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

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(75) **DUFF AVENUE.**

- (a) Parking is prohibited from the south corporate limits to 20th Street at all times on both sides;
- (b) Parking is prohibited at all times on the east and north side from 20th Street to Grand Avenue;
- (c) Parking is prohibited at all times on the west and south side from the west line of Douglas Avenue to the east line of 22nd Street;
- (d) Parking is prohibited at all times on the south side from 120 feet west of Briggs Circle to Grand Avenue;
- (e) Parking shall be prohibited on cross-street approaches for a distance of 35 feet in advance of a stop sign and on exit sides of the cross streets for a distance of 35 feet back of the crosswalks.”

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Section Two. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Three. 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

John A. Haila, Mayor