CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO:	City Council
FROM:	Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager
DATE OF MEETING:	March 9, 2026
ITEM TITLE:	First Reading of an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 69 – Parking Regulations

BACKGROUND:

During the work session on March 2, 2026, Dustin Dallenbach requested a conversation with the City Council regarding parking regulations in the 200 block of 2nd Street NE. Mr. Dallenbach was present at that meeting to speak to the Council about this area. Following this initial dialogue, we have brought forward an ordinance to amend Chapter 69 Parking Regulations in our municipal code.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed ordinance modifies our parking regulations by repealing and replacing Sections 69.09 and 69.11.

The updated Section 69.09 prohibits all-night parking on designated streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., with exceptions for physicians or other persons on emergency calls, but allows overnight parking on the north side of 2nd Street NE between Second and Third Avenues, as discussed at the Work Session.

The updated Section 69.11 establishes two-hour parking zones that prevent vehicles from stopping, standing, or parking for a continuous period in excess of two hours between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Second Street NE has been modified to require two-hour parking on the South side only, between Second and Third Avenues, with the remaining portion of the street staying the same as the last ordinance revision.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of **promoting and encouraging community involvement and engagement**. This item helps achieve that vision by responding to a resident's request about parking in front of their property.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There are no costs other than publication costs and the time for City Staff to modify the signage along the roadway.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 69, Parking Regulations.

Staff recommends a motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed.

Staff recommends a motion to have this ordinance that amends Chapter 69, Parking Regulations, be placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Ordinance. The changes will be effective upon the ordinance summary being published in the newspaper.