CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: **DATE: August 20, 2018**

Motion – Approve request by West Des Moines Valley and Dowling High Schools to allow parking on grass on school property near Valley Stadium during varsity football games during the 2018 season.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The granting of this Motion would have little or no financial impact to the City.

BACKGROUND:

West Des Moines Valley and Dowling high schools have requested that they be allowed to have people attending home varsity football games in 2018, park their vehicles on grass on school property. Athletic department and activities officials from the schools estimate that parking on the designated area of school property grass could accommodate as many as 400-500 vehicles for certain games that generate a lot of fan interest. The schools would be responsible for installing barricades or cones to separate the city and school properties on the City Hall / School campus (see the attached overhead aerial map for the designated parking area). No parking would be allowed on grass on city property near Valley Stadium. The parking on school property grass would occur weather permitting.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve this Motion to allow parking on grass on school property near Valley Stadium for varsity football games during the 2018 season.

Lead Staff Member: **Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk**

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee			
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

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To Whom It May Concern,

In continuing previous year's practice in offering grass parking on the WDMCS grass lot (just East of Valley Stadium) to fan's attending a select number of Football games, we ask again this year to allow us to utilize our lot for those games with projected higher attendance. We understand that use of this grass parking is a privilege, which is why we only do it for rivalries and special event game nights. We also understand the wear and tear that parking has on the grass, and will continue to enforce rules, lot security by CSC Security, as well as, not allowing parking in the grass lot when the grass is saturated. The dates that Valley and Dowling would like to utilize the WDMCS grass lot for parking would be:

8/24 VHS vs SEP

9/7 VHS vs CR Kennedy

9/14 DCHS vs Centennial

9/21 DCHS vs Ankeny (Homecoming)

9/28 VHS vs Urbandale (Homecoming)

10/6 Valley Band Fest

10/26 and 11/2 Possible Playoff Dates

Thank you.

Valley Activities Department

Brad Rose, CAA Activities Director