CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: **DATE: August 19, 2019**

Motion – Approve request by West Des Moines Valley and Dowling High Schools to allow parking on grass during 2019 Valley Stadium events

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 park vehicles on the school property grass near Valley Stadium during the varsity football games in 2019 and the Valleyfest band competition on October 12, 2019. 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 events 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 2019 events.

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

STAFF REVIEWS

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

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee			
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

Athletics & Activities Department
Valley High School
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Date: August 13, 2019

To: Ryan Jacobson

City Clerk, City of West Des Moines, IA

Dear Mr. Jacobson,

In continuing the previous year's practice in offering grass parking on the WDMCS grass lot (just East of Valley Stadium) to fans 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:

Dates: (Friday nights)	**Teams / Schools**	**Start time**
August 30th;	Dowling hosting Waukee	7 pm start time
September 6th;	Valley hosting Dowling	7 pm start time
September 13th;	Dowling hosting Johnston	7 pm start time
September 20th;	Valley hosting Waukee	7 pm start time
September 27th;	Valley Homecoming	7 pm start time
October 4th;	Dowling hosting DM Lincoln	7 pm start time
October 11th;	Valley hosting CBAL	7 pm start time
October 12th (Saturday)	Valleyfest	(7 am to 11 pm)
October 18th;	Dowling hosting DM Hoover	7 pm Start time
October 25th;	Valley hosting DM North	7 pm Start time

Thank you,

Brad Rose, CAA Activities Director

Valley Activities Department