




Town of Bristol, Rhode Island
Department of Community Development

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TO: Honorable Bristol Town Council

FROM: Edward M. Tanner, Principal Planner 

RE: *Proposed Parking Regulations for Burnside Street*

As we are completing final work on the restoration and reconfiguration of Burnside Street, there is a need to amend the on-street parking regulations along the roadway to better serve the public with the new roadway alignment. I have reviewed parking regulations with our consulting engineer, Bristol Police Department, as well as area residents and business owners to determine the most practical and efficient street parking regulations. I offer the following recommendations for parking along Burnside Street and ask that the Town Council consider appropriate ordinance amendments to align with these recommendations.

- Remove the south side of Burnside Street between Hope Street and Resolute Lane (94 feet) from Section 16-143 Parking prohibited at all times. In its place I recommend that we regulate the five (5) newly created parallel parking spaces in this location per Section 16-345(c) as a designated residential parking street with no overnight parking except with residential sticker. This designation is the same as currently posted nearby on High Street.
- On the south side of Burnside Street east of Resolute Lane in front of #18, #20 and #32 Burnside Street (approximately 260 feet), I recommend this area be regulated per Section 16-152 Curb loading zone between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to provide access for businesses utilizing these commercial buildings.
- On the south side of Burnside Street from #32 Burnside Street east to High Street (approximately 75 feet), I recommend that this area be regulated per Section 16-143 Parking prohibited at all times. There is currently a “no parking any time” sign in this area, but it does not appear to be included in this section of the ordinance.

- On the north side of Burnside Street from High Street westerly to the west end of #25 Burnside Street, this area is currently regulated per Section 16-345(b) as resident only parking, daily, 24 hours. I recommend keeping this ordinance as is.
- On the north side of Burnside Street in front of the easterly warehouse portion of #19 Burnside Street (approximately 50 feet), I recommend this area be regulated per Section 16-152 Curb loading zone between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to provide access for businesses utilizing this commercial building.
- On the north side of Burnside Street in front of the westerly portion of #19 Burnside Street (approximately 52 feet), I recommend that the two or three newly created parallel parking spaces in this location be regulated per Section 16-345(c) as a designated residential parking street with no overnight parking except with residential sticker. This designation is the same as that recommended for the south side west end of Burnside Street and is the same as currently posted nearby on High Street.
- On the north side of Burnside Street from #19 Burnside Street westerly to Hope Street (approximately 180 feet), I recommend that this area be regulated per Section 16-143 Parking prohibited at all times.

Cc: Steven Contente, Town Administrator

