

Staff Report

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NE Sumner Street Parking Restrictions

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BACKGROUND: Staff has received ongoing citizen concerns related to insufficient roadway width due to parked vehicles on NE Sumner St between NE 3rd Avenue and NE 3rd Loop. Parking is currently unrestricted on both sides of the street.

SUMMARY: NE Sumner Street has varying paved surface widths as narrow as 24 feet. Engineering Staff has been in contact with the Fire Marshal's office regarding this issue. The Fire Marshal's Office concurs with restricting parking to one side of the street in order to safely access residents and businesses. This restriction would bring the street into general compliance with the fire code. Staff is recommending that the east side of the street be signed No Parking as depicted by the red line in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Recommended parking restriction.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item?

Improve road safety and emergency access.

What's the data? What does the data tell us?

Roadway width and Fire Code indicate that these parking restrictions are needed

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?

Staff has listened to community concerns and are responding accordingly. Nearby residents are being notified of the recommended parking restrictions.

Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item?

Motorists, emergency services and residents will benefit. Some individuals will need to park their vehicles in alternative spaces.

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences?

Consequences are limited to a reduction in parking spaces.

Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact.

No.

Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibilities for people with disabilities?

There is no known impact.

What potential hurdles exists in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)?

None.

How will you ensure accountabilities, communicate, and evaluate results?

Restricted parking is enforceable.

How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution?

- T-1.2 Support the need for regular maintenance, safety and efficiency improvements, and access management measures.
- T-5.2 Ensure that adequate access for emergency service vehicles is provided throughout the City.

BUDGET IMPACT: The cost of implementation of the No Parking signs is minimal and will be covered by the existing street operations budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff intends to place a No Parking Resolution on the March 7, 2022 Council Meeting Agenda for Council's consideration.