



Staff Report

May 12, 2026 Parking Advisory Committee Meeting

NE Dallas Street Loading Zone Space Request

Presenter: James Carothers, Engineering Manager

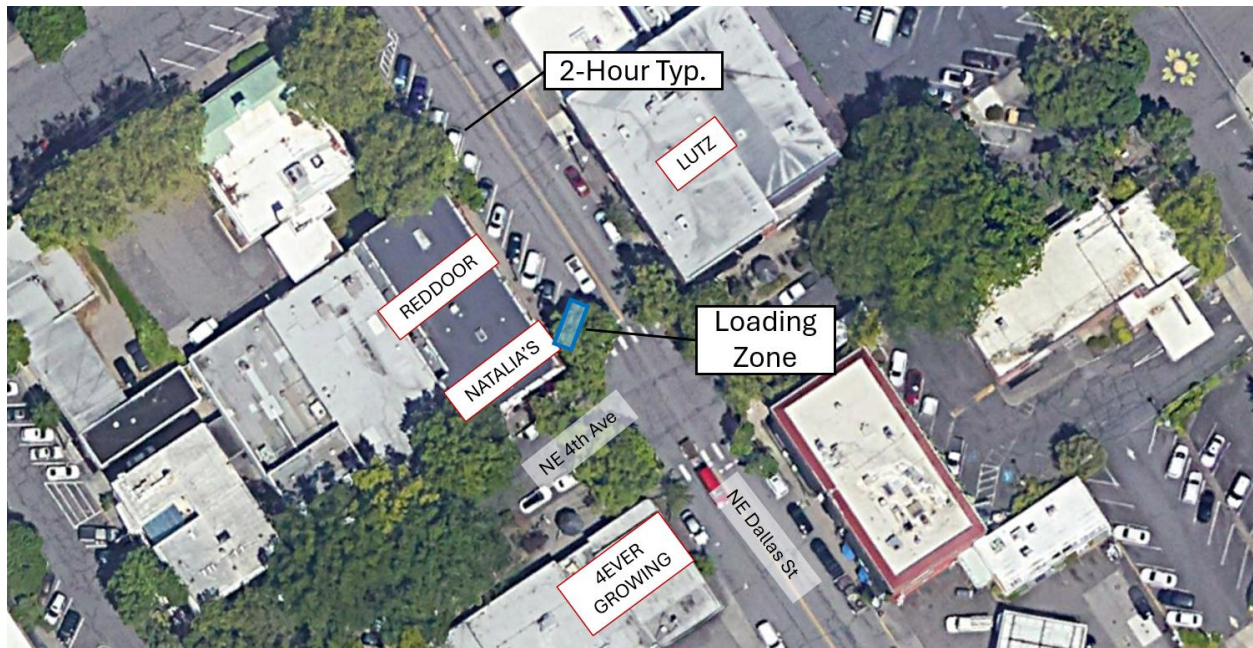
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BACKGROUND: On-street parking on NE Dallas Street between NE 4th and 5th Avenue is generally designated as 2-Hour Parking. Neighboring local businesses include Natalia’s Café, Forever Growing Kids, and RedDoor Gallery.

SUMMARY: Liz Pike, RedDoor Gallery Owner, at 411 NE Dallas St, has requested a 24-hour, 7 days per week loading zone on the west side of NE Dallas Street in the angled parking space adjacent to Natalias’s Cafe and just north of NE 4th Avenue as depicted below. Similar spots are found at selected locations downtown. These existing spaces downtown are generally designated and signed as loading zones from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Staff has notified all business owners on NE Dallas Street between 4th and 5th Avenues of this parking zone request as well as the DCA and the Department of Commerce.



2-hour Parking Request to Change one spot to Loading Zone

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: Loading zone parking will only benefit the nearby businesses.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES: It is recommended that the committee discuss potential “unintended consequences” of a parking time limit change. Downtown customers and other businesses might not benefit from this change.

BUDGET IMPACT: There would be a nominal cost of labor and materials from existing Street Operations budget for implementing a signage change if the requested change is implemented.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff is seeking a recommendation from the committee. If the committee recommends changing this space to a loading zone, staff recommends that the duration of the loading zone be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.