

CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/12/2023

REQUESTER: Taylor Johnson, Transit and Parking Program Manager

PRESENTER: Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR

POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-93: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, IMPLEMENTING TWO-HOUR PARKING LIMITS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GRAY STREET BETWEEN CRAWFORD AVENUE AND PETERS

AVENUE.

BACKGROUND:

On-street parking restrictions have been evaluated, over the years, pursuant to Public Works Procedure 3-001. This policy requires that a petition signed by at least 60% of the residents affected by the proposed parking restriction be submitted to the City's Transportation Engineer. If the requisite number of signatures can be verified, the City will install signs delineating the requested parking restriction. However, the current application is not to restrict on-street parking, but, rather, to change the limitations on how long a motorist may park in a given parking space.

The north side of Gray Street between Crawford Avenue and Peters Avenue currently has a 1-hour maximum parking restriction (please see the attached location map for clarity on the area). A Councilmember forwarded a request from a business to increase the maximum parking time limit from 1-hour to 2-hours. This particular business has patrons that may need to stay longer than the current 1-hour parking time limit.

DISCUSSION:

After receiving the request, staff spoke to each property owner and tenant along the north side of Gray Street between Crawford Avenue and Peters Avenue. The majority of current property owners and tenants were either good or indifferent in regards to the proposed change, with only one tenant voicing their displeasure. However, that particular tenant went out of business on November 30, 2023. Staff were informed that two of the properties are in the process of being sold, however, the potential new owners already own property along the block and if the sale went through it would not result in additional displeasure of the proposed change.

Resolution R-2324-93 contains language that increases the on-street parking limitations from 1 to 2-hour on the north side of Gray Street between Crawford Avenue and Peters Avenue. The resolution directs staff to post the signs needed for enforcement of the said parking time

limitations. If adopted, staff will issue the public notification on December 14, 2023, install the signs, and begin enforcement of the restrictions on January 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution R-2324-93 increasing the on-street parking limitations from 1 to 2-hour on the north side of Gray Street between Crawford Avenue and Peters Avenue.