



AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8/6/2025

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Travis Peterson – Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: General Ordinance 11-25-26 - An ordinance creating a no parking zone on Ontario Avenue.

ISSUE

Should the Public Works Committee recommend adding No Parking to the north side of Ontario Avenue, between North 14th Street for a distance of 390 feet to the west?

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Ontario Avenue, west of North 14th Street, currently presents significant challenges as a narrow, urban street with a pavement width of only 32 feet. Despite this limited width, the street allows for on-street parking on both sides while also attempting to accommodate two-way vehicular traffic. This raises concerns with roadway safety, accessibility for emergency vehicles, and overall user comfort.

Generally, a minimum of 40 feet is required to fit two 8-foot parking lanes and two 12-foot travel lanes. Even with minimal dimensions, two 8-foot parking lanes and two 10-foot travel lanes require 36 feet. At only 32 feet, the street can accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes plus a single 8-foot parking lane, making bidirectional traffic flow and two-sided parking impossible to maintain safely.

Allowing parking on both sides of a 32-foot-wide street compromises safety by creating narrow lanes, forcing drivers to swerve into oncoming traffic. To improve safety and maintain efficient two-way traffic flow, the proposed No Parking zone will provide adequate clearance for vehicles, reducing the risk of conflict.

FUNDING IMPACT

There will be no impact on funding.

IF APPROVED, NEXT STEPS:

Department of Public Works staff will install the required signs.

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