



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Parking Zone Amendment Ordinance

Preferred Agenda: January 10, 2023

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Reviewed By: Kelcey Young, City Manager

Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion X Roll Call ____ Other ____

Relevant Code/Policy: SHMC 10.08.150 Parking Zones

Towards Council Goal: Aspiration I: Desirable Community; Goal 3.2: Community Safety

Attachments: Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2023 Parking Zones
Parking Zone Map

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to request approval and first reading of a proposed ordinance amending the parking zones within the City.

Background/Context:

SHMC 10.08.150 currently authorizes the City Manager to establish and maintain “parking zones” in the following streets:

1. Main Street from Highway 228 east of 18th Avenue
2. Long Street from the Ames Creek Bridge east of 18th Avenue
3. 9th Avenue from Main Street to Nandina Street
4. 10th Avenue from Long Street to Main Street
5. 12th Avenue from Kalmia Street to Nandina Street
6. 13th Avenue from Kalmia Street to Nandina Street
7. 15th Avenue from Main Street to Nandina Street

These streets form what is typically understood to be Sweet Home’s Downtown area, however, some areas were excluded, and the growth of the City necessitates adding additional streets to this list:

- The rest of Main Street
- The rest of Long Street
- 43rd Avenue between Long Street and Airport Road
- Airport Road between 43rd Avenue and 49th Avenue

- 49th Avenue between Airport Road and Main Street
- 15th Avenue between Long Street and Main Street
- The north side of Kalmia, between its western end (at the main Fire Station) and 15th Avenue.

The proposed ordinance amends the code and gives the City Manager authority to set parking regulations for these additional areas. Main Street is a state highway with most of the City's commercial property and would benefit from additional parking controls. Long Street is a major arterial road with limited capacity for on-street parking—regulation of parking along its entire length can improve public safety. Similarly, 43rd Avenue from Long to Airport Road, Airport Road from 43rd Avenue to 49th Avenue, and 49th Avenue from Airport Road to Main Street are also arterial roads that would be safer with more regulated parking. 15th Avenue and the north side of Kalmia in the downtown area are a part of the City's downtown core and should have been included in the previous ordinance. Only the north side of Kalmia is included in this proposal because the south side is almost entirely residential.

The Challenge/Problem:

How does the City regulate parking within commercial areas and on arterial roads?

Stakeholders:

- Sweet Home Residents – Residents deserve safe roadways and adequate on-street parking. Limits on parking times and duration help ensure safety and parking supply.
- Sweet Home City Council – The City Council is responsible for enacting parking ordinances and regulations that meet the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

This ordinance involves no financial impact to the City. Additional parking enforcement will require minimal costs for signage, and will utilize existing staff.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution includes setting parking zones that promote public safety and supply of parking.

Options:

1. Do Nothing – If the Council chooses to do nothing, then parking zones will remain as they are under current City Code.
2. Motion to conduct a first reading of the proposed ordinance as presented – If the voting is unanimous, a second reading, by title only, may take place during the same meeting.
3. Motion to conduct a first reading of the proposed ordinance with changes – The Council may make changes to the proposed ordinance. If the voting is unanimous, a second reading, by title only, may take place during the same meeting.
4. Direct Staff to research other ways to accomplish the same goals.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 2: Motion to conduct a first reading of the proposed ordinance as presented.