



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Resolution No. 14 for 2023: Parking Prohibited on 24th Avenue

Preferred Agenda: June 13, 2023

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Type of Action: Resolution Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: N/A

Towards Council Goal: N/A

Attachments: Resolution No. 14 for 2023: A Resolution Prohibiting Parking on 24th Avenue

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to present a draft resolution prohibiting parking on 24th Avenue north of Main Street.

Background/Context:

24th Avenue north of main street is a relatively small (40 feet wide) roadway that is only one block long. The City's Public Works Maintenance Yard is accessed off of this street, and is used by City crews and equipment. In addition, Sweet Home Transportation's busses use this street to access their refueling station in the City's maintenance yard.

Earlier this year, Family Assistance and Resource Center Group (FAC) opened their facility immediately to the west of the City's maintenance yard, which is accessed via an easement that connects to 24th Avenue.

Linn County Parks and Recreation Department is planning and has obtained funding to build a recreational vehicle sanitary dump and water fill station next to FAC's facility, which will add more large vehicles to 24th Avenue.

All of these uses have and will contribute to an increase in traffic on 24th Avenue consisting of large vehicles and trailers, which often have need of more maneuvering space than regular passenger vehicles.

None of the businesses or properties that use this stretch of 24th Avenue have any need for on-street parking. All of them have their own parking lots, which are sufficient for their needs.

In order to address these concerns, as well as an increase in illegal RV and car camping in this area, City Staff recommend prohibiting parking on 24th Avenue between Main Street and the Albany & Eastern Railroad (which is the current end of the street).

The Challenge/Problem:

How does the City regulate parking in high-traffic areas with relatively narrow roadways?

Stakeholders:

- Sweet Home Residents – Residents rely on the City Council and City Staff to manage on street parking so that it is safe and does not impede vehicular traffic.
- Sweet Home City Council – The City Council is responsible for the City’s parking policies and must balance the needs of properties and people in need of parking, with the need for safe roadways. The Council is also empowered under the City Code to establish parking controls.
- Neighboring Property Owners and Businesses – Property owners and businesses deserve safe vehicular access to their properties.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

The only costs associated with this resolution are signage, paint, and staff time, the cost of which are minimal in this situation, and are included in the current budget.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution includes a decision that complies with City Code and meets the needs of the users of the roadway.

Options:

1. Do Nothing –Make no change to parking rules on 24th Avenue.
2. Pass Resolution No. 14 for 2023 – After the resolution is passed, Staff will be empowered to enforce the parking prohibition.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 2: Pass Resolution No. 14 for 2023