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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Thompson, City Manager

FROM: Jamie Finley, City Planner

DATE: April 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Board of Directors Agenda item for 5-6-2024, Request adoption of an ordinance regulating off-street parking in all residential historic district.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: N/A

REASON FOR REQUEST: The historic districts represent some of the best physical embodiments of our heritage. From windows and clay pipes made in local factories to stories of the founders of our city, these properties cannot be replaced. Many homeowners in these districts spend more money on maintenance, undergo additional effort and pay more initially than in other parts of the city. Over time, parking in front yards and on sidewalks has diminished the appeal of these neighborhoods and therefore the home value and desirability. There is currently no ordinance prohibiting parking a motor vehicle in front of the front build line. This request would restrict parking in front of the front build line and enforce established parking codes for recreational vehicles and trailers thus preserving the integrity of our historic districts.

EXISTING LAND USES: N/A

EXISTING ZONING: N/A

COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING ZONING: N/A

**UTILITIES &
TRANSPORTATION
NETWORK:
CONFORMANCE
WITH APPLICABLE
ORDINANCES
AND/OR STATE
STATUTES:**

N/A

The *Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (14-56-422B)* requires the following – “All plans, recommended ordinances, and regulations shall be adopted through the following procedure for adoption of plans and regulations:

- (1) (A) The Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the plans, ordinances, and regulations proposed under this subchapter.

(B) Notice of public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city, at least (1) time fifteen days prior to the hearing.
- (2) Following the public hearing, proposed plans may be adopted, and proposed ordinance and regulations may be recommended as presented, or in modified form, by a majority vote of the entire commission.
- (3) Following its adoption of plans and recommendation of ordinances and regulations, the commission shall certify adopted plans of recommended ordinances of and regulations to the legislative body of the city for its adoption.
- (4) The legislative body of the city may return the plans and recommended ordinances and regulations to the commission for further study or rectification, or, by a majority vote of the entire membership, may, by ordinance or resolution, adopt the plans and recommended ordinances or regulations submitted by the commission. However, nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to limit the city board’s authority to recall the ordinances and resolutions by a vote of a majority of the council.

Following adoption by the legislative body, the adopted plans, ordinances, and regulations shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall file, with the county recorder of the counties in which territorial jurisdiction is being exercised such plans, ordinances, and regulations as pertain to the territory beyond the corporate limits.

The required notice was published in the Sunday, October 29, 2023, edition of the Texarkana Gazette.

OPPOSITION: None

**PLANNING
COMMISSION
CERTIFICATION:**

The Historic District Commission met on November 15, 2023, and certified recommendation to adopt an ordinance regulating off-street parking in the Smith Burke, Quality Hill, Beech Street and Dickey House historic districts. A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Carmin Mauldin seconded by Commissioner Jamie Simmons with a roll call vote of 6-0, with one absent.

Danny Gordon, Chairperson	Yes
Carmen Mauldin, Vice-Chairperson	Yes
Jamie Simmons	Yes
Randy Henry	Yes
David Jones	Yes
Greg Gallagher	Yes
Natasha Crabbe	Absent

**BOARD ACTION
REQUESTED:**

The City Board is requested to:

Adopt an ordinance regulating off-street parking in the Smith Burke, Quality Hill, Beech Street and Dickey House historic districts.

The *Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated* requires every ordinance to be read three times before adoption. These three readings may all occur at the same meeting or at the second and third subsequent meetings after the first reading of the ordinance.