

## MEMO

TO: Chairperson Fred Smith and Committee Members

FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.

DATE: January 25, 2023

RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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Review and take possible action: Handicap parking space at 500 S. Fifth Street

### BACKGROUND:

The Seventh Day Adventist Church of Watertown, located at 500 S. Fifth Street, has requested temporary signs for handicap parking to be used during church services.

Enforceability of a temporarily designated handicap parking space may also be difficult as it is not a standard traffic sign conforming to the rules of the State Department of Transportation or described in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the signage guidance document used by Watertown and other local, state, and federal forms of government.

The City Attorney's Office was consulted regarding the enforceability of the requested temporary handicap parking signs. Per the City Attorney, a parking space cannot change between regular parking and handicap parking based on the hour of the day.

Available options include, but are not limited to:

- Designating a permanent on-street handicap parking stall adjacent to 500 S. Fifth Street
- Leaving on-street parking as-is

Enclosed: Site Map