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TO: Chairperson Dana Davis and Committee Members
FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.
DATE: May 31, 2023
RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

Review and take possible action: handicap parking space adjacent to 1502 N. Second Street

The property owner of 1502 N. Second Street has requested that a temporary handicap parking space be designated adjacent to their property to accommodate a family member. As the handicap parking space would remain in-place for an undefined period of time, requested signage should be considered permanent.

The City of Watertown follows Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) when scoping curb ramp, handicap parking spaces, and other improvements and designations within the public right-of-way. After review, the Engineering Division is recommending that the handicap parking space request be denied for the follow reason:

Sidewalk or curb ramps don't currently exist on the 1500 block of N. Second Street. Per PROWAG, a handicap parking space located within the public right-of-way is to be placed near a street intersection allowing a handicapped individual to use curb ramps and safely access existing sidewalk.

In speaking with Attorney Chesebro, there may be other options available to accommodate the resident's request of a "reserved" parking space adjacent to their home. Per State Statute, a handicap parking permit allows permittees to park in timed parking areas longer than signage indicates.

The property owner's petition and site map are attached for Committee review.

Enclosed:

Petition
Site Map