

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Davis

From: Nathan R. Williams, Civil Engineer I

Date: September 30, 2026

Subject: Public Safety and Welfare Meeting of October 7, 2026

Review and take possible action: S. Eighth Street Parking Restriction

Background

At the August 26th Public Safety and Welfare meeting, restricted parking on the 200 block of S Eighth Street was reviewed for the first time as a component of the broader proposed S Eighth Street one-way to two-way conversion. This arose due to the conflict between two-way operations and the existing parking restrictions between Market Street and Dodge Street. Currently, parking is allowed on the east side of the street on Sundays only.

This parking restriction would need to be altered to conformance with the rest of S Eighth Street, where parking is prohibited at all times on the east side of the roadway. The existing Sunday-only parking area is in conflict with the proposed northbound travel lane. Alternatively, the existing parking on the west side of the road can be shifted to the east side for this block, allowing closer access for patrons of the church at 213 S Eighth Street.

Additional on-street parking was added to the north of this area, on S Eighth Street between Main Street and Market Street. This is anticipated to help accommodate the increased parking demand in the area on Sundays, which is the presumed reason for the current parking exception.

Budget Goal

1. Create a community where all can feel safe and strive for economic success.
4. Involve those who are impacted before making decisions.

Financial Impact

No additional costs to the city are anticipated with this change.

Recommendation

The Engineering Division recommends moving an ordinance forward regarding this topic in conjunction with the conversion ordinances. The proposed ordinance would remove the existing restriction on the east side of Eighth Street between Market Street and Dodge Street and replace it with a restriction that applies on each day of the week.

Alternatively, parking can be removed on the west side of Eighth Street between Market Street and Dodge Street, and parking can be added on the east side of the same block with no time/day restrictions.

Either of these options would be necessary should conversion of S Eighth Street to two-way traffic occur.

Attachments:

- Letter to Property Owners