

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Davis

From: Nathan R. Williams, Civil Engineer I

Date: August 20, 2026

Subject: Public Safety and Welfare Meeting of August 26, 2026

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

Background

At the August 5th Public Safety and Welfare meeting, motions were made to send the conversion of S Eighth Street from one-way to two-way to Common Council for review. This review will be in the form of three ordinances:

- Convert Eighth Street to two-way traffic between Main Street and Market Street as soon as practicable
- Convert Eighth Street to two-way traffic between Market Street and Western Ave in the month of May 2027, but no later than May 31st.
- Addition/alteration of stop signs associated with the traffic change

One item that was mentioned, but left unresolved, is 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.

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

Attachments:

- Site Map
- Letter to Property Owners