

ITEM #

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DATE:

11-20-07

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SOUTH 5TH AND SOUTHEAST 5TH STREET PARKING REGULATIONS

BACKGROUND:

It has been brought to the attention of staff that the parking regulations along South 5th Street and Southeast 5th Street are in need of some modifications. Due to recent development at 534 South Duff Avenue, the new Wal-Mart location, the pavements markings on Southeast 5th Street and the eastbound approach of South 5th Street and South Duff Avenue have been restriped. These changes are reflective of the improvements identified in the approved Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for the Wal-Mart development. It should be noted that Wal-Mart also was required to extend Southeast 5th Street to its eastern property line.

Currently, parking is prohibited on South 5th Street from Walnut Avenue, east, for a distance of 1,170 feet. There is also a "No Parking Here-to-Corner" for approximately the last 100 feet before connecting to South Duff Avenue. In the case of Southeast 5th Street, parking is currently prohibited at a point beginning 550 feet east, from South Duff Avenue for a length of 160 feet. After the 160-foot section there is a frontage road connection north to the Target shopping center.

In order to ensure safe and efficient flow of traffic along South 5th Street and Southeast 5th Street, it is recommended that parking be prohibited along all sections of both roadways. This change would also simplify the parking regulations and signage along both roadways by infilling smaller intermittent sections where parking is allowed.

This change in the parking ordinance will also provide future consistency with the upcoming extensions of Grand Avenue and South 5th Street, at which point South 5th Street will be a vital connection between Grand Avenue and South Duff Avenue. These network improvements are intended to help relieve the heavy traffic loads that currently exist along the eastern commercial district of Lincoln Way.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit parking along all sections of South 5th Street, and prohibit parking along Southeast 5th Street from South Duff Avenue to its eastern terminus.
2. Do not initiate a change to this ordinance.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby directing the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit parking along all sections of South 5th Street, and prohibit parking along Southeast 5th Street from South Duff Avenue to its eastern terminus.

South 5th Parking Regulations



NOT TO SCALE

S. 5th Street

S. 3rd Street

S.E. 5th Street

534 S. Duff Ave

Legend

Existing ———

Proposed - - - - -