

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: MODIFICATION OF PARKING REGULATIONS ALONG NORTH 2ND STREET

BACKGROUND:

On August 19, 2014, City Council referred a letter from Wandling Engineering, located at 923 North 2nd Street, requesting that Council approve the removal of the 90-minute parking regulation in front of its business. In 1962, Ordinance No. 1027 established time-limited parking during business hours, 8 AM to 5 PM, from North Oak Street east to the east line of Lot 5, Block 4 of the College Park Subdivision (see attached map). It is important to note that Cleveland Street was the original name for North 2nd Street.

In the Wandling letter, Office Manager Dodi Petersen outlined some of the history of the businesses in the area. Specifically, the parking regulation was initially intended to facilitate a shared parking relationship between Wandling Engineering and its neighbor, Ellen's Ceramics. Since that time, Ellen's Ceramics has closed and the building has been removed. There have also been significant changes to the availability of off-street parking by the creation of new private parking lots.

For these reasons, the conditions warranting the 90-minute parking prohibition appear to no longer exist. Due to the fact that no other business is affected by this parking regulation other than Wandling Engineering, it seems appropriate to remove the 90-minute parking restriction as requested.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to remove the 90-minute parking prohibition on North 2nd Street.
2. Direct staff to keep the existing conditions.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Changing the ordinance to allow parking on the north side of North 2nd Street will better match the existing conditions. Due to the fact that no other business is affected by this parking regulation other than Wandling Engineering, it seems appropriate to remove the 90-minute parking restriction as requested.

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 removing the 90-minute parking prohibition on North 2nd Street.

Attachment: Map of College Park Subdivision

