

ITEM # 7
DATE: 11-23-10

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: NEW PARKING REGULATIONS FOR NORTH 4TH STREET

BACKGROUND:

In response to a recent street paving project along North 4th Street, which was a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded project, North 4th Street was taken from a gravel road to a paved asphalt surface with curb and gutter. The new road is 26 feet wide. In order to facilitate two-way traffic and emergency vehicle access along this newly paved street, parking should be restricted to one side of the street.

The adjacent land use for North 4th Street is residential along the south side, with the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way on the north side. Because of this, staff recommends that parking be prohibited along the north side in order to provide parking next to the residences. This will also allow unobstructed access to the fire hydrants within the neighborhood.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit parking along the north side of North 4th Street from North Riverside Avenue to North Maple Avenue.
2. Do not initiate these parking restrictions.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Restriction of parking along this street is appropriate in order to provide unobstructed emergency vehicle access to this residential area.

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 the north side of North 4th Street from North Riverside Avenue to North Maple Avenue.