

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **PARKING REGULATIONS ON EATON AVENUE AND PUBLIC ALLEY
NEAR BRISTOL DRIVE**

BACKGROUND:

On March 22, 2016, City Council referred a letter from the Somerset Town Home and Rowhouse Association (“the Association”) requesting that a “No Parking” area be established on the west side of the street along Eaton Avenue and a Public Alley for approximately 180 to 325 feet north/south of Bristol Avenue (see attached map). The Association cited safety concerns with maintaining two-way traffic while vehicles are parked near the Bristol Avenue intersection. This is an area that also sees daily congestion related to a school bus stop on Eaton Avenue.

Staff conducted a field study of the area. Both Eaton Avenue to the south and the Public Alley to the north are 26 feet wide pavements, which is a City standard width for low-volume residential streets. In typical subdivisions this type of street does allow parking on one side of the street. Staff also looked at the accident history for the past 10 years. There were no reported accidents in that time period.

Staff sent out a letter to the effected residents along these streets on June 1, 2016, asking for any feedback on the proposed change. To date, staff has received a response from four residents – one against the proposal, two in favor of the proposal, and one neutral response. The Association indicated to staff that in the area of the proposed no parking zone there are underutilized association owned parking lots. Staff confirmed that there are six lots totaling approximately 43 parking stalls.

It should be noted that there was no direct safety or engineering design issue related to the existing on-street parking regulations. Staff believes that, given the support of the Association and some of the residents for prohibiting parking on the west side of Eaton Avenue and the Public Alley off the Bristol Drive intersection, it does not appear that this new prohibition will have a significant negative impact on current neighborhood parking practices. Therefore, staff concurs with creating a “No Parking Here to Corner” zone as requested by the Association.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to establish a “No Parking Here to Corner” on the west side of Eaton Avenue from Bristol Drive south for 325 feet, and to establish a “No Parking Here to Corner” on the west side of the Public Alley from Bristol Drive north for 180 feet.

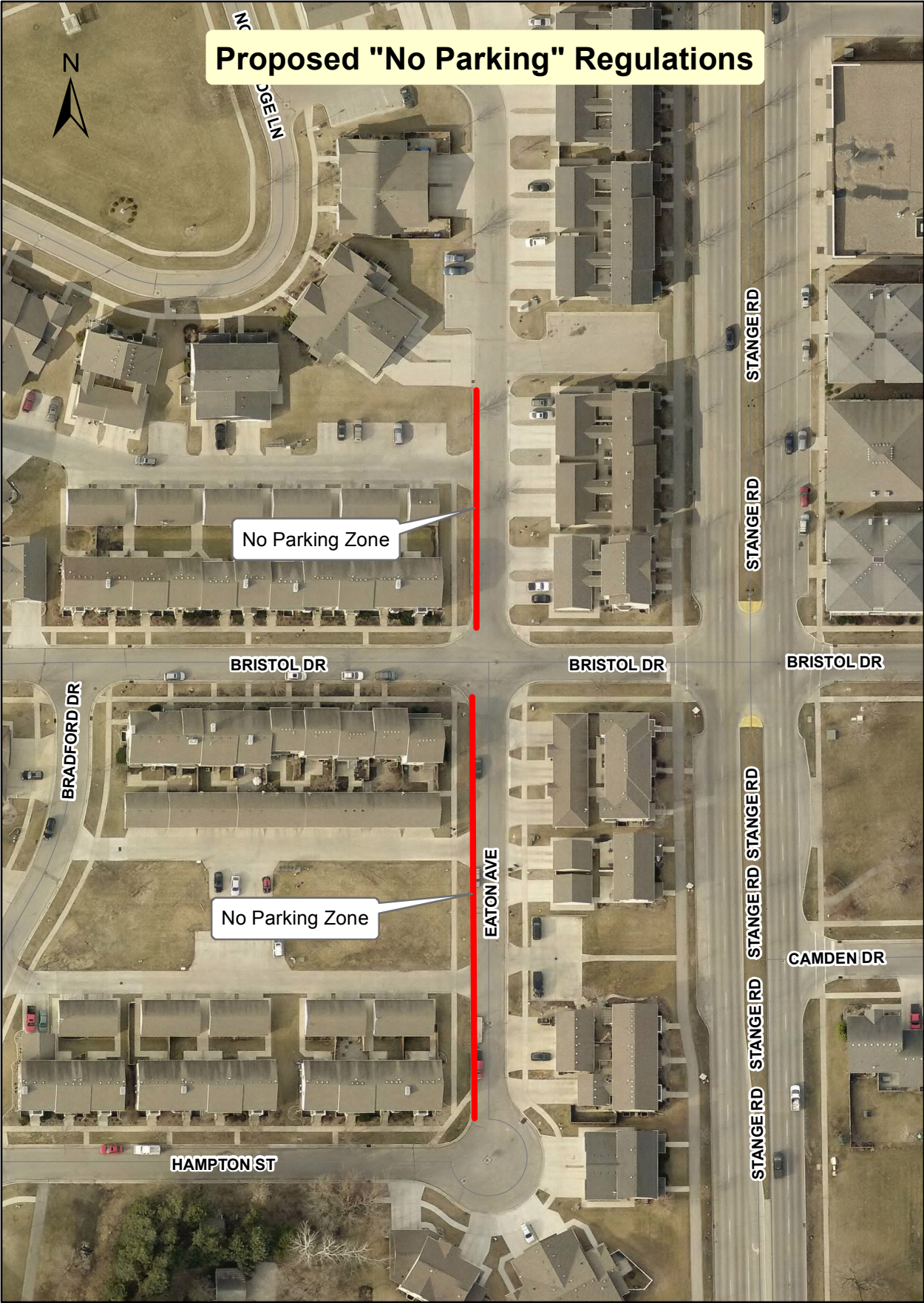
The City Council should note that not all of the residents are in support of this parking regulation change!

2. Reject the request.

MANGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed no parking zone near the intersection of Eaton Avenue and Bristol Drive should help to reduce congestion of two-way traffic. It also appears that with several unused parking lots directly adjacent to this route, this new regulation should not create a hardship on parking in the neighborhood.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1 as shown above.



Proposed "No Parking" Regulations

No Parking Zone

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BRISTOL DR

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BRADFORD DR

EATON AVE

HAMPTON ST

CAMDEN DR

STANGER RD

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