

ITEM#: 9  
DATE: 01-22-19

## **COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: NORTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE PARKING ORDINANCE**

### **BACKGROUND:**

Over the past several months, staff have received a number of complaints about parking along N. Riverside Drive (Lincoln Way to N Russell Avenue). Staff's review of the existing parking ordinances in Sections 18.31 and 18.33 of the *Municipal Code* **found that no restrictions are currently in place for N. Riverside Drive.** According to current roadway and emergency standards, the existing 31' width of N Riverside Drive should only allow for parking on one side of the street. In order to create the most available room for parking, staff is **recommending prohibiting parking along the east side of N. Riverside Drive.** This allows parking along the west side of N Riverside Drive which has no driveways.

**A letter was sent to adjacent properties** along N. Riverside Drive on December 17, 2018, to receive feedback on this proposed ordinance. Out of 33 letters sent, no responses were received. The lack of responses is likely due to a high number of rental properties in the area. Another notice will be sent to the neighborhood when the first reading of the ordinance is scheduled for City Council consideration.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that prohibits parking at all times on the east side of North Riverside Drive.
2. Do not make any ordinance changes at this time.

### **MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By directing legal staff to make an ordinance update, it will be possible to improve safety for our traffic system and the residents in this area. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.