

ITEM#: 10  
DATE: 12-13-22

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: PARKING REGULATIONS FOR SOMERSET TOWN HOME AND ROW HOUSE ASSOCIATION**

**BACKGROUND:**

Jerry Sloan, president of the Somerset Town Home and Row House Association, contacted City staff with a request for modification of the “No Parking” areas within their association. **Mr. Sloan submitted a letter summarizing the association’s discussion, which has been provided as an attachment to this document (Attachment 1).**

**The two requested modifications are summarized below and shown on the attached map (Attachment 2):**

1. Establish “No Parking” at all times on the south side of **Bristol Drive** from Stange Road to Eaton Avenue.
2. Establish “No Parking” at all times on the north side of **Hampton Street**, and allow parking on the south side of **Hampton Street**. Including “No Parking” at all times in front of Lot 9, **2706 Hampton Street**.

**City staff has reviewed the requested changes and believes they align with the City’s standards for parking regulations on streets that are too narrow to accommodate parking on both sides.**

Typically, when requests of this nature come to the City, staff will send a mailing to notify the affected neighborhood and solicit feedback on the changes. However, in this case the home owner association board has already performed this step and obtained a majority agreement on the proposed changes.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Direct the City Attorney’s Office to draft an ordinance enacting the proposed changes to parking regulations in the Somerset Town Home and Row House Association area.
2. Refer this item to staff to perform further analysis or collect additional feedback.
3. Reject the proposal and maintain the current parking regulations.

**CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The proposed changes align with the City's standards for parking regulations for streets that are too narrow to allow parking on both sides of the street. Considering the Somerset Town Home and Row House Association has already discussed and agreed to the proposed changes, it appears to be an appropriate change to the Municipal Code.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

Attachment 1: Association Letter

Ames Mayor and City Council  
515 Clark Avenue  
Ames, IA 50010

August 1, 2022

Dear Mayor Haila and City council Members,

The Somerset Town Home and row House Association Board of directors request two changes to the on-street parking in our Association.

1. Establish a “No Parking” zone on the South side of Bristol Drive beginning at Eaton Avenue and extending East to the Stange Road intersection.

Bristol Drive is the primary entry and exit for the 121 residences in our Association. Parking in this area creates a congestion and visibility hazard for vehicles driving this route to and from Stange Road. Vehicles parked in this area also makes snow removal difficult in this area and the intersection of Bristol Drive and Eaton Avenue is a school bus stop which contributes to the congestion in this area.

2. Move the “No Parking” Zone on the South side of Hampton Street to the North side of Hampton Street. We request that parking on the south side of Hampton beginning at the walking path near the intersection of Hampton Street and Bradford Drive and extend East to the 2706 Hampton Street Driveway. We also request that the “No Parking” zone on the south side of circle drive intersection of Hampton Street and Eaton Avenue remain in place and be signed appropriately.

Moving vehicle parking to the South of Hampton Street will facilitate snow removal and reduce congestion directly in front of the residences located on the North side of Hampton Street to an area on the South side of the street where there are no adjacent residences.

Our association Board of Directors strives to provide a safe attractive neighborhood for our residents. Approving this request will help us maintain this goal.

Thank you for considering our request, the Somerset Town Home and row House Association Board of directors.

Jerry Sloan, President

Dana Keever, Treasurer

Roger Smith, Secretary

Pam Opheim, Director

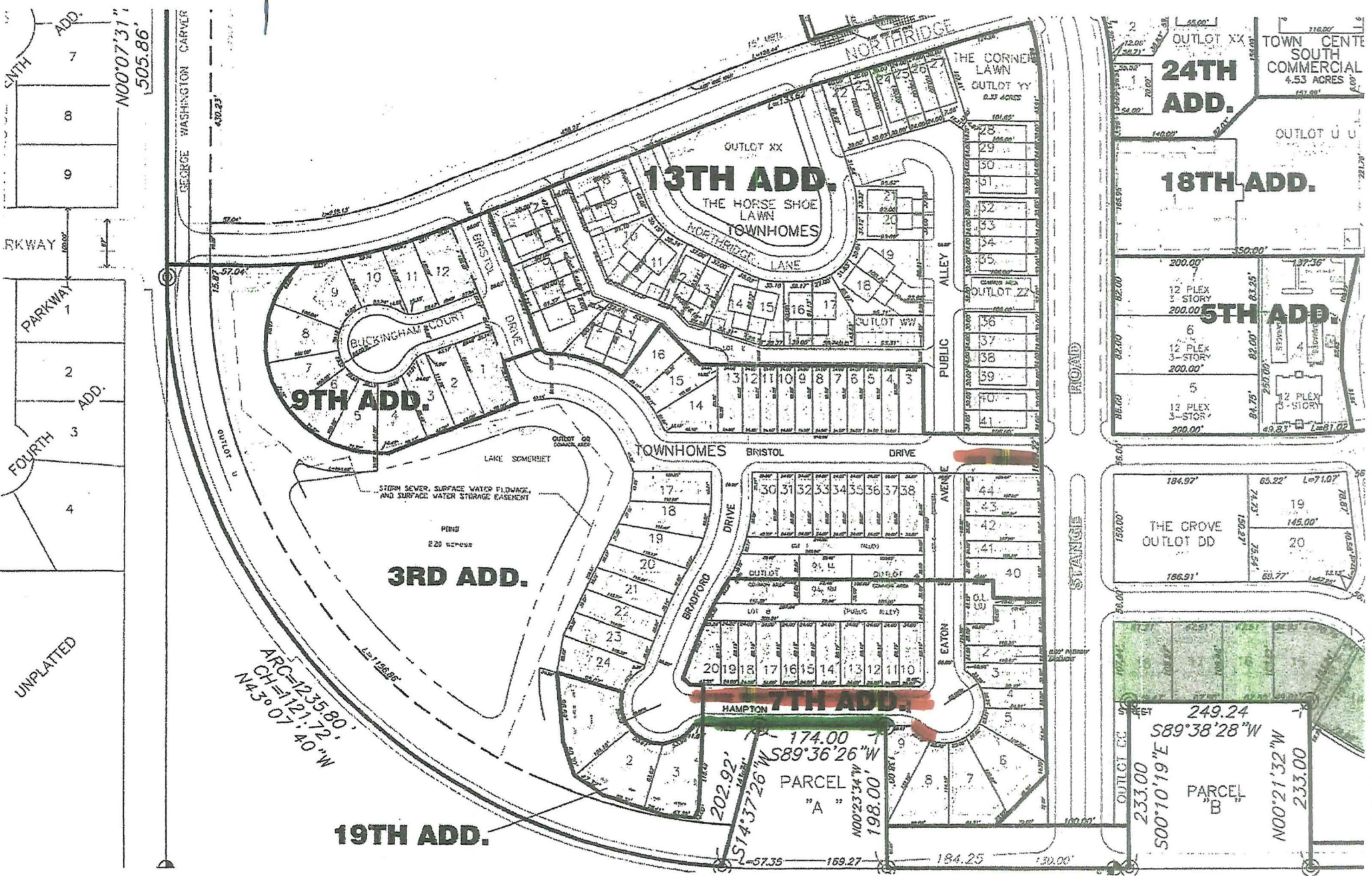
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Deb Beelner, Director

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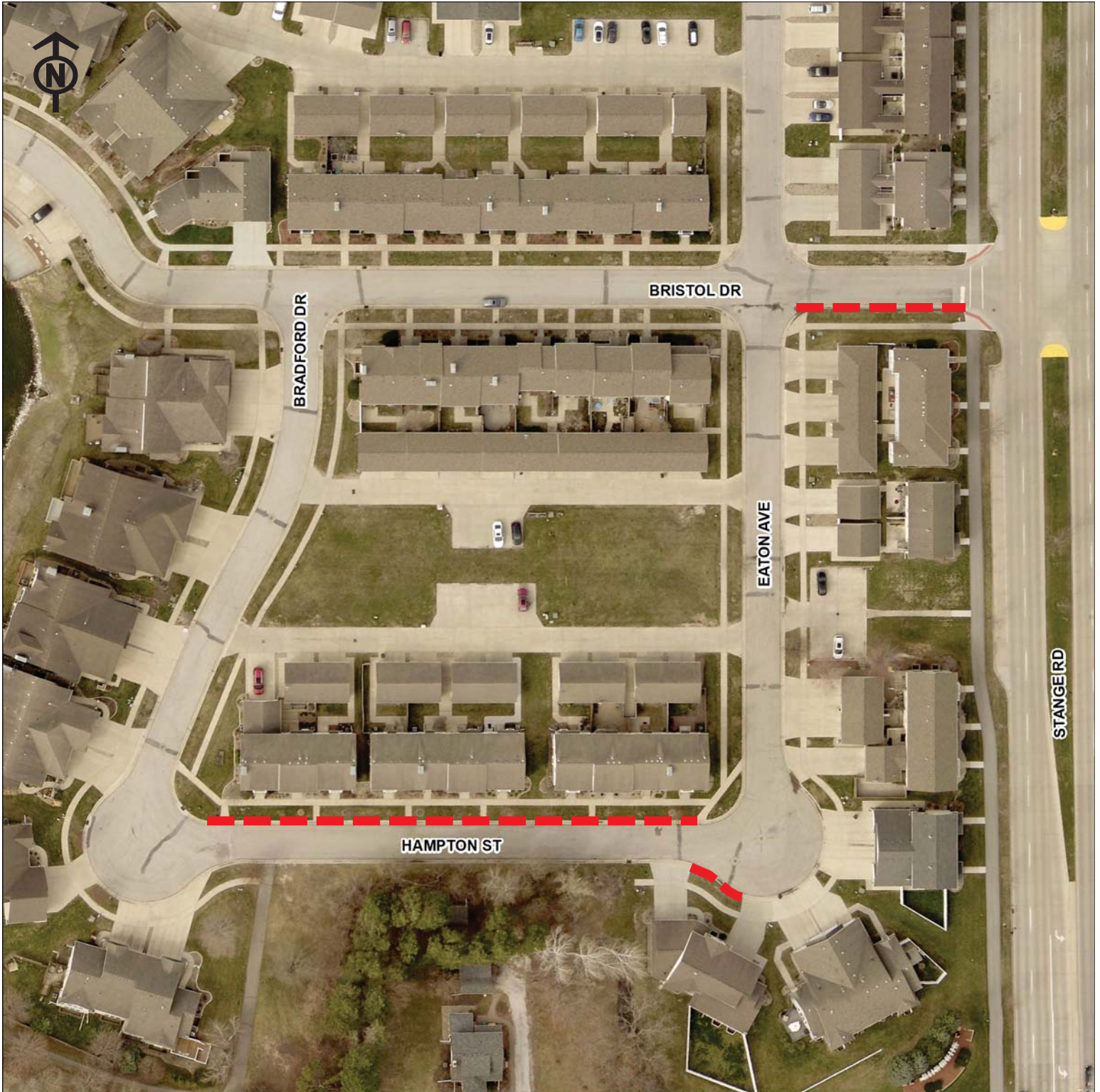
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 NO Parking Zone Requested  
 Parking Zone Requested



Attachment 2:  
Proposed parking regulation changes



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