

ITEM #:	<u>1</u>
DATE:	<u>08-19-25</u>
DEPT:	<u>ADMIN</u>

### **COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:**            **REQUESTS FOR FREE METERED PARKING IN CAMPUSTOWN**

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 22, 2025, the City Council referred to a future agenda a request from Anne Taylor regarding parking in Campustown. This construction season, the 200 block of Welch Avenue has been closed to facilitate replacement of utilities and the roadway surface. It was originally anticipated that this project would be completed by early August. However, persistent rainy weather has delayed the opening of the road until some time in September.

The request from Ms. Taylor is to waive metered parking fees at the parking meters on the 2500 block of Chamberlain Street, the 2500 block of Hunt Street, and in Campustown Lot T on three Friday/Saturday periods early in the fall ISU semester: August 29-30, September 5-6, and September 26-27.

The request involves 48 total metered parking spaces. The estimated loss to the Parking Fund is \$2,970. The City Council's policy regarding requests to waive metered parking in an area that is less than district-wide is to consider such requests on a case-by-case basis.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the request to waive parking meter fees.
2. Do not approve the request.
3. Refer this item back to staff for further information.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**The reconstruction of the 200 block of Welch Avenue has encountered delays due to excessive wet weather. The project will now continue into the ISU semester and the first few ISU home football game days. The request to provide free parking is intended to assist the affected Campustown businesses in making it easier to encourage customers to patronize this part of the community during the construction.** It is therefore the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative No. 1, as described above.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

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