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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ROOSEVELT AVENUE PARKING ORDINANCE UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

In November 2024, following reconstruction of Roosevelt Avenue between 13th and 16th Street, City Council considered concerns from residents regarding the pavement improvements and on-street parking configuration. **The project design reduced the roadway width from 31 feet to 27 feet to align with SUDAS specifications for local streets and surrounding neighborhood standards. The previous 31-foot width had been designed to accommodate a former CyRide transit route, which has since been discontinued.**

The new 27-foot width meets the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC) for minimum clear width with parking on one side of the street, but it does not safely support parking on both sides. The previous 31-foot width did not meet the IFC standard for safely supporting parking on both sides. Moreover, the roadway would have needed to be widened to the SUDAS standard width of 37 feet in order to meet IFC standards for two-sided parking.

During and following construction, residents expressed concerns about reduced roadway width, impacts to on-street parking, and communication of changes. On November 26, 2024, City Council directed staff to retain two-sided parking along this section of Roosevelt Avenue and conduct a survey to gauge public sentiment regarding parking restrictions. **Staff is now returning to the City Council with survey results and seeking direction regarding parking regulations along Roosevelt Avenue.**

Throughout 2025, several complaints were received regarding the two-sided parking configuration. A survey distributed in September / October 2025 received 32 responses, of which approximately 97% were from residents living along Roosevelt Avenue between 13th and 16th Streets. Results showed:

- **Over 40% of respondents park daily on the street. 32% park at least occasionally.**
- **59.4% of respondents indicated that they approve or strongly approve of prohibiting parking on one side of Roosevelt Avenue.**
- **31.3% of respondents indicated that they oppose or strongly oppose prohibiting parking on one side of Roosevelt Avenue.**

Residents' comments cited improved safety, visibility, and vehicle passage as key benefits of one-sided parking, particularly during winter months and near driveways. Concerns remained about convenience and parking availability for multi-vehicle households.

Fire hydrants are located on the east side of Roosevelt Avenue. When feasible, staff typically recommends prohibiting parking on the same side as fire hydrants to maintain clear emergency access and improve visibility for approaching vehicles. In the neighborhood survey, preferences for which side of the street should prohibit parking were closely divided, with **40.6% favoring prohibition on the east side**, 37.5% favoring prohibition on the west side, and 21.9% having no preference.

Based upon the survey information and the desire to align parking regulations with the street design standards, Staff is recommending prohibiting parking along the east side of Roosevelt Avenue from 13th to 16th Street. The residents on the street were sent mailed notices in late October indicating that the City Council would consider this item on November 18.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance prohibiting parking along the east side of Roosevelt Avenue from 13th Street to 16th Street.
2. Maintain parking on both sides of Roosevelt Avenue from 13th Street to 16th Street.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Prohibiting parking on the east side of Roosevelt Avenue will provide safe operations for emergency vehicles and winter maintenance equipment. One-sided parking will also be consistent with other roadways in the area. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Final Results- Roosevelt Avenue Parking Changes Survey.pdf](#)