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PARKING MANAGEMENT (430)

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Submitted Date

Division / Department

Action Recommendation:

Amending City Code §72.03 and §164.17 regarding distance requirements for on-street parking near crosswalks and traffic signals at intersections

Budget Impact:

Account Number	Fund
Project Number	Project Title
Budgeted Item? <u>NA</u>	Current Budget \$ -
	Funds Obligated \$ -
	Current Balance \$ -
Does item have a cost? <u>NA</u>	Item Cost
Budget Adjustment Attached? <u>NA</u>	Budget Adjustment
	Remaining Budget \$ -

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Purchase Order Number: _____

Previous Ordinance or Resolution # _____

Change Order Number: _____

Approval Date: _____

Original Contract Number: _____

Comments:



MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2021

TO: Mayor and City Council

THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
Chris Brown, Public Works Director/City Engineer

FROM: Justin Clay, Parking Manager

DATE: 2/25/2021

SUBJECT: Amending City Code §72.03 and §164.17 regarding distance requirements for on-street parking near crosswalks and traffic signals at intersections

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends amending City Code §72.03 and §164.17 to allow for greater flexibility and discretion in certain instances when determining distance requirements for on-street parking spaces near crosswalks and traffic signals at intersections.

BACKGROUND:

Current code established by Ordinance 1447 of 1965 prohibits on-street parking spaces within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection and within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signals located at the side of a roadway.

DISCUSSION:

Staff believes that these distance requirements are a necessary safety measure in certain scenarios to ensure that adequate sight distances exist. However, staff also contends that certain scenarios may exist where these distance requirements are overly restrictive, thereby eliminating otherwise safe on-street parking spaces. Example scenarios where distance requirements may be reduced include 4-way or All-way stops or areas where curb bump-outs are installed that clearly delineate defined space between a crosswalk or traffic signal.

The proposed code amendment would allow the City Engineer or Traffic Superintendent to use discretion in determining whether an on-street parking space could be installed or even allowed to remain in certain instances where the parking space is located within the otherwise prohibited distance. In making such a determination, safety and adequate sight distance remain primary considerations in any scenario where discretion is used to determine appropriate distance from crosswalks and traffic signals. Other sight considerations include presence of street-trees, slope of street, other obstructions to visibility along street, and historic function and known safety issues related to a specific area.

As various projects potentially add new marked on-street spaces (e.g. West Ave. streetscape improvements from the Cultural Arts Corridor project, West Ave./Prairie St. improvements, or

Dickson St. overlay), staff feels it is important to establish requirements that maximize right-of-way use in a safe and practical manner.

In order to ensure consistency across code sections, staff also recommends amending §164.17 of the Unified Development Code to allow similar flexibility and discretion at intersections on nonresidential districts.

Staff presented this item to the Transportation Committee on February 23, 2021, where it was unanimously approved for consideration by the City Council.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

None

Attachments:

Amendment Language

72.03 - Parking Prohibited In Certain Places

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

- (A) On a sidewalk.
- (B) In front of a public or private driveway.
- (C) Within an intersection.
- (D) On a crosswalk.
- (E) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- (F) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection- unless otherwise authorized by the City Engineer or Traffic Superintendent. At the discretion of the City Engineer or Traffic Superintendent, marked on-street parking spaces may be allowed within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
- (G) Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signals located at the side of a roadway- unless otherwise authorized by the City Engineer or Traffic Superintendent. At the discretion of the City Engineer or Traffic Superintendent, marked on-street parking spaces may be allowed within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signals located at the side of the roadway.

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(Code 1965, §19-110; Ord. No. 1447, 6-7-65; Code 1991, §72.03; Ord. No. [5843](#), §3, 1-19-16)

164.17 - Visibility At Intersections In Residential/Nonresidential Districts

(A)

Residential. On a corner lot in any residential district, nothing shall be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner as materially to impede vision between a height of 2½ feet above the centerline grades of the intersecting streets in the area bounded by the street lines of such corner lots and a line adjoining points along said street lines 25 feet from the point of the intersection.

(B)

Nonresidential. On a corner lot in any nonresidential district, nothing shall be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow, and no motor vehicle or mobile home shall be parked (unless in an on-street striped space or location marked specifically for parking) in a manner as to materially impede vision between a height of 2½ feet above the centerline grades of the intersecting streets in the area bounded by the street lines of such corner lots and a line adjoining points along said street lines 10 feet from the point of the intersection; provided, this restriction shall not be applicable to a corner lot located in a DC, MSC or DG zoning district.

(Code 1965, App. A., Art. 8(1, 1.1); Ord. No. 1747, 6-29-70; Ord. No. 2193, 2-3-76; Code 1991, §160.110; Ord. No. 4100, §2 (Ex. A), 6-16-98; Ord. No. 5028, 6-19-07)