



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of Urbana City Council  
**FROM:** William R. Gray, Public Works Director  
Joseph L. Smith, Senior Civil Engineer  
**DATE:** April 10, 2008  
**RE:** Birch Street Parking Restrictions

### Introduction

In response to concerns expressed by a business owner on Springfield Avenue regarding long-term on-street parking near her business, the adoption of an ordinance (see attached) is recommended to address this problem.

### Background

At the April Traffic Commission meeting, a business owner raised a concern about commuters and residents of nearby apartment complexes parking on Springfield Avenue all day during the week, making it difficult for customers and clients to visit her store. Even though there is parking available for the apartment residents, they prefer to use on-street parking than to pay to park within the apartment complex. The business owner requested that some short-term parking spaces be made available on Springfield Avenue to allow customers with parking.

Since Springfield Avenue is a major arterial, short-term parking would not be best suited along that street. The Traffic Commission suggested that the short-term parking be available on the street along the side of the business (Birch Street). Locating the short-term parking on Birch Street would avoid traffic conflicts resulting from cars pulling in and out of spaces on a heavily trafficked street.

### Fiscal Impact

The primary fiscal impact is the purchase and installation of the signs necessary for enforcement to occur. These costs will be absorbed into existing budgeted line items. No budget amendment is sought at this time.

### Recommendation

Staff recommends that an Ordinance Amending Schedule N Of Section 23-193 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Limiting Parking Time On Certain Streets Or Public Parking Lots be approved.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Attachments

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE N OF SECTION 23-193 OF THE URBANA  
LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE LIMITING PARKING TIME ON CERTAIN STREETS OR PUBLIC PARKING  
LOTS

(Birch Street)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS,  
as follows:

Section 1. That Schedule N of Section 23-193, entitled "Parking Time Limits Pursuant to Section 23-193", of Article VIII of the Urbana Local Traffic Code, is hereby amended by ADDING to that schedule the following streets where no person shall park a vehicle for a period of time in excess of that indicated between the hours specified below on the designated days and times:

| <u>Street</u>   | <u>Side of Street</u> | <u>Days</u>           | <u>Hours</u>       | <u>Time Limit</u> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Birch Street from 65 feet south of the centerline of Springfield Avenue to 149 feet south of the centerline of Springfield Avenue | East                  | Monday through Friday | 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM | 2 Hours           |

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

AYES:

NAYS:

PRESENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM

I, Phyllis D. Clark, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois.

I certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the corporate authorities of the City of Urbana passed and approved Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE N OF SECTION 23-193 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE LIMITING PARKING TIME ON CERTAIN STREETS OR PUBLIC PARKING LOTS (Birch Street)", which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of the Ordinance was prepared, and a copy of the Ordinance was posted in the Urbana City Building commencing on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and continuing for at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of the Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

DATED at Urbana, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

(SEAL)

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CITY CLERK



W Springfield Ave

Birch St

Proposed Parking Restriction - Birch Street  
65 feet south of Springfield Avenue centerline to 149 feet  
south of Springfield Avenue centerline-east side of street.  
Monday - Friday 9:00am - 6:00 pm / 2-hour time limit.



City of Urbana  
Public Works Dept  
Engineering Division  
Date: 04/07/08

