



MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: N. Patrick Pioletti, Public Facilities Manager
William R. Gray, Public Works Director
DATE: January 19, 2006
RE: North Urbana Parking Restrictions

Introduction

In response to citizen complaints about University of Illinois related commuter parking in their neighborhood, adoption of an ordinance (see attached) is recommended to address this problem.

Background

At the August Traffic Commission meeting, a citizen raised a concern about commuters filling up the streets in the north Urbana neighborhood all day during the week, causing some people coming to visit to park more than 2 blocks away. Visual inspections of the neighborhood were conducted to determine the validity and extent of the issue. Those inspections revealed that certain streets were indeed filled with parked cars on weekdays and that the affected streets were those closest to the University of Illinois campus. It was concluded that the people parking in this neighborhood were indeed commuters using the streets as a free parking lot.

A public meeting was scheduled on October 4, 2005 to obtain citizen input and discuss the problem. Several of those in attendance concurred that they would like to see the commuter vehicles removed.

A second public meeting was held on January 10, 2006 to discuss the potential solutions for addressing this problem (copy of the goal and the alternatives attached). This meeting, unlike the first one, was poorly attended. The pros and cons of each possible solution were discussed with the residents in attendance as were the benefits of the recommended two hour parking limitation. Subsequently, a letter was sent to the neighborhood advising them of the recommended solution and inviting them to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Preferred Solution

Staff is proposing establishing a two-hour parking limitation on the streets in the area (see attached) bounded by Beslin Street on the north (not including Beslin itself), Goodwin Avenue on the East, Wright Street on the west, and Church Street and the railroad tracks on the south. This limitation would be in effect Monday through Friday from 9 AM until 4 PM. Violators of the restriction would receive a \$10.00 parking ticket.

Once removing the unwanted cars is successful, enforcement would be reduced to a complaint-only basis.

Fiscal Impact

The primary fiscal impact is the purchase and installation of the signs necessary for enforcement to occur. The installation cost of the signs including material, labor, and equipment is estimated to be \$3000.00. 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.

Attachments

Parking Options for North Urbana

GOAL: Based upon the input received from residents of the area present at the public meeting, the goal is to remove unwanted/commuter cars from the residential streets at a minimal or no cost to the residents.

The options available to us to attain this goal are as follows:

1. Install Parking Meters

Pro

- a. Easy to install and enforce
- b. Will attain goal
- c. Will delineate on-street spaces
- d. No cost solution for residents

Con

- a. Unusual in residential areas
- b. Unpopular
- c. Requires protection, i.e. curb installation
- d. Large capital outlay upfront

2. Post No Parking Weekdays (i.e. Mon – Fri, 9 AM to 4 PM)

Pro

- a. Easy to install and enforce
- b. Will attain goal
- c. No cost solution for residents
- d. No street/curb modifications required

Con

- a. Too restrictive for residents
- b. Eliminates weekday visitor parking

3. Initiate a Residential Permit System(a la WUNA area)

Pro

- a. Will solve problem
- b. Allows resident and visitor parking
- c. Easy to implement (follow existing template)

Con

- a. Cost to each resident is \$135/year

4. Post 2-hour Weekday Parking

Pro

- a. Easy to install
- b. Will attain Goal
- c. No cost solution for residents
- d. No street/curb modifications necessary
- e. Can be enforced on “complaint basis” only

Con

- a. **Limits residents and visitors**
 - b. **Enforcement, even on a complaint-only basis, is time consuming**
5. **A hybrid mix such as meters in a portion of the area (i.e. near the Crisis Nursery) and timed enforcement in the balance**

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-01-010

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

(An Area Bounded by Beslin Street, Goodwin Avenue, Wright Street, Church Street
and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks)

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>
Church Street from Mathews Avenue to Goodwin Avenue	North	Monday through Friday	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	2 Hours
Hill Street from Wright Street to Goodwin Avenue	North	Monday through Friday	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	2 Hours
Mathews Avenue from Church Street to Beslin Street	West	Monday through Friday	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	2 Hours
Romine Street from Church Street to Beslin Street	East	Monday through Friday	9:00 AM to 4:00 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 (An Area Bounded by Beslin Street, Goodwin Avenue, Wright Street, Church Street and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks)", 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)

CITY CLERK



Proposed 2-Hour Weekday 9am-4pm Parking Restriction Area

Existing "No Parking This Side Of Street"

Prepared by:
City of Urbana
Public Works Dept
Engineering Div
Date 01/19/06 PLS



Date of aerial photography: April 2002

