



## ATTACHMENT 2 **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2005

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITION ON WALNUT AVENUE  
BETWEEN ORANGE AVENUE AND WESTMINSTER AVENUE

**DATE:** JANUARY 26, 2005

**FROM:** PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION

**PRESENTATION BY:** WILLIAM J. MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Consider the implementation of "resident only" permit parking on Walnut Avenue, between Orange Avenue and Westminster Avenue.
2. If the request for "resident only" permit parking is approved for the above street, adopt the attached resolution. (ATTACHMENT 1)

### **BACKGROUND:**

A petition has been submitted by residents of Walnut Avenue between Orange Avenue and Westminster Avenue, requesting the implementation of a "resident only" parking restriction. The petition represents 9 out of a total of 13 households that may be directly affected by the parking restriction. The residents have cited concerns regarding reduced on-street parking availability during events at the St. Joachim Catholic Church/School.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The petitioning residents on Walnut Avenue have expressed concerns due to parking intrusion by members and visitors of the St. Joachim Catholic Church/School (ATTACHMENT 2). The residents have requested the implementation of a "resident only" permit parking restriction to ensure sufficient parking is available for their needs.

St. Joachim Catholic Church and School facility is located at 1964 Orange Avenue. The property maintains a frontage on Orange Avenue and Walnut Avenue. The Church, school and their parking facilities border approximately 282 feet along the north side of Walnut Avenue. Furthermore, a review of property records indicate the Catholic Diocese also owns the residential property adjacent to the church at 216 Walnut Avenue for a combined total Walnut Avenue frontage of 342 feet. This total church frontage represents 30% of the total street frontage along Walnut Avenue between Orange Avenue and Westminster Avenue.

There are approximately 33 on-street parking spaces along this segment of Walnut Avenue. Approximately 11 of these spaces are located adjacent to the St. Joachim property with the remaining spaces located in front of the homes. The St. Joachim facility maintains on-site parking with a total capacity of approximately 278 parking spaces; including 16 handicap, 157 marked and 105 overflow spaces in a grass field. Construction activities are currently in progress at the facility that are impacting the amount of available on-site parking. However, parking will be restored to the noted configurations following the conclusion of the construction work.

In an effort to determine the parking usage characteristics on this street segment, parking surveys were conducted during a Sunday when church services were scheduled at the facility. Construction activities at the St. Joachim facility were NOT in progress during the survey. The parking surveys revealed that during an 11:00 am service, of the 33 potential on-street spaces, 24 were occupied. At the end of the 11:00 am service, five vehicles and 1 construction dumpster remained on the street. During the following service that occurred at 12:30 pm all 33 on-street spaces were occupied. At the end of this second service, only the same five vehicles and construction dumpster remained on the street. From this observation, staff was able to conclude that during a typical Sunday, visitors of the church are using the majority of the on-street spaces in front of the single-family dwellings in addition to those spaces adjacent to the church. Additionally, during the observation period, staff noted that sufficient marked parking spaces existed on-site to accommodate the on-street vehicles. Also, while the gate for access to the overflow parking area was also open, no vehicles were observed using this facility. During the survey, parking usage by church visitors was not observed on Walnut Avenue east of Westminster Avenue or on Westminster Avenue. However, it should be noted that these street segments are likely impacted when large events are occurring at the facility.

In 1997, the City Council adopted guidelines (ATTACHMENT 3) for consideration of installation or removal of "resident only" parking. According to these guidelines, neighborhood parking intrusions would be considered "significant" if 50% or more of the on-street parking is utilized by vehicles unrelated to the neighborhood at any time, and/or 40% or more is utilized for more than a 24-hour period. If the church and school is determined to be "unrelated to the neighborhood," the on-street parking usage by the users and visitors to this facility would be considered a parking intrusion and would meet the Council guideline criteria.

The Transportation Services staff has discussed the residents' concerns with the office manager of the church to determine if other alternatives may exist. Staff was informed that the church relies on the on street parking to serve the immediate neighborhood as well as the general community. It was acknowledged that some church services are more popular than others, which can impact the neighborhood streets for limited periods of time. However, it was noted that these services do not occur on a daily basis. The church personnel is concerned that if "resident only" parking is approved along Walnut Avenue, and subsequently extended to other streets, sufficient parking would no longer exist to serve the demonstrated need of the church.

Should a "resident only" permit parking restriction be authorized, signs will be posted restricting parking in front of the homes on Walnut Avenue to vehicles displaying a valid permit. Affected households may obtain a permit for their legally registered vehicles upon providing proof of residence in the restricted area. Additionally, guest permits, valid for a 24-hour period, will be provided to residents to issue to their visitors. Residents and their guests with valid permits may park anywhere in the permit zone. The on-street parking fronting the church facility adjacent Diocese home is not proposed to be included in the parking restriction.

It should be noted that the implementation of a "resident only" permit parking restriction on this segment of Walnut Avenue might result in shifting parking impacts to the adjacent streets. Should this restriction for Walnut Avenue be approved, staff will monitor the adjacent streets and take necessary action as the resolution authorizes the Transportation Services Manager to extend the permit parking restriction on adjacent streets for a 1-mile radius.

"Resident only" parking restrictions have been implemented on other streets within the City where non-resident parking intrusions have been identified. The majority of the streets are located near the Orange County Fairgrounds to address event parking. However, "resident only" parking restrictions have been implemented in other areas, including streets near the Paul Mitchell School, an automobile dealership, and adjacent to multi-family communities.

The Transportation Services staff will return to the City Council in the near future with recommended changes to the "resident only" permit parking guidelines. The purpose would be to better define the issues regarding the "unrelated to the neighborhood" vehicles and further refined detailed criteria for the establishment of such parking restrictions. Staff expects to bring this item before the Council by May 2005.

#### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

An alternative to the requested "resident only" parking restriction is to consider the implementation of a time limit parking restriction for this street segment. A time limit restriction will prohibit the parking of all vehicles for a designated time such as 20 minutes, one hour, etc. This restriction is not recommended, as the residents would also be prohibited from utilizing the street.

A second alternative would be to defer the consideration of this request until such time that the Council considers possible changes to the guidelines in the near future. Under this alternative, staff can reassess the conditions and make appropriate recommendations to the Council.

Another alternative would be to not approve "resident only" permit parking for these streets. However, this alternative would result in continued parking intrusion by non-residents.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

The cost to manufacture and install signs for the implementation of a "resident only" parking restriction on this segment of Walnut Avenue is estimated to be approximately \$500.00. If authorized, funds are available through the existing traffic maintenance account for this purpose.

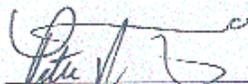
**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the attached resolution as to form and content.

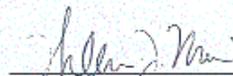
**CONCLUSION:**

A petition was recently received from residents of Walnut Avenue between Orange Avenue and Westminster Avenue requesting the implementation of a "resident only" parking restriction.

A staff survey has confirmed the continued use of this street segment by the visitors to the St. Joachim Catholic Church, generally on Sundays. If it is determined that the vehicles visiting the church are "unrelated to the neighborhood", then the street segment would meet the Council approved criteria for the implementation of a "resident only" parking restriction.



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- Attachments:
- 1 - Resolution
  - 2 - Petition
  - 3 - Guidelines
  - 4 - Area Map
  - 5 - On Street Parking Summary

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