



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Matthew R. Walsh, Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects

DATE: April 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Only Parking on Pleasant Street at Federal Courthouse

Recommendation:

Set the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, by amending Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Section 18-1-24, Parking — Law Enforcement Vehicles, Schedule XXI, for public hearing on May 11, 2020.

Background:

On June 17, 2019, the City Council enacted Ordinance #3044, which eliminated law enforcement only parking on sections of Pleasant Street along portions of the Federal Building and Courthouse. Law enforcement parking at this location was originally established in July 2002 as a result of enhanced security measures at the federal complex stemming from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. It was replaced with 10 hour metered parking in accordance with the recommendations of the 2017 Strategic Parking Plan.

Discussion:

Law Enforcement Parking was removed and replaced with metered parking in mid-January 2020. Shortly after the change occurred, the U.S. Marshal's Office contacted the City objecting to the change due to security concerns. The Marshall's Office verbally requested that Law Enforcement Parking be re-established at this location.

The Parking Committee discussed the Marshal's Office's request on January 23, 2020. It was the consensus of the Parking Committee to re-establish law enforcement only parking at this location. Seven metered parking spaces will be affected by this change.

The attached ordinance re-establishes law enforcement parking as it existed prior to its removal in January 2020. Law enforcement only parking is valid 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

It is important to note that metered parking on Pleasant Street near South Street, as well as South Street and South Spring Street along the frontage of the Federal Complex will remain unchanged. The bus stop along the Pleasant Street frontage of the Courthouse will also remain unchanged.