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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

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

DATE: September 10, 2018

SUBJECT: Merrimack County Courthouse – Montgomery Street Law
Enforcement Parking

Recommendation:

- Accept the following report;
- Set the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Section 18-1-24, Parking - Law Enforcement Vehicles, Schedule XXI for public hearing on October 8, 2018.

Background:

A new Merrimack County Courthouse is currently under construction at the intersection of Montgomery Street and Court Street. The project is expected to be completed this fall.

Discussion:

The new facility will feature a “sally port,” a special vehicular garage for loading of prisoners, which will be accessed from Montgomery Street. The configuration of the sally port and associated driveway limits access to one vehicle at a time.

Due to this circumstance, the Merrimack County Sherriff's Office contacted the City in June and requested that multiple on-street parallel parking spaces, to be created as part of the Courthouse project, be designated for law enforcement vehicle parking in accordance with City Ordinance 18-1-24.

The Parking Committee reviewed this request on June 25, 2018. During its review, the Parking Committee noted that the City plans to meter Montgomery Street in FY2020. It was also noted that the State, County, and developer of the Courthouse project had previously committed to create public on-street parking on Montgomery Street as part of the project, and that creation of law enforcement parking might conflict with that commitment. It was also noted that the Courthouse project features a significant amount of on-site parking, albeit not immediately adjacent to the sally port. After meeting with the Committee, the Sherriff's Office revised their request so that only one parallel parking space, immediately south of the sally port driveway, would be reserved for law enforcement vehicles, Monday – Friday, 8AM – 5PM. Public parking would be allowed at all other times. The Parking Committee voted to recommend that the City Council approve the attached Ordinance implementing this proposal. A map showing the location of the parking space is attached.