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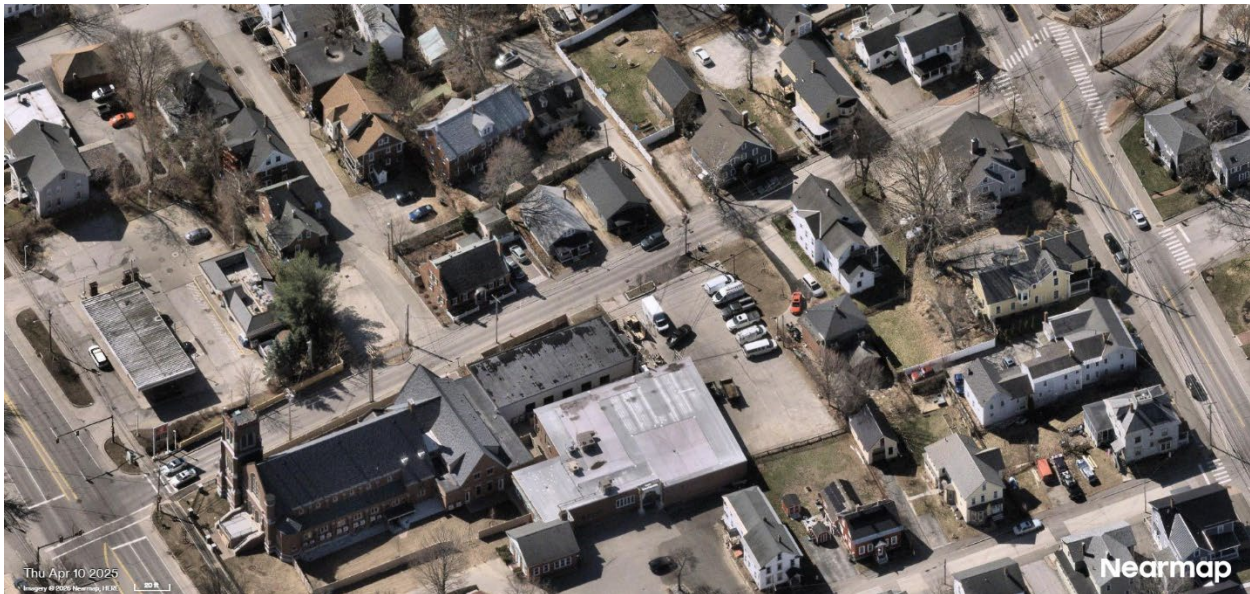
**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** February 23, 2026  
**To:** Brent Todd, Chair, & Members, Parking Committee  
**CC:** Jeff Hoadley, Director of General Services  
**From:** Timothy J. Thompson, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development  
**Subject:** **Council Referral: 3 Hour Parking Restriction – Washington Street**

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**Recommendation**

Review the City Council referral, regarding 3-Hour parking restrictions and parking signage locations along the portion of Washington Street between North State Street and North Main Street, determine an appropriate response, and direct staff to prepare the applicable report and/or ordinance revisions (if determined necessary) for the City Council.



**Background**

This item (see attached) was referred to the Parking Committee and the General Services Department at the February 9, 2026 City Council meeting.

Mr. Lemieux raises concerns about the 3-Hour time limit, particularly the signs which make for difficult snow removal on the sidewalks. He requests that the City rescind the 3-Hour time limit and remove the signs.

## **Discussion**

The time-zone restriction on Washington Street is consistent with the area (where parking is non-metered), as it is adjacent to the central downtown urban core of the City. Generally, on-street parking between Main Street and State Street is a 3-Hour time limit for both metered and non-metered parking. Additionally, the former First Church located on North Main St and Washington Streets was recently converted to 30 residential apartments. The time zone restriction here is important in managing on-street parking such that it is not always occupied by long-term residential parking. Changing the time-zone restriction would not be consistent with current parking strategy in this area of the City, and staff does not recommend it.

With regard to enforcement of time limits, it should be noted that the Parking Division staff does their best to handle enforcement of over 3,000 public parking spaces both metered and non-metered in the City. There are 2 current vacancies in the Parking Enforcement and Equipment Technician staff, which means that staff resources are in a challenging position to handle violations across the parking system. This is not a reason, in staff's opinion, to eliminate time-restriction on any particular street.

In addition to the Parking Committee, this item was referred to the General Services Department (GSD) as well. The decision on how sidewalk plowing occurs is an operational decision for GSD to make. In the interest of attempting to improve the plowing viability, Community Development recommends that the time limit and other parking signage along this stretch of Washington Street be moved from the back of the curb to the backside of the sidewalk, which could assist in plowing operations. The ultimate decision on the plowing operations would still be in the purview of GSD, and there is no guarantee that moving the signs would change their plowing priorities or operations.



