



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

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

**DATE:** October 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Jackson Street No Parking Ordinance (Beacon to Tremont)

### **Recommendation:**

Accept the following report and set the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-6, Parking Prohibited at All Times in Designated Places, Schedule I (Parking Prohibited at All Times) for public hearing on December 14, 2020.

### **Background:**

On August 4, 2020, Amy Proctor, owner of 21 Jackson Street, contacted the Parking Committee and requested that all on-street parking for the portion of Jackson Street located between Beacon and Tremont Streets be eliminated.

Ms. Proctor asked for parking to be removed due to narrow width of this area Jackson Street, challenges exiting her driveway when vehicles are parked on the roadway, as well as a recent accident related thereto.

This section of Jackson Street is approximately 18' wide and has two-way traffic. It does not comply with City Code of Ordinances 18-1-4 (a), which requires a minimum width of 20' for on-street parking (i.e. 8' parking lane and 12' travel lane). All parking is located on the east side of the street. Approximately four parking spaces would be impacted by this request.

In accordance with recommendations of the Narrow Streets Study, the City Council approved Ordinance #3064 in May 2019, which eliminated on-street parking for this section of Jackson Street from January 1 – March 15 annually.

### **Discussion:**

The Parking Committee discussed Ms. Proctor's request on August 24, 2020 and October 26, 2020.

During its initial review, the Parking Committee requested that all property owners for this section of Jackson Street be notified of Ms. Proctor's request. The Committee also asked for staff to review alternatives to removing all on-street parking in order to address this issue.

During the Committee's subsequent review, staff provided an analysis which demonstrated that it would be infeasible to restructure on-street parking in order to avoid conflicts with driveways. Noting that no other residents or property owners of this section of Jackson attended the meeting, and that all properties on this section of the street currently have off-street parking, the Parking

Committee voted unanimously to recommend removal of on-street parking on Jackson Street between Beacon and Tremont Streets.