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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

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

DATE: September 30, 2020

SUBJECT: Beacon Street Winter Parking

Recommendation:

Set the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-7.1(a), Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours and Months in Designated Places, Schedule IX, for public hearing on November 9, 2020.

Background:

In June 2020, Michelle McCord, resident of 1-3 Beacon Street, contacted Councilor Hatfield concerning winter parking issues.

Specifically, Ms. McCord requested that the City Council enact an ordinance to establish a winter parking ban along the frontage of 1-3 Beacon Street in order to facilitate sidewalk snow removal. Sidewalk snow removal at this location is challenging to accomplish due to the juxtaposition of parked vehicles, the adjacent building, related sidewalks, and lack of space to deposit snow removed from the sidewalks.

If approved, parking would be prohibited for a 160' section of Beacon Street immediately west of the North State / Beacon Street intersection (south side) during January 1 – March 15 annually. Approximately four parking spaces would be affected.

Please see the attached graphic for more detail.

Discussion:

The Parking Committee reviewed this request on August 24, 2020.

During the meeting, Ms. McCord, as well as Bruce Blau and Rebecca Ross (also residents and/or property owners on Beacon Street) spoke in favor of this request.

The Parking Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of this request to the City Council.