



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Matthew R. Walsh, Deputy City Manager – Development

DATE: June 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Removal of Two-Hour Time Limit on Washington Street (Penacook) (north side, between 75' and 150' of Village Street)

Recommendation:

Set the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Amend the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-8, Parking Time Limited in Designated Places, Schedule III (Two Hours between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday), to remove the two-hour time limit on Washington Street (Penacook) (north side, between 75' and 150' of Village Street) for public hearing on July 10, 2023.

Background:

On December 21, 2022, Carrie Noyes, resident of #6 Washington Street, Penacook, contacted Councilor Todd, Chair of the Parking Committee, and requested that the two-hour time limit on Washington Street (Penacook) located between 75' and 150' from Village Street (formerly South Main Street, Penacook) be removed. Please see the attached locus map for more information.

Ms. Noyes moved to #6 Washington Street in 2021. The property has four apartments and insufficient on-site parking. Ms. Noyes explained that she works at home during portions of the week and has received three parking citations for violating time zones on this particular section of Washington Street. She asked for special permission to exceed the two-hour parking limit.

This area of Washington Street is located in the Central Business District of Penacook Village, as well as directly adjacent to the Merchants Exchange Block. The purpose of the two-hour zone, which has been in existence for decades, is to encourage parking turnover to support economic development within the Village. Most of the streets in the surrounding area are time limited.

Discussion:

During its March 27, 2023 meeting, the Parking Committee reviewed Ms. Noyes' request. Ms. Noyes and an associate were present at the meeting and testified to the Committee.

Upon review, the Parking Committee voted unanimously to recommend elimination of the two-hour time limit on Washington Street (Penacook) (north side, between 75' and 150' of Village Street).

Upon removal of the time zone, on-street parking at this location will become an unregulated parking zone, subject to the City's 48-hour parking limit and parking ban ordinances. As revitalization of Penacook Village continues and associated demand for parking increases, competition for these non-time limited parking spaces may intensify and could result in additional parking issues for the neighborhood.

Locus Map

