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Community Development Department

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From: Timothy J. Thompson, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development
Date: September 8, 2025
Subject: **Consideration for the elimination of a parking space on South Fruit Street between 66 South Fruit Street and the Memorial Field Entrance (City Council Referral to Parking Committee)**

Recommendation:

Accept this report.

Background:

The City Council referred this request to the Parking Committee at the July 14, 2022 meeting, on behalf of Councilor Keach.

The Parking Committee discussed the referral at their July 28, 2025 meeting. The below summary of the Committee's discussion and recommendation is provided for the City Council's consideration.

Discussion:

The referral raised concerns about the area between the residential driveway at 66 S. Fruit Street and the northerly driveway for the Memorial Field parking lot. While this area is restricted from parking between the hours of 7 AM and 3PM (Monday through Friday during the school year), there is just enough space for a single vehicle to park there before the "No Parking Here to Corner" sign. The primary concern is a parked vehicle encroaching into the driveway areas and impeding sight distance.

During discussion of the referral, the Committee discussed that while parking in this location is not an issue during the seasonal time restrictions (as it is prohibited), clearly, it can be problematic from a safety standpoint during large events at Memorial Field outside of the restricted times. The Committee directed staff to review the current ordinances and determine if the sign could be relocated based on current requirements or if a new ordinance needed to be developed.

Upon review of Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-4 - Parking Prohibited in Certain Places, it was

determined that a valid parking space cannot be established in this location, given the requirement that there be 5 feet of separation from driveways (and a parallel parking stall length of 19 feet).



Based on this, General Services has relocated the sign to 5 feet north of the residential driveway at 66 S. Fruit Street, which results on a prohibition of parking at this location at all times. Photo below.

