

CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

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

& Special Projects

DATE: October 26, 2015

SUBJECT: Village Street Parking Ordinance

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 18-1-8, Parking Time Limited in Designated Places, Schedule III (Two Hours Between the Hours of 7:00AM and 6:00PM, Monday – Friday) for public hearing on December 14, 2015.

Background:

On August 4, 2015, Tiffany Yost, owner of Salon Vogue at 279 Village Street sent a letter requesting the creation of 2 hour parking along the westerly side of Village Street between Washington and Coral Streets, Monday – Friday from 7AM to 6PM. Currently there are no parking restrictions in this area. Ms. Yost's request is attached.

This area of Village Street is mixed use featuring a variety of small commercial uses (hair salons, a laundry mat), as well as small multifamily mixed use apartment buildings (typically 2-4 units). Residential properties generally have off street parking. However there is limited parking for commercial uses. Although most residential properties have off street parking, residential tenants use on-street spaces thereby creating challenges for commercial establishments

A neighborhood meeting was held on September 22nd at Salon Vogue to discuss the request. A written notice was mailed to property owners and the meeting was attended by 9 members of the public, as well as City staff. It was the consensus of those present to implement the 2-hour restriction, Monday – Friday, from 7AM to 6PM.

Discussion:

The Parking Committee met on October 19, 2015 to consider Ms. Yost's request. After hearing testimony from those present, the Parking Committee voted to recommend that the City Council approve an ordinance to establish a 2 hour time zone, Monday – Friday, from 7AM to 6PM.