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Community Development Department

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From: Timothy J. Thompson, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development
CC: Karen Hill, PE, Transportation Engineer
Date: October 28, 2024
Subject: **Parking Ordinance Amendments (Canal Street Penacook on-street parking, Canal Street municipal parking lot, Canal Street Bus Stop, Fisherville Road Bus Stop)**

Recommendation:

Set the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, by amending Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-6 (a), Parking Prohibited at All Times in Designated Places, Schedule I; Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-8, Parking Time Limited in Designated Places, Schedule III, and Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Schedule VII, Bus and Taxicab Stands for public hearing on December 9, 2024.

Background:

The Canal Street Riverfront Park is currently under construction with anticipated substantial completion in November 2024, and final completion in Spring 2025. The newly improved Canal Street Public Parking Lot will be completed and opening soon, and the on-street parking spaces are currently in use.

The new parking lot will have a total of 34 parking spaces, including 3 handicap accessible spaces. Of these spaces, nineteen (19) will be available for public use. A total of seven (7) parking spaces shall be reserved for the exclusive use of Chief's Restaurant (346-348 Village Street) per the Warranty Deed recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds (MCRD) Book 3311 Page 508, dated April 26, 2012. A total of eight (8) parking spaces shall be reserved for the exclusive use of the apartments located at 350 Village Street, per the Easement Modification Agreement recorded at the MCRD Book 3311 Page 491, on April 26, 2012. These parking easements were established in accordance with Resolution #8519 approved by City Council on December 12, 2011, as part of the acquisition of land located at 5-11 Canal Street in anticipation of the park development.

This report also incorporates a bus stop location amendment on Fisherville Road, as prepared by the Engineering Division, see discussion section below.

Discussion:

1. **Canal Street:** Staff reviewed the parking lot, on-street parking, and bus stop information with the Parking Committee on September 30, 2024, and the committee voted to direct Staff to complete the ordinance upon confirmation of the final bus stop location. The Engineering Division of the Community Development Department has completed the work to locate the bus stop on Canal Street, resulting in the proposed ordinance, establishing the bus stop location, the “No Parking” areas, and the 10 Hour parking time limits for both the parking lot public spaces and the on-street spaces on Canal Street.



2) Fisherville Road Bus Stop: At the August 22, 2024 meeting, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) discussed a resident's safety concerns in regards to pedestrian safety on Fisherville Road. The safety concern is with the current location of the northbound bus stop, located just north of Pinehurst Street. Bus riders are exiting the bus and those who would like to cross the street to patron the local businesses on the west side, cross in the absence of a crosswalk due to the closest one being to the south. TPAC discussed the concerns and reviewed the proposed private development plans that are currently being constructed which include improvements to the bus stops in this area. Specifically, the proposed plans for 150 Fisherville Road, propose to construct a bus pull-off approximately 240' south of Pinehurst Street, which would place it south of the existing Fisherville crosswalk (see images below). TPAC is recommending that the existing bus stop be moved to this location now, to improve safety until the pull off can be constructed in the Spring as a part of the private development project.

