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REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From: Timothy J. Thompson, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development
Date: September 8, 2025
Subject: Parking Ordinance Amendments (Pleasant Street west of Langley Parkway)

Recommendation:

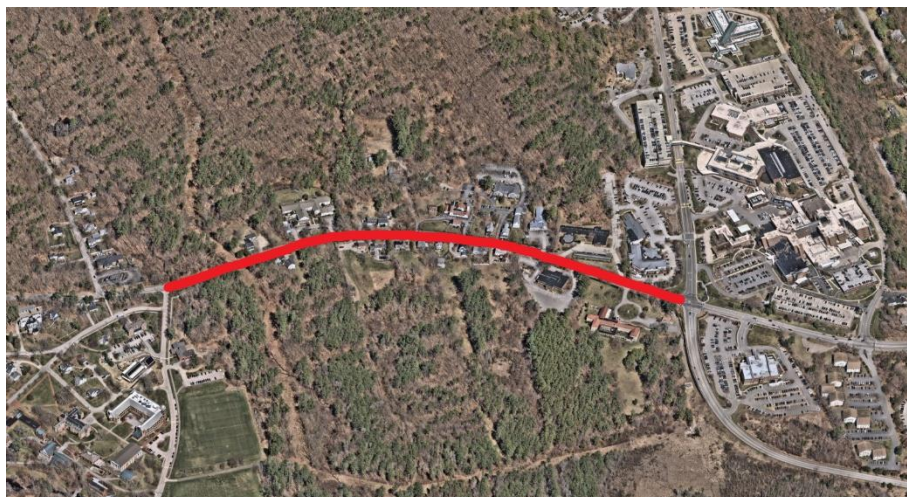
Set the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-6, Parking Prohibited at All Times in Designated Places, Schedule I for public hearing on October 14, 2025.

Background:

This item was referred to the Parking Committee by the City Council on July 14, 2025. Parking along this stretch of Pleasant Street was describes as challenging for at least the last 20 years by the City's Parking Supervisor, and residents near "The Birches" assisted living facility have often reported employees of that facility parking along Pleasant Street creating hazards for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Discussion:

Currently parking is prohibited on the south side of Pleasant Street from Langley Parkway to a point 930' to the west. Though no ordinance prohibits it, the north side of Pleasant Street from Langley Parkway to the same distance does not have sufficient shoulder width to accommodate parking (particularly since this section has granite curbing).



The ordinance is silent on parking beyond this point to the west along Pleasant Street. While there is not a sufficient paved shoulder to accommodate parking in this section, there is no curbing and a grass panel separates the roadway from the sidewalk along the south side. This layout has resulted in vehicles parking along the roadway, on the grass panel (which has been significantly degraded due to the vehicle activity) and often times even on the sidewalk.



The Parking Committee discussed the referral on July 28, 2025, hearing testimony from residents at 307 Pleasant Street. Following discussion and examining alternatives (and Councilor Brown indicating she would communicate with the management of The Birches), and given that the grass panel and sidewalk are not designed for parking, the Committee recommends that the both sides of Pleasant Street between Langley Parkway and the intersection with Hopkinton Road & Dunbarton Road be restricted to no parking at all times.