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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

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

DATE: August 31, 2017

SUBJECT: K Street: No 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 18-1-6, Parking Prohibited at All Times in Designated Places, Schedule 1 (Parking Prohibited at All Times) for public hearing on October 10, 2017.

Background:

On August 22, 2017 Councilor Kretovic contacted City Administration with a constituent concern regarding on-street parking on K Street. K Street is a small suburban street located in the City's West End. The road is a 21' wide dead-end street, which is approximately 430' long and serves 11 residential properties. On-street parking is currently unregulated on K Street.

According to Councilor Kretovic and J.J. Hall, owner and resident of #6 K Street, parking activities primarily associated with a multifamily property in the neighborhood were creating on-street parking concerns. Specifically, parkers were leaving their vehicles on both sides of the road, thereby severely limiting the travel way. They were concerned that this circumstance could potentially impede emergency service vehicles. In addition, drivers were also parking too close to driveways thereby causing sight distance concerns.

Because of these issues, Ms. Hall requested that the City eliminate on-street parking on the south side of K Street, between North State Street and View Street. Councilor Kretovic and Ms. Hall reported that they had discussed the situation with several other property owners and residents on K Street and that the neighborhood was in support of this request.

Discussion:

The Parking Committee met on August 28, 2017 to consider this request. After conferring with staff, the Parking Committee voted to recommend that the City Council approve the attached ordinance eliminating on-street parking on the south side of K Street, between North State and View Street. A map showing the affected area of K Street is attached.