

City of Shakopee
MEMORANDUM

TO: Bill Reynolds, City Administrator

FROM: Micah Heckman, Graduate Engineer
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SUBJECT: Downtown Parking Restrictions

DATE: October 31, 2017

Introduction

The Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) met on October 6, 2017 for a regular quarterly meeting. As part of the agenda, a parking zone issue area was evaluated that requires follow-up action as follows:

2-hour parking zone request along Fuller Street (west side) from 3rd Avenue, north to the alley

The city received a request from the new property owner at 250 Fuller Street South to restrict on-street parking to a 2-hour period between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday along this segment of Fuller Street on the west side to better address the parking needs of their clientele. The property owner has indicated and experienced that the parking stalls are mostly occupied by longer-term parkers, typically by vehicles that are not patronizing this adjacent building.

This segment along Fuller Street exists with nine diagonal on-street parking stalls, currently with no restrictions. While there are no parking restrictions within this segment, there are multiple areas in the adjacent downtown area that are designated and restricted to 2-hour parking between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (see attached Figure 1).

Parking zone restrictions are typically implemented to address issues pertaining to safety, loading and unloading, nuisances, convenience, etc. In the downtown area, due to the lack of parking, most of the parking zones typically exist for convenience, with the goal of accommodating the shorter-term parking occupants in an effort to support the parking needs of the adjacent businesses.

The TSC evaluated this request and recommends posting the nine diagonal parking stalls along the west side of Fuller Street just north of 3rd Avenue. While there are no notable safety issues that would be addressed by doing so, converting this area to a 2-hour parking zone is consistent with other adjacent on-street parking locations in this area. Additionally, off-street parking has been created by the property owner on the west side of the 250 Fuller Street South building that will provide additional off-street parking to supplement the parking needs of their business.

Summary

The TSC recommends providing an action item to the City Council to implement the permanent 2-hour parking restriction zone between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 a.m., Monday through Friday for the nine diagonal parking stalls along the west side of Fuller Street north of 3rd Avenue.