
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: Downtown Parking Considerations

Background Summary:

The completion of Union House and the subsequent result of getting people to live downtown is starting to create some parking issues that we knew would come from encouraging downtown living. Technically overnight parking is not allowed on Main Street or the parking lots behind the Main Street Downtown area. Due to people living there we need to amend our code to allow this but also to look at how we want to manage parking on Main Street itself. We want to encourage people living downtown to park in the lots to the rear of the buildings. This keeps the fronts generally open for commerce of the Main Street Buildings and keeps the area free for snow removal as needed.

Parking on Main Street currently is restricted daily from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. I believe this was done to allow for street cleaning/snow removal during the early morning hours. But now at least a couple of businesses have early morning customers that use access off of Main Street, so we would want to make that available to them I would think.

We would like to start the discussion to consider restricting the duration of time someone can park on Main Street. This would encourage tenants of upstairs apartments to utilize the parking in the rear of the buildings as opposed to parking on Main in front of businesses for extended periods of time. We're thinking of a 90-minute restriction that would mirror the parking restriction on Riverside Dr. as you come around the corner from Clark St. to Main. We have several 90-minute parking restricted spots there.

Attached is a general map of the downtown area to aid in the discussion.

90-Minute time limit for parking

Permit Overnight Parking

