



TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION COMMISSION AGENDA

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2019
TO: TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION COMMISSION
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS / TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION
SUBJECT: 649 W COMMONWEALTH AVENUE – 2 HOUR PARKING

SUMMARY

Consider a request to install 2-hour parking on the east side of Woods Avenue between Commonwealth Avenue and the east/west alley north of Commonwealth Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve and recommend to Council the installation of “2-Hour Parking” on the east side of Woods Avenue between Commonwealth Avenue and the east/west alley north of Commonwealth Avenue, as shown in Exhibit “A” (attachment 1). The hours of restriction shall be from 6:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday, Holidays Exempt.

DISCUSSION

The property owner at 649 W. Commonwealth Avenue requested that the City install “2-Hour Parking” in front of their businesses in an effort to increase availability of short-term customer parking. The property consists of a 3-unit commercial building comprised of; Patrick’s Music School, Artland Studio, and Miracle Touch. The property owner and their tenants state that on-street parking in front of their businesses is often occupied by employees of adjacent businesses who park there out of convenience, requiring their customers to park further away which hurts business.

Woods Avenue is a 36-foot wide north/south local collector street with a prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour and one lane of traffic in each direction. On-street parking is permitted on both sides of Woods Avenue; five (5) spaces on the east side and five (5) spaces on the west side. Early Morning Parking between the hours of 2:00am to 5:00am. Is prohibited. The opposite side of the street consists of Michael’s Coin & Jewelry at 701 W. Commonwealth Avenue and a commercial

property at 107 N. Woods Avenue; both with off-street parking availability and/or other options to park elsewhere.

It should be mentioned that the property owner at 649 W. Commonwealth Avenue provides eight (8) parking stalls for their customers and employees.

Staff confirmed that on-street parking is often occupied during the day. As such, staff is of the opinion that implementing a 2-hour parking restriction would encourage parking turnover and increase availability without negatively impacting the adjacent businesses. In addition, a 2-hour parking restriction on Woods Avenue would be consistent with the current restriction on the north side of Commonwealth Avenue in front of Michael's Coin & Jewelry.



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Attachment 1 - Exhibit "A"
Attachment 2 - Exhibit "B" Street View

cc: Commissioners
Police Traffic Bureau