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Municipal Parking Restrictions

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – November 21st, 2023

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Purpose

- To inform, update, and seek council's direction related to possible changes to parking around Brighton High School

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Previous Restricted Parking Around Brighton High School

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- 153 residences



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Restricted Parking Around Brighton High School

- Previous Permit Program Challenges
 - Passes were easily duplicated
 - People claiming residency were unable to show proof
 - Residents lost passes and never obtained new ones
- There are no other public roadways in residential areas within the city where we restrict parking for residents only
- In July 2022 we covered up the "No Parking Except by Permit" signs
- In March 2023 the signs were removed
- CSO's and SROs enforced parking violations in area and wrote 44 tickets between July and September 2023 (20% of all tickets in City)



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Old Parking Passes versus Proposed Restricted Parking Passes



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Restricted Parking Around Brighton High School

- If restricted parking was to be enforced again a method to issue passes must be implemented.
 - Each residence would be issued two resident parking passes and two guest passes for \$5.00 per pass fee (current charge for a rec. center pass)
 - Residents requesting passes would be required to show residency and valid registration for the vehicles passes are requested for
 - These would only be required to be displayed during schools hours if the vehicle was parked on the public roadway
 - Passes would be designed so they can easily be transferred but not copied and will be logged
 - Community Development would issue and monitor permits, Police would enforce

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Restricted Parking Around Brighton High School

- Who is issued a parking permit?
 - Permits will NOT be issued to:
 - Property owners or landlords who do not reside at an eligible address
 - Property managers
 - Vehicles used primarily for commercial purposes (taxis, limos, etc.)
 - Campers or trailers or motor homes
 - Business entities
 - Business addresses or addresses used primarily for commercial purposes

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Residency Requirements for Restricted Parking Around Brighton High School

- What is accepted proof of residency?
 - Provide one of the following accepted proof of residence:
 - A current residential lease or rental agreement, signed by all parties, showing each applicant's name, address and unit number.
 - Current Vehicle registration with name and address
 - Most recent Property Tax receipt, mailing address must match name & address of residence
 - A current statement (dated within the past three months) piece of mail:
 - utility bill
 - checking or savings statement
 - Renter's Insurance
 - cable/internet/phone bill.
 - The piece of mail must display the applicant's name and mailing address must match the address on the application.

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Concerns with Restricted Parking Around Brighton High School

- Residents along S. 8th have unapproved driveways and parking restrictions will not correct this (this area generates the majority of complainants)
 - Community Development advised not feasible to go back and verify driveway permit compliance
 - Possibility to stripe parking on the roadway. This would require coordination and funding with public works
- Passes not properly displayed could result in a parking ticket
- Students will just move and park outside the restricted area which shifts the concerns to other residents
- Requests for restricted parking in other neighborhoods
- Ability to enforce parking restrictions if a pass program is instituted with current patrol and community services staffing

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Cost Related to Restricted Parking Around Brighton High School

- Approximately \$4100 to create the permit program
 - Permit staff to create and test the permit, revise the permit, and create standard operating procedures
 - Verify ownership via property records, verify no other permits on file for property, verify eligibility of property
 - Utilization of GIS division to create a special GIS layer that would need to be tested and sent to OpenGov to configure flags in permitting system

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Cost Related to Restricted Parking Around Brighton High School

- Does not include
 - OpenGov request to make GIS flags work on their end, it is a new system so cost of configuration is unknown
 - Signage
 - Lost permits or ongoing expenses
 - Time taken away from other work already expected of staff

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Cost Related to Restricted Parking Around Brighton High School

- Striping or Painted Curbs
 - \$8000
 - Not recommended due to upkeep, visibility in snow
- Signage
 - \$12,800 estimated for fabrication and implementation

***Neither of these account for additional areas should residents request

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Options for Council:

- 1) Take no action and maintain unrestricted parking around Brighton High School and allow any vehicle with valid registration to legally park in the area
- 2) Make a motion to move forward with a permitted parking program for residents around Brighton High School
- 3) Make a motion to move forward with a striping program for streets around Brighton High School to designate appropriate parking spots and allow any vehicle with valid registration to legally park in the area

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Questions?

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