

Source: Public Works *John*

Agenda Item No: REP 159-13

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff *MM*

Council Meeting Date: Nov 4, 2013

Re: Parking Prohibition on Morningside Drive (CM #3874)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a report concerning prohibiting parking along the east side of Morningside Drive at all times.

DISCUSSION:

In June of 2013, staff received a request to address parking issues along Morningside Drive due to vehicles parking on both sides of the street, causing difficulty for the vehicles traveling in opposite directions to easily progress. Morningside Drive varies in width from 24 to 27 feet, except for the southern terminus which widens to a non-standard cul-de-sac. Staff contacted the Fire Department regarding access along this street and after a field inspection, concluded that access could be an issue due to vehicles parking along both sides of the street (e-mail response attached). Section 14-330 of the Code of Ordinances currently restricts parking on the east side of Morningside Drive, from Wilson Avenue southeast 430 feet, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In August of 2013, staff sent a letter to property owners along Morningside Drive seeking feedback to a possible parking prohibition on one side of the street at all times. A copy of that letter and the responses from residents are attached. Four responses received were in favor of prohibiting parking along the east side of Morningside Drive, two responses indicated that the current parking prohibition is sufficient, and one response prefers resident only parking. Some of the responses indicated concern regarding non-residents parking along the street, resulting in neighborhood residents not being able to utilize on-street parking. Staff also received a similar breakdown of responses concerning Morningside Drive parking issues at an information gathering meeting held on October 2, 2013, regarding the East Campus Residential Parking by Permit Only (RPPO) program. Staff believes these concerns may be resolved with the East Campus RPPO program that is currently under study.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost estimate for materials, equipment and labor is \$300.00, and will be paid from the Street Maintenance budget.

VISION IMPACT:

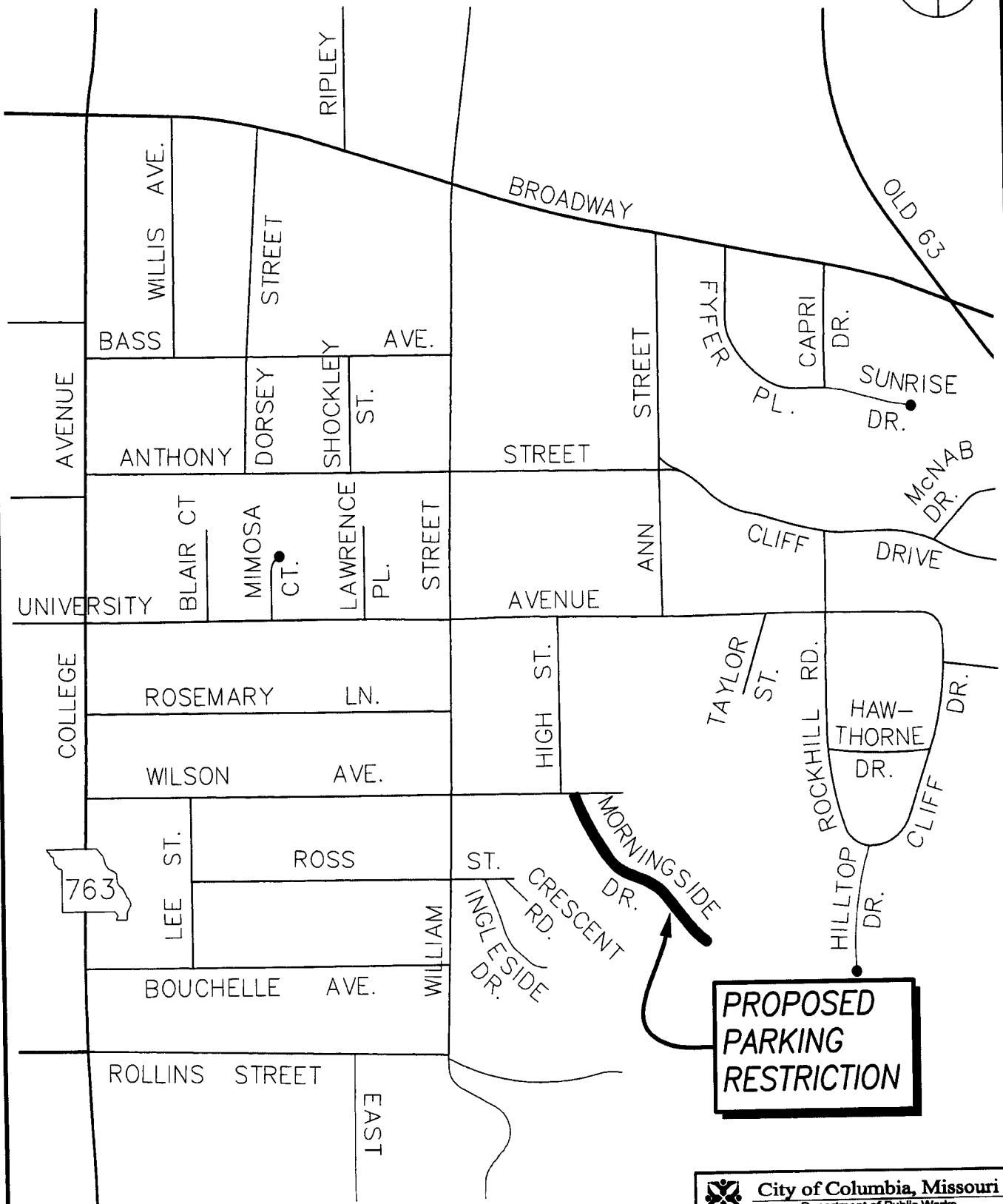
<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

A network of safe roadways in and around the City will provide sustainable, efficient mobility to vehicular travel and other modes in a complimentary manner.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

For information only.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$300.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	13.3
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	



 City of Columbia, Missouri Department of Public Works		
MORNINGSIDE DRIVE LOCATION MAP		
Scale: None	Dwn: C.M.V.	Date: 10/22/2013



HIGH STREET

WILSON

AVENUE

1614

603

607

609

613

615

705

707

709

711

600

608

610

700

704

708

710

EXISTING

RESTRICTION
430

MORNINGSIDE

DRIVE

PROPOSED
PARKING
RESTRICTION



City of Columbia, Missouri
Department of Public Works

**MORNINGSIDE DRIVE
PARKING RESTRICTION**

Scale: NONE

Dwn: C.M.V.

Date: 7/24/2013



Re: Morningside Drive

Brad Fraizer <blfraize@gocolumbiamo.com>

Tue, Jul 23, 2013 at 4:20 PM

To: Chris Valleroy <cmvaller@gocolumbiamo.com>

Cc: "Witt, Charles" <cpw@gocolumbiamo.com>, "White, Randall" <rew@gocolumbiamo.com>

Chris

A fire company visited the area this afternoon and believe there would be access problems if cars park past the area currently marked 'No Parking'.

We support the idea to restrict parking along the the entire east side of Morningside Drive.

Thank you for passing this on and allowing us to investigate and comment. Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

On Tue, Jul 23, 2013 at 9:08 AM, Chris Valleroy <cmvaller@gocolumbiamo.com> wrote:

Brad,

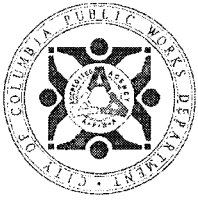
We have been informed of parking concerns by citizens on Morningside Drive. There is currently an existing parking restriction on Morningside Drive, east side, from Wilson Avenue southeast 430 feet between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. We are considering changing the restriction to restrict parking on the east side for the entire length of the street at all times. We would be interested to know if your crews have had any past issues getting a fire truck down that street while vehicles are parked on both sides of the street or if your crew could sometime in the near future drive a fire truck down that street while vehicles are present on both sides and give us some feedback on what they think. Any thoughts or recommendations you may have would be much appreciated. Thanks.

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Chris M. Valleroy
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Public Works Engineering
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CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

August 22, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to provide information that the Public Works Department is considering recommending that City Council pursue prohibiting parking along the east side of Morningside Drive. We are asking for owners and residents along Morningside Drive to provide staff with comments regarding this proposed change.

This request for comments has been initiated due to citizen contact indicating concerns with limited ability to drive along Morningside Drive with parking on both sides of the street.

Currently parking is restricted on the east side of Morningside Drive from Wilson Avenue southeast 430 feet between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Saturday & Sunday excepted. The proposed change would restrict parking on the east side of Morningside Drive for the entire length at all times as shown on attached diagram on back of letter.

Based on Public Works staff evaluation of the street and with consultation from Fire Department personnel, staff believes that a parking prohibition along the east side of Morningside Drive at all times should be pursued. Unless there is significant neighborhood support for a different approach not previously considered, staff's recommendation to Council will be to prohibit parking along the east side of Morningside Drive at all times.

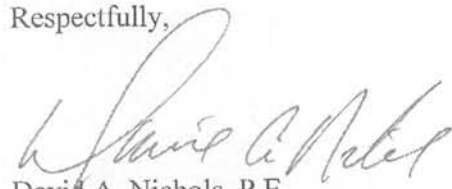
Please note that Public Works staff is aware that some residents have expressed an interest in a residential parking by permit only (RPPO) program in this area. Staff will pursue discussion of the potential for a RPPO program in the future.

Please provide us with information regarding this potential change. If you have comments, please fill out the 4 question online survey at: <http://tinyurl.com/mjebleb> or send a written correspondence by September 5, 2013 to:

City of Columbia - Missouri
Public Works Department
Attn: Chris Valleroy
PO Box 6015
Columbia, MO 65205

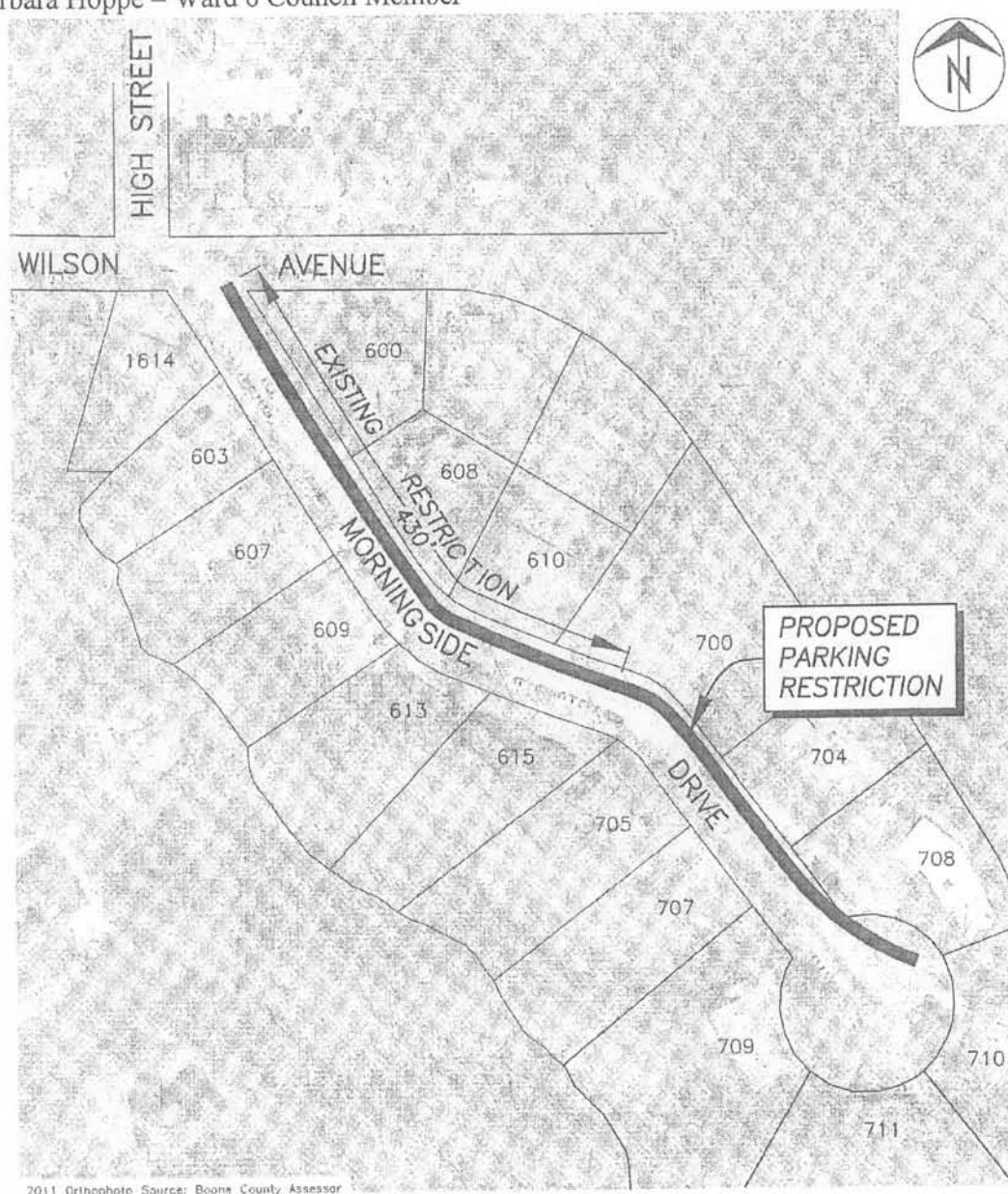
If you have questions, please contact Mr. Chris Valleroy at 573-874-7250 or cmvaller@gocolumbiamo.com

Respectfully,



David A. Nichols, P.E.
Assistant Director of Public Works

Cc: Barbara Hoppe – Ward 6 Council Member



4 responses

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Summary

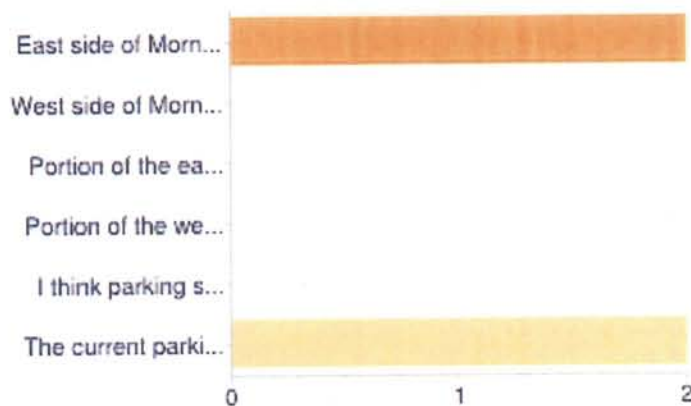
Address

615 Morningside 610 Morningside Dr. 705 Morningside 603 morningside dr.

Should parking be prohibited anywhere along Morningside Drive



Please check the boxes where you think parking should be prohibited



East side of Morningside Drive (entire length)	2	50%
West side of Morningside Drive (entire length)	0	0%
Portion of the east side of Morningside Drive	0	0%
Portion of the west side of Morningside Drive	0	0%
I think parking should be allowed along both sides of Morningside Drive at all times	0	0%
The current parking prohibition is sufficient	2	50%

Please provide any additional information you feel is necessary

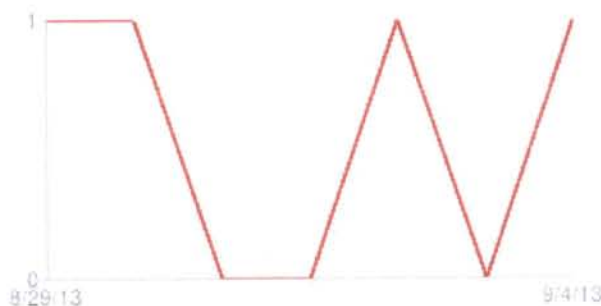
Morningside Dr., as it is currently restricted provides a good mix of parking availability and drivability. Because many of the driveways on Morningside are short due to the surrounding terrain, the extra parking on the east side in the evenings and on the weekends, when friends and relatives are most likely to visit, is very beneficial. The surrounding hills make rear entrance detached garages and long driveways, common in other parts of east campus, impossible to construct on Morningside drive. By nature of being a cul-de-sac, it is not a heavily traveled road, and any parking on the east is of little inconvenience. I understand if changes are made, but I do hope the current system remains in tact. It has always been a very easy street to move around relative to other east campus streets. I do not think changing the system will greatly benefit the overall livability of the road. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to reply, and best wishes in your decision ahead. The Home Owner

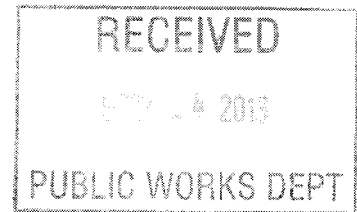
I think it is premature to take action on this proposed parking restriction. I believe any current problems would be addressed by the future proposal which addresses parking issues on a larger scale. The actions to limit parking on one side of Morningside are a short-sighted effort that will only complicate the residential parking by permit program.

I think it is a safety hazard when both sides of the street are full of cars. There is not enough room for emergency equipment to get through. I am concerned that if I had a fire in my home, a truck would not be able to reach me. Also, at least 2 of the homeowners further down the street are over 90 years old and another is in quite elderly. I think that the chances of them needing emergency equipment at some point is high.

Prohibiting parking along the entire length will allow for emergency vehicles and snowplows to access the entire street no matter what time or day of the week it is. It will also ensure that we can drive down our street on home football game weekends and other times (graduation, etc.) that extra drivers gather in the neighborhood. I am concerned, though, that a RPPO program should begin sooner rather than later. These needed parking prohibitions will sadly also make it tougher for residents to find parking. Nearly every home on the street has 2-3 cars, and we also have narrow driveways that can only accommodate 1-2 cars.

Number of daily responses





September 03, 2013

Attn: Chris Valleroy,

I have been out of town and just received your letter dated August 22, 2013 on Saturday. It is regarding the request for comments regarding parking on both sides of Morning side Drive. I cannot get online to the survey at <http://tinyurl.com/mjebleb> without installing tinyurl which I do not want to do. I have lived at 711 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE for 46 years. The parking on both sides of the street has become a nightmare, especially in the wintertime. I had back surgery on January 24 so when my 1st month was up I got out just fine, but could not get home because cars were hanging out of driveways and parked on both sides even if it was posted. There was no way an ambulance or fire truck could get down here. There are now sometimes, I believe, an emergency vehicle could not get down here during the weekends and/or nighttime.

I totally agree with the Fire department personnel that parking should be prohibited along the east side of Morningside Drive.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Snow".

JOYCE SNOW

Morningside Drive Phone Messages:

9/3/2013, Robert Spier, 442-2126

He lives at 708 Morningside Drive and he also owns 710 Morningside Drive. He said that he is in favor of a parking prohibition.

10/1/2013, Gordon Franck, 874-0543

He lives at 707 Morningside Drive. He said that he prefers resident only parking.