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Ordinance No.	Council Bill No.	B 366-12	

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to establish the North Village parking district and to create parking meter zones in the area generally bordered by Park Avenue, Orr Street, Walnut Street and College Avenue; transferring funds; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in strikeout; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 14-313. Special residential parking district.

- (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to reduce hazardous traffic conditions resulting from the use of streets within areas zoned for residential uses for the parking of vehicles by persons utilizing adjacent commercial, industrial, educational or institutional uses; to protect certain districts from polluted air, excessive noise, litter and refuse caused by the entry of such vehicles; to protect the residents of such districts from unreasonable burdens in gaining access to their residences; to preserve the character of these districts as residential districts; to promote efficiency in the maintenance of residential streets in a clean and safe condition; to preserve the value of the property in these districts; and to preserve the safety of children, other pedestrians and traffic in these districts, as well as the peace, good order, comfort, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of the city.
- (b) Residential parking district established. The following parking district is hereby established:
 - (1) North Village parking district. North Village parking district shall consist of all residential structures located on Park Avenue with even number addresses from 1110 through 1200, on St. James Street with odd number addresses from 307 through 309, on St. Joseph Street from Park Avenue to Ash Street, on East Ash Street with odd number addresses from 1201 through 1209, on

East Walnut Street with odd numbered addresses from 1203 through 1205, and on Hubbell Street from Walnut Street to Ash Street.

- (c) Posting of signs. In each residential parking district, appropriate signs giving notice of the designation of the residential parking district shall be posted restricting all parking in unmetered spaces to vehicles displaying valid permits for the designated residential parking district.
- (d) Issuance of parking permits. Each residential unit in the designated residential parking district may be issued a maximum of two (2) permits by the director of public works. The application for a permit shall contain the name of the owner or operator of the vehicle, the residential address, the vehicle make, model and registration number, and the applicant's driver's license number. If the vehicle is not registered to the applicant's address within the parking district, the applicant must provide proof of residence within the designated residential district.
- (e) Term of parking permits. Except as provided herein, residential parking permits shall be issued for a period of twelve (12) months and must be renewed annually. A tenant residing in the designated area under a shorter term lease shall be issued a permit for the term of the lease, which shall be indicated on the application for the permit. The permit shall automatically become void when the tenant vacates that location.
- (f) Exemptions. Any truck or vehicle providing repairs, deliveries or other services to a resident of the area shall be exempt from the provisions of this section. Emergency vehicles, utility company vehicles, and vehicles on city or official government business shall also be exempt from the provisions of this section.
- (g) <u>Display of parking permit. The parking permit shall be displayed in the front window of all vehicles in the upper right corner of the passenger side; or on motorcycles or motor scooters on the rear fender or wheel guard.</u>
- (h) New vehicles. If a resident transfers ownership of the vehicle registered under this section, the old permit must be presented before issuance of a new permit.
 - (i) Violations.
 - (1) No person shall park a motor vehicle in an unmetered space on a street within a residential parking district without a valid permit properly displayed, or unless the vehicle is exempt under this section.
 - (2) No person shall furnish false information in an application for a permit.
 - (3) No person shall use or display or allow the use or display of a valid residential parking permit on a motor vehicle other than that for which the permit was issued.

- (4) No person shall use or display a facsimile or counterfeit permit.
- (5) No person shall sell, give or otherwise dispose of a vehicle displaying a permit without destroying that permit, and no subsequent owner of the vehicle shall use a permit issued to a previous owner.
- (6) No person shall allow a nonresident of a parking district to use or display a residential parking permit.
- (7) No person shall knowingly permit any act prohibited under this section, or aid or abet another to do so.
- (8) Each hour that a violation of this section continues is a separate offense.
- (j) Penalty. Every person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in section 1-8 of this Code, except that a fine shall not be less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) if paid within fifteen (15) days of the violation and not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) if paid more than fifteen (15) days after violation.
- (k) Denial or cancellation of parking permit. All permits shall remain the property of the city. The director of public works shall have the power to deny the issuance of a permit or cancel an existing permit if the applicant causes or permits any of the violations specified in this section or is abusing the rights and privileges granted under this section. It shall be unlawful to use a cancelled permit and the holder of a cancelled permit shall surrender it to the director of public works immediately upon request.

Secs. 14-313-314—14-320. Reserved.

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Sec. 14-414. Ten-hour zones.

No person shall, during the hours set forth in this division, park a vehicle in any parking space on the following designated streets or off-street parking lots alongside of, next to, in front of, or behind which a ten-hour parking meter is installed, for a longer period of time than ten (10) hours at the rate established in section 14-413:

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Ash Street, north side, between Orr Street and St. James Street.

Ash Street, north side, from a point one hundred and fifty feet (150) west of College Avenue to St. Joseph Street.

Locust Street, north side, between one hundred twenty (120) feet west of the west curbline of Waugh Street and College Avenue.

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North Seventh Street, both sides, Ash Street to Park Avenue.

Orr Street, west side, from Park Avenue to a point eighty-four (84) feet north of the north curbline of Walnut Street.

Park Avenue, south side, from Seventh Street to Eighth Street.

St. Joseph Street, east side, between Park Avenue and Ash Street.

Walnut Street, both sides, from a point, one hundred fifty-six (156) feet east of Providence Road to Fifth Street.

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Sec. 14-416. Two-hour zones.

No person shall, during the hours set forth in this division, park a vehicle in any parking space on the following designated streets or off-street parking lots, alongside of, next to, in front of, or behind which a parking meter is installed, for a longer period of time than two (2) hours at the rate established in section 14-413:

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Municipal parking lot, located south of the Parking Plaza and north of the alley north of Broadway between Seventh and Eighth Streets, except the west four (4) parking spaces.

Orr Street, west side, from Walnut Street and Park Avenue.

St. James Street, east side, between Park Avenue and Ash Street.

St. James Street, west side, from a point one hundred forty feet (140) feet south of Park Avenue to Ash Street.

University Avenue, south side, between Ninth Street and Hitt Street.

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Sec. 14-416.1. One-hour zones.

No person shall, during the hours set forth in this division, park a vehicle in any parking space on the following designated streets or off-street parking lots, alongside of, next to, in front of, or behind which a parking meter is installed, for a longer period of time than one hour at the rate established in section 14-413:

Ash Street, north side, from College Avenue to a point one hundred and fifty (150) feet west.

Ash Street, south side, Eighth to Ninth.

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SECTION 2. At the request of the City Manager, the City Council hereby transfers \$20,000.00 from the Traffic Safety Project Account No. 440-8800-528.49-90, C40159 to the following accounts:

\$10,300.00	Temporary Positions	Account No. 110-6420-523.01-05
\$500.00	Data Processing	Account No. 110-6410-556.12-50
\$450.00	Telephone	Account No. 110-6420-523.35-33
\$390.00	Uniforms	Account No. 110-6420-523.17-01
\$250.00	Tickets/Envelopes	Account No. 110-1610-515.12-20
\$1,300.00	Fuel Oil and Lubricants	Account No. 110-6420-523.13-40
\$6,500.00	Construction Materials	Account No. 110-6410-601.11-00
\$310.00	Office Supplies	Account No. 110-6420-523.12-10

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this d	ay of, 2013.
ATTEST:	
City Clerk	Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
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City Counselor	

Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager and Staff

Council Meeting Date:

Dec 17, 2012

Agenda Item No:

Re: North Village - Parking by Permit Only and Meter Modifications

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff has prepared for Council consideration amendments to sections of Chapter 14 concerning parking changes in the North Village area, and transferring funds. These proposed changes are based on Council direction from the November 17, 2012 Council meeting.

DISCUSSION:

At the November 17, 2012 Council meeting, staff presented a report to Council regarding parking and traffic concerns in the North Village area, generally bordered by Park Avenue, Orr Street, Walnut Street and College Avenue. Staff worked with stakeholders to identify solutions that were generally acceptable, and proposed a combination of new meters, and establishing a Parking By Permit Only (PBPO) area to help resolve parking issues in the area.

In the November 17th report, staff proposed the following with respect to meter modifications in the area:

- 1. Install four new 10-hour meters on the north side of Ash between College Avenue and St. Joseph (now being modified based on additional stakeholder feedback to two 1-hour meters and two 10-hour meters)
- 2. Install 11 new 2-hour meters along the east side of St. James Street
- 3. Install 15 new 2-hour meters along the west side of St. James Street
- 4. Modify the existing meters along Orr Street to 2-hour meters (currently 10-hour)
- 5. Install 10-hour meters on the west side of St. Joseph Street (now being adjusted to the east side of St. Joseph Street)

Figure 1 (attached) identifies the proposed modifications.

Based on additional feedback and correspondence with stakeholders, staff has changed the initial recommendations to instead place meters on the east side of St. Joseph Street. Since there are fewer residences on the east side, there was support for this change and appeared to be little, or no, opposition to the change.

With respect to the Ash Street meters, staff concurs with stakeholders that the location could benefit from some 1-hour 'loading and unloading' type spaces. Currently there are no meters at this location, and nine vehicles regularly park between College Avenue and St. Joseph Street. Staff is confident that the addition of meters will lead to a reduction in the number of vehicles, and safe operation in this area of Ash Street. Staff will add a sign on the south side of Ash Street indicating "No Parking or Standing" which, coupled with the meter enforcement efforts, should curtail inappropriate parking in this area of Ash Street.

The stakeholders have worked diligently with staff to find ways to offset the probable costs of the PBPO project. At this point, staff is not fully confident that the program can operate on a cost neutral basis long term, but staff does believe the addition of the meters along one side of St. Joseph Street, and other meter modifications, should offset most, if not all, of the costs for the program in this area.

At this time, staff is recommending that a PBPO pilot project be established as outlined (See Figure 2) at no direct cost to the residents. If Council approves the ordinance amendments, staff intends to hold a stakeholder meeting in order to disseminate information and permit applications to the residents.

Staff recommends the following with respect to a PBPO area.

- 1. Establish a 6-month pilot project PBPO program that includes the following areas: the northern end of St. James Street, St. Joseph Street, Hubbell Drive, Ash Street between St. James and St. Joseph, and the west side of St. Joseph Street (see Figure 2). The addresses as outlined in the ordinance will cover these areas. If there are lettered addresses (for example 1205A, etc.), they will be eligible as well.
- 2. PBPO permits would be available for registration to anyone that owns property, or is a resident of property, within the defined PBPO area. In order to obtain a permit, residents in the area would be required to register a vehicle (up to two vehicles per residence) with the Parking Utility and provide an affidavit verifying that they are the owner, or rental agent with renter's name. A sticker would be issued for a specific vehicle indicating the vehicle is registered to park in the area; however, registered users would not be guaranteed a space, as there may be more permits issued than spaces available. Currently, residences do have off-street parking available to them, and staff does not anticipate over-parking of the area by permit holders. Permittees will still be required to comply with other City ordinances, such as parking no longer than 24 hours, and paying meter rates if parked at a meter, etc. Guests would need to park in meter spaces or find other parking accommodations. Staff does anticipate that there might be some general complaints about the trouble associated with having to obtain a permit, special event issues, ticket issues for not displaying a permit, etc., but the PBPO approach appears to be the best solution available at this time.
- 3. Parking stalls along the PBPO streets will be marked to better define appropriate parking locations and reduce closely parked vehicles. Parking stalls will be marked along Park Avenue as well.
- 4. Initially, \$20,000 of Traffic Safety funds will be used to jump start the program by allowing staff to make the modifications and hire additional enforcement.

If the program were to be expanded to other areas of the City, it is not known how to best cover the base costs for administration (materials, dedicated administrative staff time and enforcement) of a program. At this point, staff recommends delaying the expansion of this program until the pilot is complete.

A key item brought forward by stakeholders includes a desire to be involved in re-assessing how well the program is working. Staff will monitor the occupancy rates of the meters and other changes, and evaluate possible modifications. Staff is continuing a dialogue with residents about other, longer term, potential traffic modifications which should provide a platform to work on adjustments as needed. While the recommended solutions may not be ideal from every perspective, they are believed to provide the balance necessary to provide a program that maximizes resources, minimizes waste and is sustainable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost for the recommended changes is \$28,100 for this fiscal year, with \$20,000 being transferred from Traffic Safety funds, and the balance to be paid from the Parking Utility.

VISION IMPACT:

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

Downtown Columbia is a hip and vibrant district with a diversity of easily accessible businesses, residences, attractions and institutions; it is an exciting gathering place for all types of people.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Approve the amendments to Chapter 14 of the City Code, and transfer funds.

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	\$8,100.00	Duplicates/Epands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact		
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$20,000.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site		
Estimated 2 yea	ar net costs:	Resources Rec	juired	Vision Impact?	Yes	
One Time		Requires add'I FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	6	
Operating/ Ongoing	\$25,000.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	13.3	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #		



