



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: July 24, 2012
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Amend Critical Parking Area #21**

Recommendation:

- A. Adopt the Findings per Ordinance 478.710, and approve a "Type B" critical traffic and parking area, which will include the following city streets:

3000 Block of Knox Avenue South
3100 Block of Girard Avenue South

To be signed:

"No Parking, Except by Permit, 9AM to 2AM, MON - SUN" on Girard Ave South and
"No Parking, Except by Permit, 9AM to 10PM, MON - SUN" on Knox Ave South.

- B. Install metered parking on the 1300 block of 31st Street W and allow residential properties (1301, 1311, 1321, 1323 and 1325) of this block to be included in Critical Parking Area #21.

Previous Directives:

- Critical Parking Area #21 initially established 10/1/1999
- Critical Parking Area #21 modified 11/24/1999

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Approved:

Steven A. Kotke, P. E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Tim Drew

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Not Applicable
Civil Rights Group	Not Applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG)	Not Applicable

Financial Impact:

No financial impact.

Community Impact:

Neighborhood Notification: Neighborhood meetings on the issues and processes of Critical Parking Areas were conducted.

City Goals: A City That Works: Infrastructure is well-managed and maintained.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The requested Critical Parking Area (CPA) is being implemented due to parking congestion caused by customers, employees and visitors of adjacent businesses and recreational facilities. These vehicles take up the majority of the on-street parking. The critical parking permit process will help to ensure that residents have available parking close to home. The restricted timeframes for the 3100 block of Girard Avenue South and the 3000 block of Knox Avenue South were chosen because it is when the neighborhood is most active with vehicular traffic. In addition, metered parking will be installed at the 1300 Block of 31st Street W. However, residential properties (1301, 1311, 1321, 1323 and 1325) on that block will be included in CPA #21 and will be allowed to buy permits to park in the above signed areas.

The Critical Parking Area above will be signed “No Parking Except by Permit, 9AM to 2AM, Monday – Sunday” on Girard and “No Parking Except by Permit, 9AM to 10PM, Monday – Sunday” on Knox.

The above area meets the procedure for the establishment of a Critical Parking Area, which includes:

- A written petition signed by at least 75% of the dwelling units located within the proposed critical traffic and parking area;
- The number of non-resident parkers during the requested hours/days of enforcement exceeds thirty-three (33) percent of the number of on-street spaces in the area; and
- The minimum area exceeds one (1) block.

Findings

No critical traffic and parking area may be established unless the City Council shall have made the following findings:

- 1) The area is detrimentally impacted by parking of commuter, student, customer or visitor/guest vehicles generated by area businesses, institutions or recreational/entertainment facilities during the proposed hours of restriction.

The area is detrimentally impacted by vehicles from commuters, customers and visitors generated from area businesses and recreational facilities.

- 2) The area does not have sufficient off-street vehicular parking for the use and convenience of the residents thereof in the vicinity of their homes.

There is not sufficient off street parking for the addresses listed on the Critical Parking petitions.

- 3) Vehicle noise, pollution or congestion will work unacceptable hardships on residents of the area if present parking is allowed to continue unregulated.

Vehicle congestion and traffic circulation has increased and creates unacceptable hardships on the residents of the area.

- 4) The health, safety and welfare of residents of the area and the city as a whole and the attractiveness and livability of specific neighborhoods will be promoted by a system of preferential parking enacted under this section.

Excessive traffic and parking in the area will reduce the health, safety and welfare of the area thus resulting in a less attractive and livable neighborhood. The preferential parking will encourage more walking, biking, and bus connections that will assist in meeting the City's transportation goals.

The necessary findings for the establishment of a critical traffic and parking area, in accordance with section 478.710 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinance, have been met.

Attachment: Map of Area

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