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**To:** Municipal Services Committee  
**From:** Eric Lom, City Traffic Engineer  
**Date:** March 5, 2019  
**Re:** Parking restriction changes on the 200 block of N. Bennett Street  
*Follow-Up to Six-Month Trial Period*

The Traffic Section was contacted last summer by Alderperson Williams regarding a possible change to on-street parking restrictions on both sides of Bennett Street, between Washington Street and Franklin Street. Based on a request from a property owner, Alderperson Williams asked that we review the existing two-hour parking zone on that block and consider the possibility of removing it.

Based on a review of our files, it appears this zone was originally in 1973 in response to overflow parking associated with the Thompson Center and/or other commercial properties in the area. However, the land use in the area has changed enough over the years that the two-hour zone appears to no longer be needed.

As such, a 6-month trial was instituted to test the changes. No feedback was received regarding the changes. As such, we recommend making the changes permanent.

**To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:**

1. **Repeal Ord. 31-73:** "Parking be restricted to two hours on both sides of North Bennett Street from West College Avenue to West Franklin Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sundays and Holidays excepted."