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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Michael Hardy, Assistant City Traffic Engineer
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Re: Proposed parking changes on Plateau St., between Wisconsin Av. and Jardin St.

The Traffic Section recently received complaints regarding the parking situation on the 1100/1200 block of Plateau Street (between Wisconsin Avenue and Jardin Street). The complainants raised concerns about the ability to drive down the street and access properties on this block during times when cars are parked on both sides of the street.

This narrow block (27 feet wide) is located east of Owaissa Street. The saturation of parked cars on the street seems to be occurring when Mark's East Side restaurant reaches capacity in their parking lot. Based on conversations with the restaurant staff, evenings on weekends and other seasonal times (Lent, etc.) seem to be the most common times when parking predictably overflows onto Plateau Street. Otherwise, observations show parking on this block varies throughout the day, up to about five cars.

We view this situation as a safety issue, as the roadway is simply not wide enough to accommodate parking on both sides, while still providing emergency and maintenance vehicle access and ease of travel to the public (see picture below).



Figure 1 – Plateau Street, looking north toward Wisconsin Avenue

Based on the City's *Narrow Street Parking Policy*, roadways with a width of 27 feet should have parking removed from one side in order to provide adequate emergency vehicle access and the safe flow of two-way traffic.

To address this, we recommend removing parking from one side of the block. With the restaurant located on the east side of the street, we recommend parking be removed on the west side. This also provides the opportunity to utilize existing wood utility poles for sign mounting if parking were removed from the west side.

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Create:** "Parking be prohibited on the west side of Plateau Street from Wisconsin Avenue to Jardin Street."