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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Eric Lom, City Traffic Engineer
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Re: Proposed parking changes on South Court, between John Street and South Street

In response to complaints, the City's Traffic Section recently reviewed the parking configuration on South Court, between South Street and John Street.

This very narrow block (26 feet wide) is located in the Lawrence University area, and includes a relatively steep hill (see picture below). Parking is currently prohibited on the west side of the block and allowed on the east side of the block. We recently received complaints from our snow plow drivers who stated that they could not safely fit their trucks down this street during the winter months when snowbanks tend to narrow the street.

Our review confirmed that the combination of factors in this case (the steep slope of the road, the narrowness of the roadway and the parked cars) creates a hazardous situation for roadway maintenance operations and two-way traffic during the winter months. As such, we recommend removal of parking from the east side of this block during that time frame.



South Court looking north towards John Street

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Create:** "Parking be prohibited from November 1st to April 1st on the east side of South Court from South Street to John Street."