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**To:** Municipal Services Committee  
**From:** Eric Lom, P.E., City Traffic Engineer  
**Date:** January 6, 2023  
**Re:** Possible 6-month evaluation for parking changes on Prospect Av (300W) & Fifth St (400W)

In response to concerns raised by Alderperson Kristin Alfheim and a number of her constituents, the City’s Traffic Section recently assessed the possibility of removing existing two-hour parking restrictions in the two locations described below (and shown in green on Figure 1):

1. The north side of Fifth Street (from Walnut Street to Elm Street): This block is 32 feet wide, which is typical of most residential streets in this area. The existing parking configuration consists of a *No Parking* restriction on the entire south side of the block and a two-hour restriction on most of the north side of the block. According to City records, the two-hour restriction on the north side was created in 2013 at the request of the neighborhood and the previous alderperson. We would not anticipate any public safety concerns if this restriction were eliminated.
2. The south side of Prospect Avenue, east of Sixth Street: This block is 52 feet wide. The existing configuration prohibits parking on the majority of both sides, with the exception of a ~280’ section on the south side which is posted with a two-hour restriction. According to City records, parking was restricted to two hours on the south side in 1980 in conjunction with a roadway reconstruction project. We would not anticipate any public safety concerns if this restriction were eliminated.

Based on the totality of the information, we are supportive of approving Alderperson Alfheim’s request for a six-month evaluation period to eliminate the two-hour restrictions discussed above. At the end of the evaluation period, we would conduct a review and make a recommendation, which would subsequently be brought to the Municipal Services Committee and Common Council for final action.

Letters were mailed to all affected properties advising them of this request and inviting comments and/or participation in the 2/6/23 Municipal Services Committee meeting.

**Figure 1: Proposed On-Street Parking Changes (6-Month Evaluation Period)**

