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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Eric Lom, City Traffic Engineer
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Re: Parking restriction change on Lawrence Street, east of Mason St (by St. Matthew Church)
Follow-Up to Six-Month Trial Period

The Traffic Section was contacted by a representative of St. Matthew Lutheran Church regarding a parking issue on Lawrence Street, adjacent to their property. Due to the loss of parking on Mason Street due to the addition of bike lanes a number of years ago, on-street parking for St. Matthew's has become more challenging. Specifically, the church was looking for an area for their physically disabled parishioners to drop off and/or park near their front doors.

Based on our review of the situation, there was agreement that the addition of two on-street handicapped-accessible stalls would adequately address the concerns without any substantial downside. As such, we instituted a 6-month trial to test the change.

Upon review at the end of the trial period, it was determined the change had adequately addressed the issue. Additionally, we have received no negative feedback regarding this change. As such we recommend making the change permanent.

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Create:** "Parking be reserved for vehicles displaying a Wisconsin State Handicap placard or Disabled/Disabled Veteran license plates on the north side of Lawrence Street, from a point 168 feet west of Mason Street to a point 231 feet west of Mason Street."