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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Mike Hardy, Assistant Traffic Engineer
Date: February 22, 2022
Re: Parking restriction change on the 1300 block of W. Harris Street (west of Mason Street)
Follow-Up to Six-Month Trial Period

In response to a concern raised by Alderperson Smith, the City implanted a new parking restriction for a 6-month trial period that began in September 2021. The new parking restriction was placed on the north side of Harris Street, west of Mason Street. The concern was when cars are parked on both sides of the street near Mason Street, it complicates the safe navigation of two-way traffic on Harris Street, especially when turning off Mason Street.



Figure 1: 6-Month Trial; NO PARKING Restriction, north side of Harris Street, extending 50-FT west of Mason Street

Feedback received from the Alderperson and residents during trial indicated it was effective, but there is a preference to move the parking restriction from the north side of Harris Street to the south side. During the trial, several vehicles belonging to Mason Street residents were routinely parked on Harris Street, with demand ranging from 0 to 3 vehicles parked at any given time. Most of the time, there was one or zero vehicles parked.



Figure 2: Post Trial Recommendation; NO PARKING Restriction, south side of Harris Street, extending 115-FT west of Mason Street

Our office supports the request to keep the restriction but move it to the south side of the street. The preference to move the restriction to the south side would help keep vehicles approaching Mason Street on the preferred side of the roadway. We feel limiting the parking restriction on Harris Street to one side is an effective balance to support the on-street parking needs of Mason Street residents and the safe navigation of two-way traffic on Harris Street near Mason Street. The restriction is extended to the second driveway since the space between the driveways is too small to legally park a common size vehicle.

A letter was mailed to nearby properties advising them of the recommended change. Feedback received is attached.

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Create:** “Parking be prohibited on the south side of Harris Street from Mason Street to a point 115 feet west of Mason Street.”

Michael Hardy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 9:30 AM
To: Michael Hardy
Subject: Concerns

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Hello,

We received the letter about moving the no parking sign at the intersection of Harris St and Mason St. By moving this no parking sign you are just diverting the problem back to the other side again. And now again people will be parked in the crosswalk and in front of the driveway near by. We have seen this issue cause problems for the city and county workers picking up the trash, recycling, snow removal and leaf collection and even the residents in this neighborhood. We have already discussed this with the Alderman. The parking habits of the people are different in the winter than they are in the summer time. Please reconsider this.

The Kozlovsky Household

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401 N Mason St
(NW Corner of Mason/Harris)

Michael Hardy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 3:12 PM
To: Michael Hardy
Subject: Parking restriction change

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Re: Parking restriction change on the 1300 block of W. Harris Street (west of Mason St)

Since my family moved into our home in 2013 there has never been any parking restrictions on the 1300 block of W. Harris. I have never seen, experienced or known of anyone who has experienced an accident on that portion of the street. For years people were able to safely navigate the two way traffic without complication. For those of us that live on Mason Street that don't have any parking options in front of our homes due to the city street layout, the side street of Harris is essential for parking. I am strongly opposed to any parking restrictions for the street of Harris. Many of us have small narrow driveways and cannot park more than 2 cars without blocking the sidewalk. These parking restrictions would cause extreme burden and increased safety risk for those of us that need that side street to park. We use this side street for temporary parking when rearranging vehicles, to allow other household members or visitors out, to allow a contractor plumber, internet installer, or delivery driver to park in our driveway, or to remove the wall of snow that the city plow pushed into our driveway. I'd park on Harris, walk to my house, and unblock my driveway so I could park my car. Having to park and walk down the road when it's icy, cold, and dark is bad enough. Increase the distance, my age, or make me a mom with a newborn and the risk levels multiply. Delivery drivers use the 1300 block of West Harris for temporary parking along with police officers. I viewed 2 police vehicles parked where the current 6 month parking restriction is while the restriction was in full effect. Once again I strongly oppose any parking restrictions for the 1300 block of W. Harris. There should be no new restrictions and the temporary 6 month trial restriction should be removed. I ask before you consider any parking restrictions lookup 417 N Mason, imagine living there. Your truck is blocked. You have to park your spouse's car down on Harris, then walk back to the house to get the truck, park the truck on Harris, then jump back in the car, park the car in the driveway, then walk back to Harris for the truck. Now add 3 kids with after school activities and a company work van to the vehicle swapping mix. I invite you to park on Harris and walk to my driveway and back to your vehicle and imagine doing this multiple times per day. I'm not the only household that has to swap vehicles like this daily and even without the parking restrictions there have been times that Harris is full and I had to park on Franklin. I hope in reading this you can understand why I strongly oppose parking restrictions on Harris. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ellen Wight
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

417 N Mason St
Appleton, WI 54914

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