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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Eric Lom, City Traffic Engineer
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Re: Proposed parking changes on Eldorado St, between Lawe Street and Meade Street

The Traffic Section recently received a number of complaints regarding the parking situation on the 700 block of E. Eldorado Street (between Lawe Street and Meade Street). The complainants generally raised concerns about the ability of emergency vehicles to access properties on this block during times when cars are parked on both sides of the street.

This narrow block (28 feet wide) is located just west of Edison Elementary School. There are typically cars parked bumper-to-bumper along a significant portion of the block on school days.

We view this issue as a significant safety issue, as the roadway is simply not wide enough to safely accommodate parking on both sides, while still providing emergency and maintenance vehicle access (see picture below). To address this, we recommend removing parking from one side of the block, as is our normal procedure. While we do not have a strong preference as to which side should have the parking removed, we could likely utilize existing wood utility poles for sign mounting if parking were removed from the north side.



Figure 1 - Eldorado Street at Meade Street, Looking West

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Create:** “Parking be prohibited on the north side of Eldorado Street from Lawe Street to Meade Street.”