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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Eric Lom, City Traffic Engineer
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Re: Proposed parking change on Drew Street, north of North Street
Follow-Up to Evaluation Period

In response to safety concerns, the City's Traffic Section recently reviewed the Drew St / North St intersection. Based on this review, several changes were made in an attempt to reduce crashes, which included: 1) the addition of stop lines and crosswalk markings for eastbound and westbound North Street, the addition of secondary (left-side) stop signs for eastbound and westbound North St, and 3) a staff-initiated six-month evaluation period to remove parking on the west side of Drew Street, just north of the intersection, as a way of improving sight lines for eastbound traffic.

The adjacent property owner, First English Lutheran Church, was contacted, and they had no objection to the plan to remove parking.

The changes appear to have had a positive impact on safety at the intersection, with zero crashes being reported during the six-month evaluation period (there had been 18 reported crashes during the preceding five-year period). We have not received any negative feedback from the community. Based on this, we recommend the changes be made permanent. To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Create:** "Parking be prohibited on the west side of Drew Street from North Street to a point 64 feet north of North Street."