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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Eric Lom, City Traffic Engineer
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Re: Proposed parking restriction removal on Arnold Street
Proposed Six-Month Trial Period

At the request of Alderperson Croatt and residents in the area, the City's Traffic Section recently assessed the possibility of removing the existing two-hour parking restriction (7 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Sat/Sun/Hol) on both sides of Arnold Street (from Lawe Street to Meade Street). Many of the Arnold Street residents are of the opinion that the restriction is no longer needed.

The existing restriction was enacted in 2002 at the request of the neighborhood in an attempt to eliminate long-term on-street parking that was occurring. It was assumed at that time that the long-term parkers were employees from the nearby hospital. Since 2002, the hospital has constructed a parking ramp and an additional employee-only parking lot. For this reason, we believe it is reasonable to assume that the demand for long-term parking on Arnold Street may no longer exist.

Property owners on this block were surveyed by mail. We received five responses, which equates to a 62% response rate. All respondents supported the idea of removing the restriction for a six-month trial period. Based on this, we recommend moving forward with such a trial.

If approved, the signs would be removed in early September. At the end of the trial period, a recommendation would be made to the Municipal Services Committee as to whether or not the changes should be made permanent.

