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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Michael S. Hardy, Assistant City Traffic Engineer
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Re: Recommended parking changes; 100 N. Catherine Street, and Washington Street (between Catherine Street and Green Bay Road)

The Traffic Section recently received a complaint from a property owner, requesting that parking be removed on the east side of the 100 block of N. Catherine Street. The property owner expressed concern that parked cars were very close to the house and there was no privacy. The property owner indicated privately hired contractors and pedestrians walking across the College Avenue Fox River Bridge often park on this street.

The block of 100 N. Catherine Street, between Green Bay Road (curve by College Ave) and Washington Street is a relatively narrow roadway (only 27 feet between curb faces) which is not designed to accommodate any significant degree of on-street parking. The City's *Narrow Street Parking Policy* states that parking should be removed from one side of any streets that are 27 feet wide or less. This policy was implemented to assist with emergency vehicle clearance, and the safety and ease of public travel. This block of Catherine Street is also a part of the City's signed and designated "bike route" system.

While investigating, it was identified that the nearby section of Washington Street, between Catherine Street and Green Bay Road was even narrower (only 20 feet between curb faces). The City's *Narrow Street Parking Policy* supports removing parking from one side of this section of Washington Street as well.

Considering the above, the Traffic section recommends restricting parking on the east side of 100 N. Catherine Street. Also recommended is restricting parking on the north side of Washington Street, between Catherine Street and Green Bay Road. See Figure 1 on the next page for an illustration of the recommended new parking restrictions.

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Create:** "Parking be prohibited on the east side of Catherine Street between Green Bay Road and Washington Street."
2. **Create:** "Parking be prohibited on the north side of Washington Street between Green Bay Road and Catherine Street."

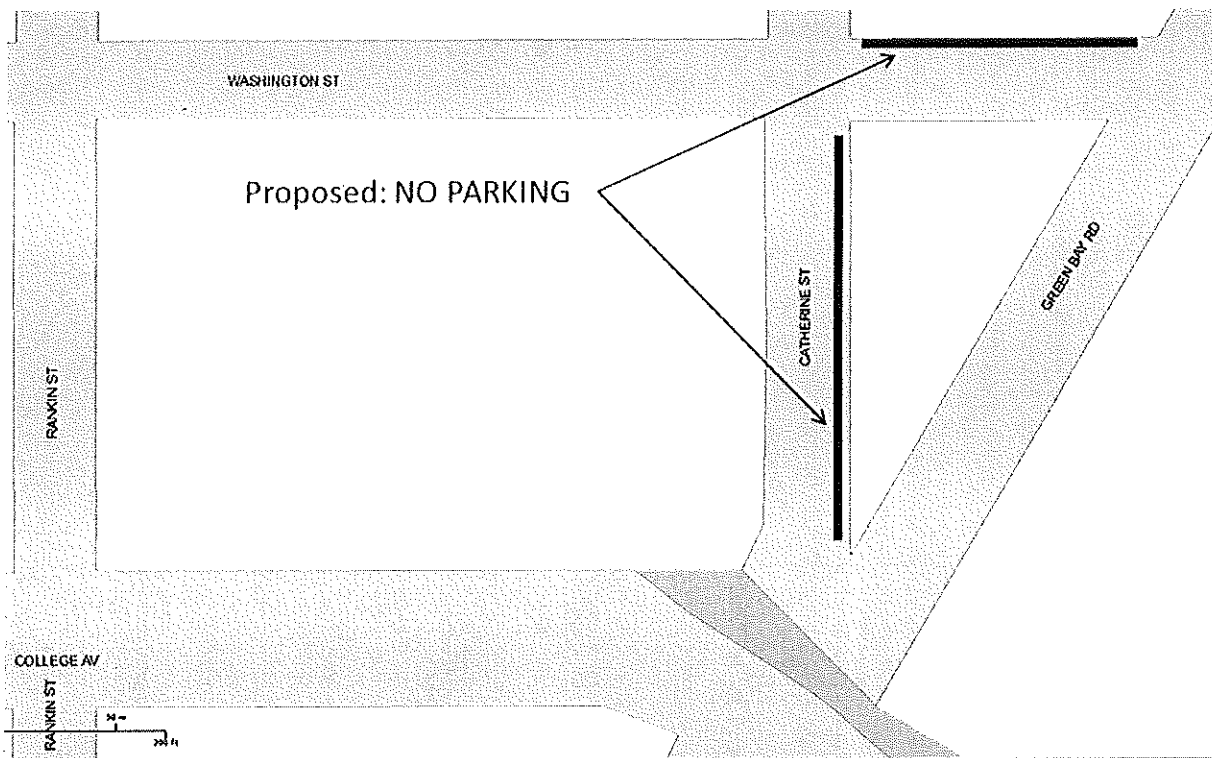


Figure 1: Illustration of recommended new parking restrictions.