

AGENDA
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 16, 2012 – 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM - TROY CITY HALL
500 W. BIG BEAVER ROAD

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – April 18, 2012

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Reconsideration – Remove No Parking Restrictions – Hickory, Plum to Kirkton
Requested by Stevan Popovic, 353 Hickory
4. Establish No Parking Zone – Gloucester at Saint Alan Church
Requested by Reverend Donald Demmer, 3077 Gloucester
5. Extend No Parking Zone – Brooklawn Court
Requested by Linda Houff, 1072 Brooklawn Court & Tyra Lewis, 1068 Brooklawn Court
6. Public Comment
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

cc: Item 3: Stevan Popovic, 353 Hickory
Residents on Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton

Item 4: Reverend Donald Demmer, Saint Alan Church, 3077 Gloucester
Danielle Galbraith, Buckingham Square Apartments, 3100 Gloucester

Item 5: Linda Houff, 1072 Brooklawn Court
Tyra Lewis, 1068 Brooklawn Court
1050 and 1092 Brooklawn
1060, 1064, 1076 and 1080 Brooklawn Court

Traffic Committee Members
Lt. Robert Redmond & Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
William J. Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MESSAGE TO VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS

The Traffic Committee is composed of seven Troy citizens who have volunteered their time to the City to be involved in traffic and safety concerns. The stated role of this Committee is:

- a. To give first hearing to citizens' requests and obtain their input.
- b. To make recommendations to the City Council based on technical considerations, traffic surveys, established standards, and evaluation of citizen input.
- c. To identify hazardous locations and recommend improvements to reduce the potential for traffic accidents.

Final decisions on sidewalk waivers will be made by the Committee at this meeting.

The recommendations and conclusions arrived at on regular items this evening will be forwarded to the City Council for their final action. Any citizen can discuss these recommendations before City Council. The items discussed at the Traffic Committee meeting will be placed on the City Council Agenda by the City Manager. The earliest date these items might be considered by City Council would normally be 10 days to 2 weeks from the Traffic Committee meeting. If you are interested, you may wish to contact the City Manager's Office in order to determine when a particular item is on the Agenda.

Persons wishing to speak before this Committee should attempt to hold their remarks to no more than 5 minutes. Please try to keep your remarks relevant to the subject at hand. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. These comments are made to keep this meeting moving along. Anyone wishing to be heard will be heard; we are here to listen and help in solving or resolving your particular concerns.

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Reconsideration – Request to Remove No Parking Restrictions – Hickory, Plum to Kirkton

This item was originally considered at the April 18, 2012 Traffic Committee meeting but was tabled to a future meeting. Stevan Popovic of 353 Hickory requested that the No Parking restrictions on the south side of Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton be removed so that residents can park on one side of Hickory.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS (Item 3):

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the “No Parking” zone on the south side of Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton be removed.
- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee recommends no changes to the existing parking regulations on Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton.

4. Request to Establish No Parking Zone – Gloucester at Saint Alan Church

Reverend Donald Demmer, of Saint Alan Church at 3077 Gloucester, requested that a No Parking zone be established near the driveway to their parking lot on the south side of Gloucester.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS (Item 4):

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee recommends that a “NO PARKING, TOW AWAY” zone be established on the south side of Gloucester, from the driveway to the Saint Alan Church parking lot to a point 25 feet west.
- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee recommends no changes to the existing parking regulations on Gloucester.

5. Request to Extend No Parking Zone – Brooklawn Court

Linda Houff of 1072 Brooklawn Court and Tyra Lewis of 1068 Brooklawn Court, requested that the No Parking zone in the cul-de-sac area be extended to cover the entire cul-de-sac. The current no parking zone starts midway along 1050 Brooklawn and ends approximately at the property line between 1076 and 1080 Brooklawn Court.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS (Item 5):

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the existing No Parking zone be extended to encompass the entire Brooklawn Court cul-de-sac, ending at a point near the northeasterly edge of the driveway to 1080 Brooklawn Court.
- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee recommends no changes to the existing parking regulations on Brooklawn Court.

6. Public Comment

7. Other Business

8. Adjourn

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, April 18, 2012 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Sarah Binkowski
Ted Halsey
Richard Kilmer
David Ogg
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: John Diefenbaker
Al Petrusis

Also present: Stevan Popovic, 353 Hickory
Jim Myers, 320 Hickory
Sergeant Michael Szuminski, Troy Police Dept.
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – March 21, 2012

RESOLUTION # 2012-04-10

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Binkowski

To approve the March 21, 2012 minutes as printed.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Petrusis)
MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Request to Remove No Parking Restrictions – Hickory, Plum to Kirkton

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Mr. Popovic was present at the meeting and submitted a petition signed by residents in favor of removing the No Parking signs on the south side of Hickory. This petition was signed by nine (9)

of the seventeen (17) properties with homes. Of these nine, five (5) are on the north side of Hickory while four (4) of ten (10) properties with homes on the south side signed the petition. Mr. Popovic discussed his concerns regarding the lack of on street parking on either side of Hickory and the hardship that it presents to residents.

Jim Myers of 320 Hickory supported leaving the No Parking zone in place. Mr. Myers discussed his concerns that involved Hickory being a narrow road with ditches and the fact that if a car parks fully on the road it is impossible for two vehicles to pass in opposite directions. Mr. Myers also discussed people parking on the south side of Hickory, blocking the mailboxes, and causing mail to not be delivered. He also discussed parked vehicles hindering his ability to use his driveway.

Mr. Kilmer noted that there are cars parking on the south side of Hickory in violation of the posted signs.

Ms. Binkowski asked about removing the No Parking zone on the north side and just limiting the No Parking areas near the fire hydrants.

Lt. Caloia expressed concerns about emergency vehicle access and response times due to the narrow road should parking be allowed on Hickory.

Mr. Ogg requested that Traffic Engineering explore the possibility of moving the mailboxes to the north side of the street.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

Traffic Engineering received two (2) emails opposing the removal of the No Parking zone prior to the meeting. Subsequent to the meeting, Traffic Engineering received two (2) phone calls opposing the removal of the No Parking zone.

A resolution to make No Changes was moved by Kilmer and seconded by Halsey, but the motion failed. A second resolution to allow parking on the south side was moved by Binkowski, but no second was received so the motion was withdrawn.

The item was tabled by the Traffic Committee for reconsideration at the May meeting. Additional information requested by the Traffic Committee was:

1. Width of the street at various locations
2. Possibility of moving the mailboxes to the north side of the street that is already posted No Parking due to fire hydrants.

RESOLUTION # 2012-04-11

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Ogg

RESOLVED, that the request to remove the No Parking restrictions on Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton be tabled to the May 18, 2012 Traffic Committee meeting.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Halsey, Ogg, Ziegenfelder)
NO: 1 (Kilmer)
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Petrulis)
MOTION CARRIED

4. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

5. Other Business

Mr. Halsey reports that a manhole in the northwest corner of Maple and Livernois is sinking. Traffic Engineering will refer this issue to the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Halsey reports that the left turn phase for eastbound Maple to Northbound Livernois does not seem to be operating correctly as he has experienced times when there has been no green phase for left turn motorists at the light. Traffic Engineering will forward the concern to the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) for investigation.

Mr. Ogg asked why there is no longer a left turn light from northbound Dequindre to the Beaumont Hospital driveway. Traffic Engineering will discuss with the RCOC.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary



TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

April 30, 2012

TO: Traffic Committee

FROM: Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/ Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Hickory, Plum to Kirkton
No Parking Restrictions

Background:

This item was originally considered at the April 18, 2012 Traffic Committee meeting but was tabled to a future meeting (a copy of the item from the April meeting is attached).

Additional information is provided for Traffic Committee consideration:

1. What is the width of the street?
 - a. The width varies from 20.6' to 21.0' on Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton. Hickory, between Livernois and Plum varies between 20.8' to 21.5'.
2. Can the mailboxes on the south side be moved to the north side?
 - a. The USPS will not consider moving the mailboxes to the north side of the road based on (copy of email response is attached):
 - i. The current location has been in place for over 40 years.
 - ii. The established line of delivery would have to be modified.
 - iii. Residents would have to pay to move the mailboxes (the post office does not pay to move mailboxes).
 - iv. USPS would not allow just the mailboxes on the section of Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton to be moved. The entire street would have to be moved, which would involve approximately 65 residents.
3. The petition that was submitted at the April meeting was signed by nine (9) of seventeen (17) residents on Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton.
 - a. Five (5) signatures are for properties on the north side of Hickory (seven (7) houses on north side).
 - b. Four (4) signatures are for properties on the south side of Hickory (ten (10) houses on south side).

Recommendations:

If still supported by a majority of residents on Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton, then staff would support keeping the No Parking zone in place. If a majority of residents are opposed to maintaining the No Parking zone then it should be removed.

(from April 18, 2012 TC Meeting)



TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

April 3, 2012

TO: Traffic Committee

FROM: Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/ Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Hickory, Plum to Kirkton
No Parking Restrictions

Background:

Stevan Popovic of 353 Hickory requested that the No Parking restrictions on the south side of Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton be removed so that residents can park on one side of Hickory. The north side is posted No Parking due to fire hydrants. The south side of Hickory is posted No Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The current No Parking zone on the south side was approved by Traffic Control Order #79-2-P and has been in place since April 16, 1979.

The south side of Hickory was posted No Parking in response to resident requests to allow access to mailboxes by the post office vehicles. This item was last considered by the Traffic Committee at their meeting of July 21, 1999 when a resident on Hickory requested that the parking restrictions be modified from Livernois to Kirkton to allow parking on one side of Hickory. The Traffic Committee recommended no changes to the existing parking regulations at that time (copy of the 1999 minutes are attached).

"No Parking" restrictions, on both sides of a local road, are not common in Troy. One side is typically posted "No Parking" due to fire hydrants while the other side is available for parking. "No Parking" zones beyond these normal situations are typically posted at the request of adjacent residents.

The post office was contacted and asked about their knowledge and/or input on this issue but did not respond to email requests and/or voicemail messages.

Recommendations:

If still supported by a majority of residents on Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton, then staff would support keeping the No Parking zone in place. If a majority of residents are opposed to maintaining the No Parking zone then it should be removed.

William J Huotari

From: William J Huotari
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 4:17 PM
To: William J Huotari
Subject: FW: Hickory - No Parking

From: Brown-York, Betty - Troy, MI [<mailto:betty.brown-york@usps.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2012 8:34 AM
To: William J Huotari
Subject: RE: Hickory - No Parking

Good Morning Bill,

I talked to the Postmaster and we are not going to persue the idea of changing the mailboxes to the North side of Hickory.

There are about 65 Residents that would have to pay to have their mailboxes moved and it would change the established line of delivery (that has been in effect for over 40 years). Changing would not be in the best interest of the Residents or of the USPS.

Thanks,
Betty

From: William J Huotari [<mailto:HuotariWJ@troymi.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2012 8:36 AM
To: Brown-York, Betty - Troy, MI
Subject: RE: Hickory - No Parking

Betty, I sent the email below back in March and see that you read it on March 29, 2012 at 8:48 AM, but to date I have not received a response . I have also left you a couple of voice mail messages.

If you are not the correct person to review this request, could you provide me with the proper contact person at the USPS to discuss this with? Feel free to forward my email to that person and if you could be so kind as to copy me on the forward, then I can contact that person directly.

The item was tabled at the Traffic Committee meeting on April 18th and will be reconsidered at the May 16th meeting and one reason for tabling the item was relative to the question about moving the mailbox locations to the north side where there is permanent no parking due to fire hydrants.

Sincerely,

Bill Huotari, P.E.
Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

From: William J Huotari
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 11:25 AM

To: Betty Brown York (betty.brown-york@usps.gov)

Subject: FW: Hickory - No Parking

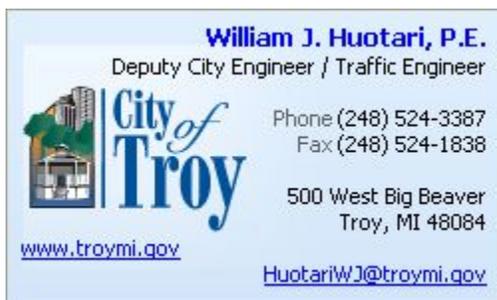
Betty, I have a request to remove the No Parking restrictions on the south side of Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton. Currently, the south side of the road (where the mailboxes are) is posted No Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. I did not find the original minutes from when this was approved back in 1979, but the No Parking zone on the south side was approved to facilitate access to the mailboxes by the post office vehicles. This was reconsidered in 1999, but the Traffic Committee recommended no changes at that time.

My questions for you:

1. Do you have any knowledge of how/why this No Parking zone was established? It is not common to have both sides of the road posted as No Parking (the north side of the road is posted No Parking due to fire hydrants).
2. It appears that back in 1999, a resident did contact the post office about moving mailboxes from the south side of Hickory to the north side, but were told that the post office would not allow this. Is this still the current regulation that mailboxes cannot be moved?
3. If the south side were to have the No Parking restriction removed, would the post office have any issue with that? Hickory, east of Kirkton has mailboxes on the south side of the road with only the north side posted as No Parking due to fire hydrants.

If you need additional information, please let me know.

Thanks, Bill



Request to remove the No Parking Zone

This is a petition to remove the No Parking Zone on the south side of Hickory between Plum and Kirkton. This will be discussed and presented on April 18, 2012 at 7:30 during the Traffic Committee Meeting. If you agree and would like to have the No Parking Zone removed please sign this petition. I will be attending the meeting and will present this petition to the committee.

Address	Printed Name	Signature	Date
1. 353 Hickory Troy MI 48083	STEVEN POWIE	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-18-2012
^{VACANT} 2. 345 Hickory Troy MI 48083	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
3. 383 Hickory Troy MI 48083	MARVIN PRINE	Meil Prine	4-18-12
4. 391 Hickory Troy MI 48083	Shirley Rodgers	Shirley Rodgers	4-18-12
5. 384 Hickory Troy MI 48083	Sharon VanHorne	Sharon VanHorne	4-18-12
^{SAME ADDRESS} 6. 384 Hickory Troy MI 48083	Bill VanHorne	Bill VanHorne	4-18-12
7. 392 Hickory Troy MI 48083	Marie Pastanack	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-18-12
8. 321 Hickory Troy MI 48083	CHRISTINE HEIDT	Christine Heidt	4-18-12
^{NO. 155} 9. 303 Hickory Troy MI 48083			
10. 369 Hickory Troy MI 48083	SANDY FAVER	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-18-12

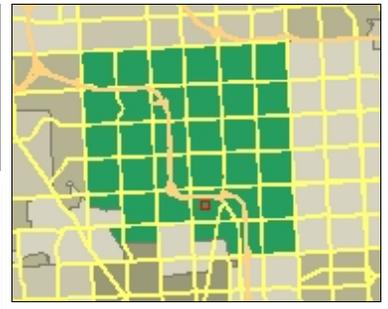
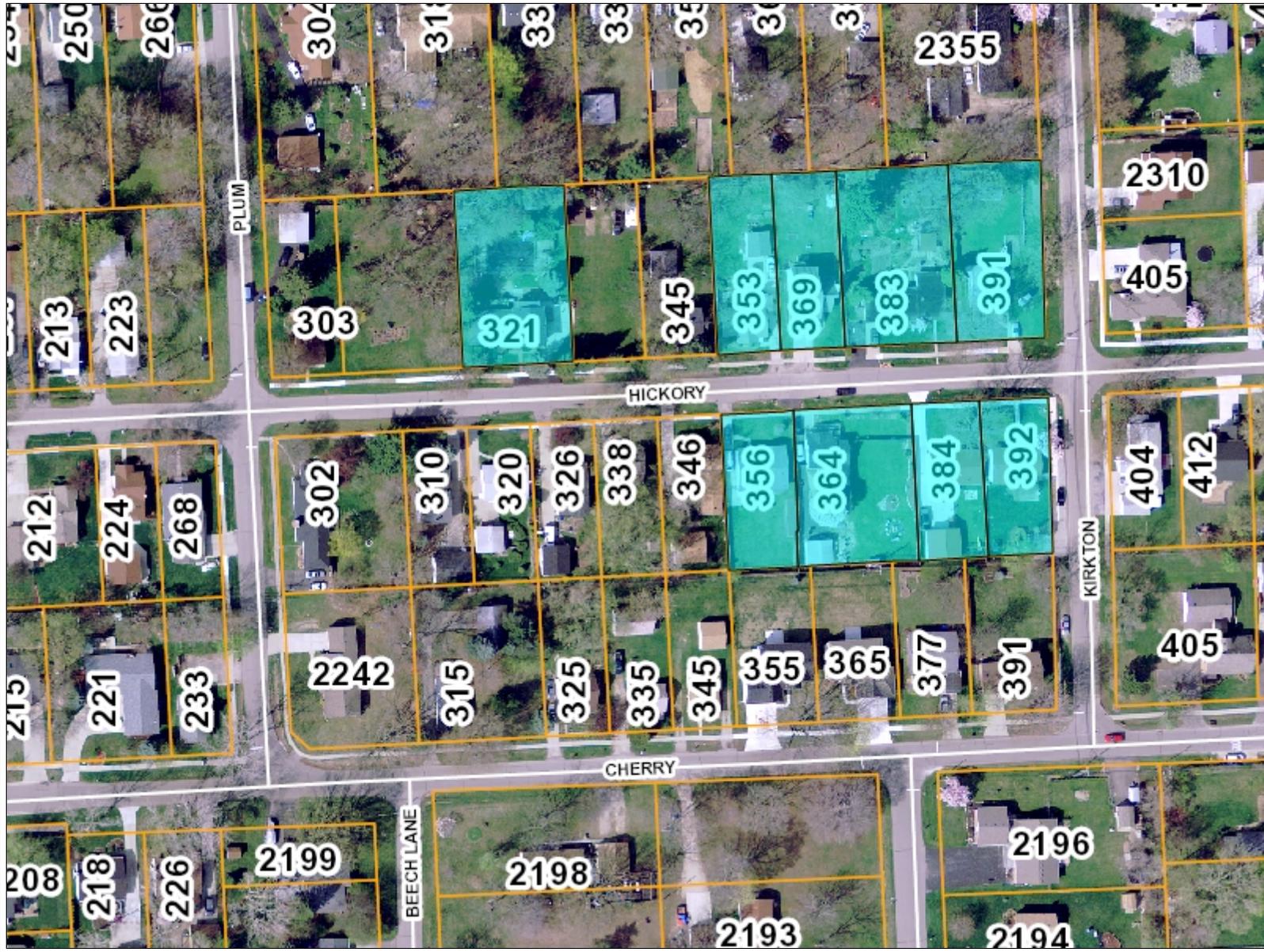
THANK YOU

Request to remove the No Parking Zone

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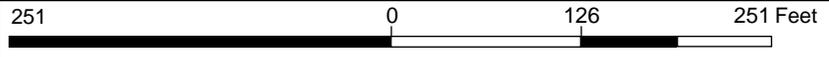
- | | Address | Printed Name | Signature | Date |
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| 11. | 356 Hickory Dr Troy MI 48063 | Rhonda Saha | Rhonda Saha | 4/18/12 |
| 12. | 364 Hickory Dr Troy MI 48063 | ROSS W REYNOLDS | Ross Reynolds | 4/18/2012 |
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Notes
Hickory, Plum to Kirkton



TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

May 2, 2012

TO: Traffic Committee

FROM: Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/ Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Gloucester at Saint Alan Church
No Parking Restrictions

Background:

Reverend Donald Demmer, of Saint Alan Church at 3077 Gloucester, requested that a No Parking zone be established near the driveway to their parking lot on the south side of Gloucester. Vehicles park so close to the entrance on the south side of Gloucester that vision is obstructed for traffic entering/exiting the parking lot. The parking lot entrance is also in close proximity to the Gloucester at Coolidge intersection potentially causing additional driver confusion.

The north side of Gloucester is posted as No Parking due to fire hydrants. The area directly adjacent to Saint Alan Church is also posted as a No Parking zone (drop off zone). The area between the east side of the driveway and Coolidge highway is posted as a No Parking Tow Away zone.

Vehicles parking along the south side of Gloucester appear to be residents from the Buckingham Square apartment complex on the north side of Gloucester. There is substantial room along the south side of Gloucester for parking west of the driveway, down to Wexford at the west end of Gloucester.

Recommendations:

Recommend that a "NO PARKING, TOW AWAY" zone be established on the south side of Gloucester, from the driveway to the Saint Alan Church parking lot to a point 25 feet west.

SAINT ALAN CHURCH
3077 Gloucester
Troy, MI 48084

Mr. William Huotari
City of Troy
Traffic/Engineering Dept.
500 West Big Beaver
Troy, MI 48094

Dear Mr. Huotari:

Saint Alan Church at 3077 Gloucester has been experiencing some traffic problems at the Gloucester entrance to its parking lot just west of Coolidge Highway. Vehicles park so close to the entrance on the south side of Gloucester that good, clear vision for entering and leaving the parking lot is seriously impeded. There have been some close-call accidents. A positive response to this request could possibly save us from accidents in a very congested location.

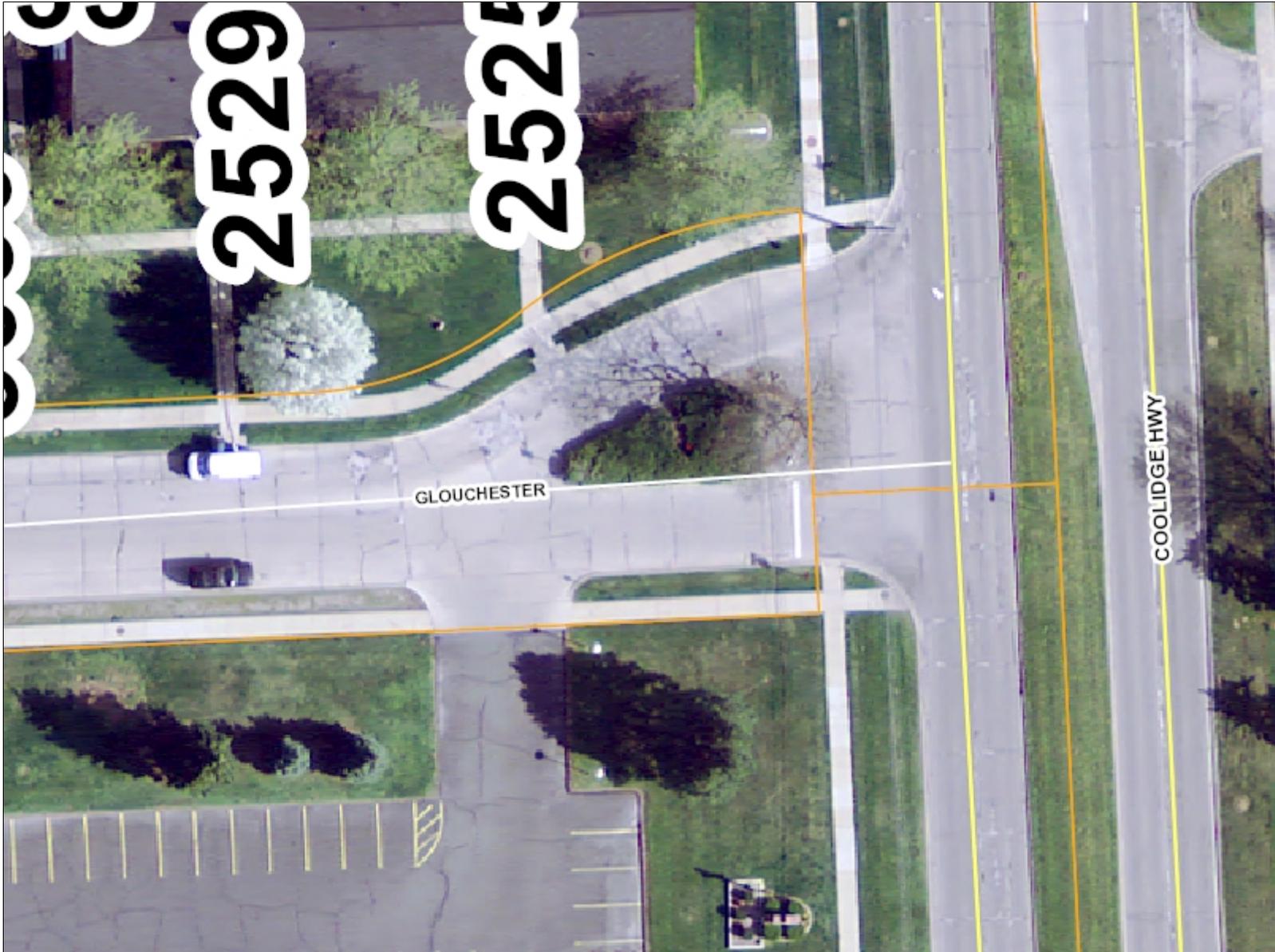
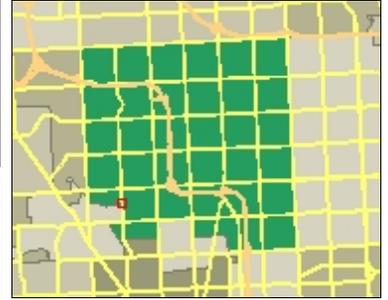
The church is asking that a sign be placed on the west side of the parking lot entrance which would prohibit parking at least within a car's length distance from the driveway entrance. Whatever can be done would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Reverend Donald Demmer
Saint Alan Church
3077 Gloucester
Troy, MI 48084



Legend

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Notes
Gloucester at Church Driveway









TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

May 2, 2012

TO: Traffic Committee

FROM: Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/ Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Brooklawn Court
Extend No Parking Restrictions

Background:

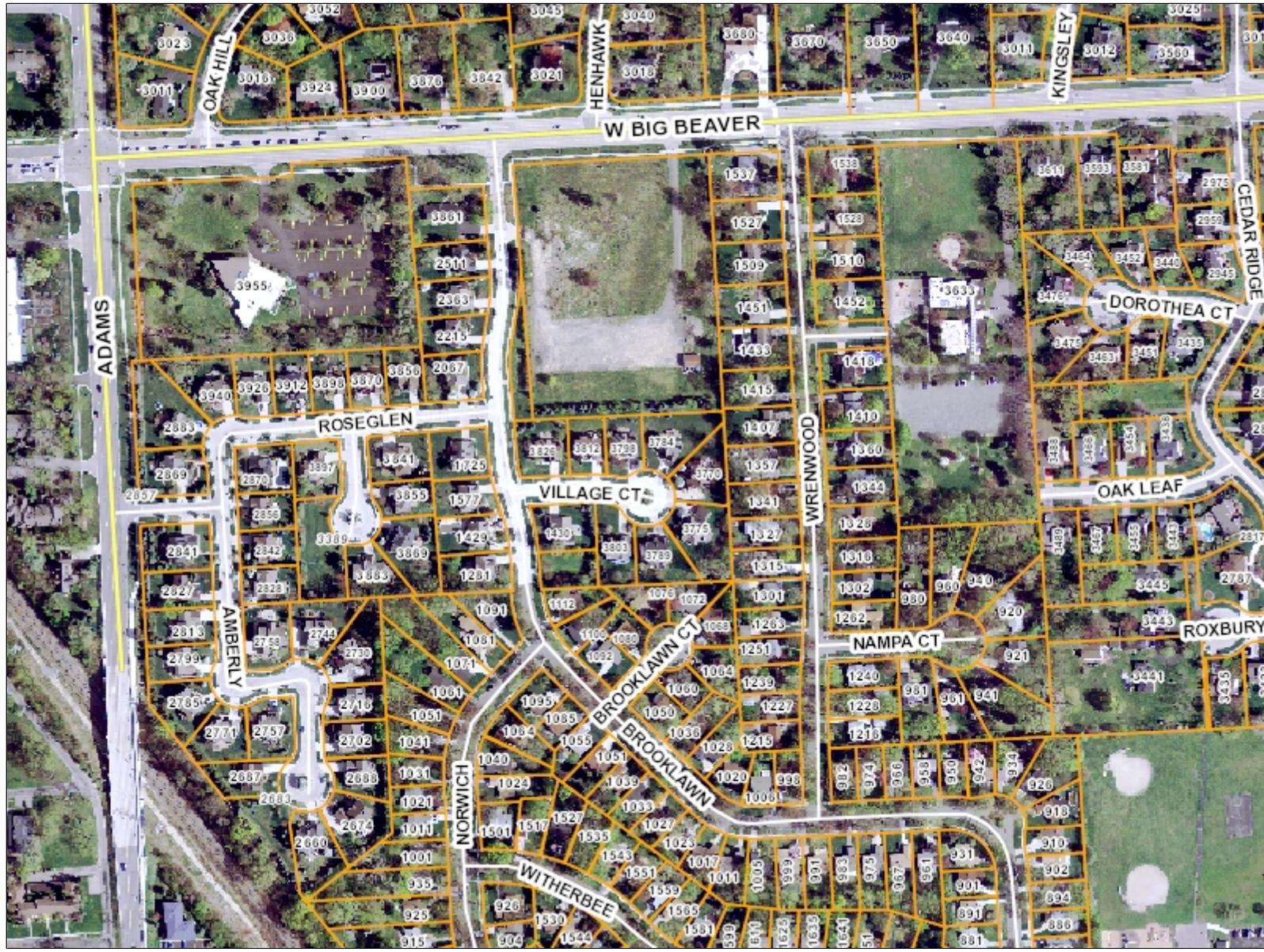
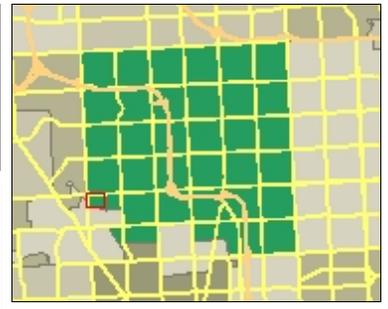
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Vehicles parking at the end of the cul-de-sac obstruct vehicular movements around the end of the cul-de-sac such that vehicles have damaged the island in the middle of the cul-de-sac. Larger vehicles such as garbage trucks, UPS or FedEx delivery trucks, etc. consistently drive over the island area. During the winter months, snow creeping into the pavement area has magnified the issue as there is less road width available to traverse the cul-de-sac.

The Department of Public Works was contacted relative to the residents request about the City repairing damage done to the island. The City would not be responsible to make repairs to medians, right-of-way or street islands unless the damage was caused by City operations (i.e. construction, snow plowing, etc.) or an accident where costs would be recovered from a negligent party". Damage to the island is the responsibility of the property owners in the area.

Recommendations:

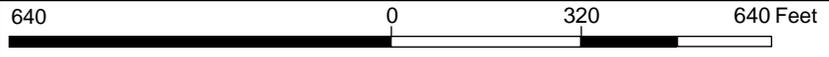
Recommend that the existing NO PARKING zone be extended to encompass the entire cul-de-sac ending at a point near the northeasterly edge of the driveway to 1080 Brooklawn Court.



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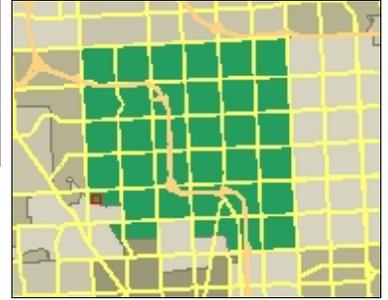
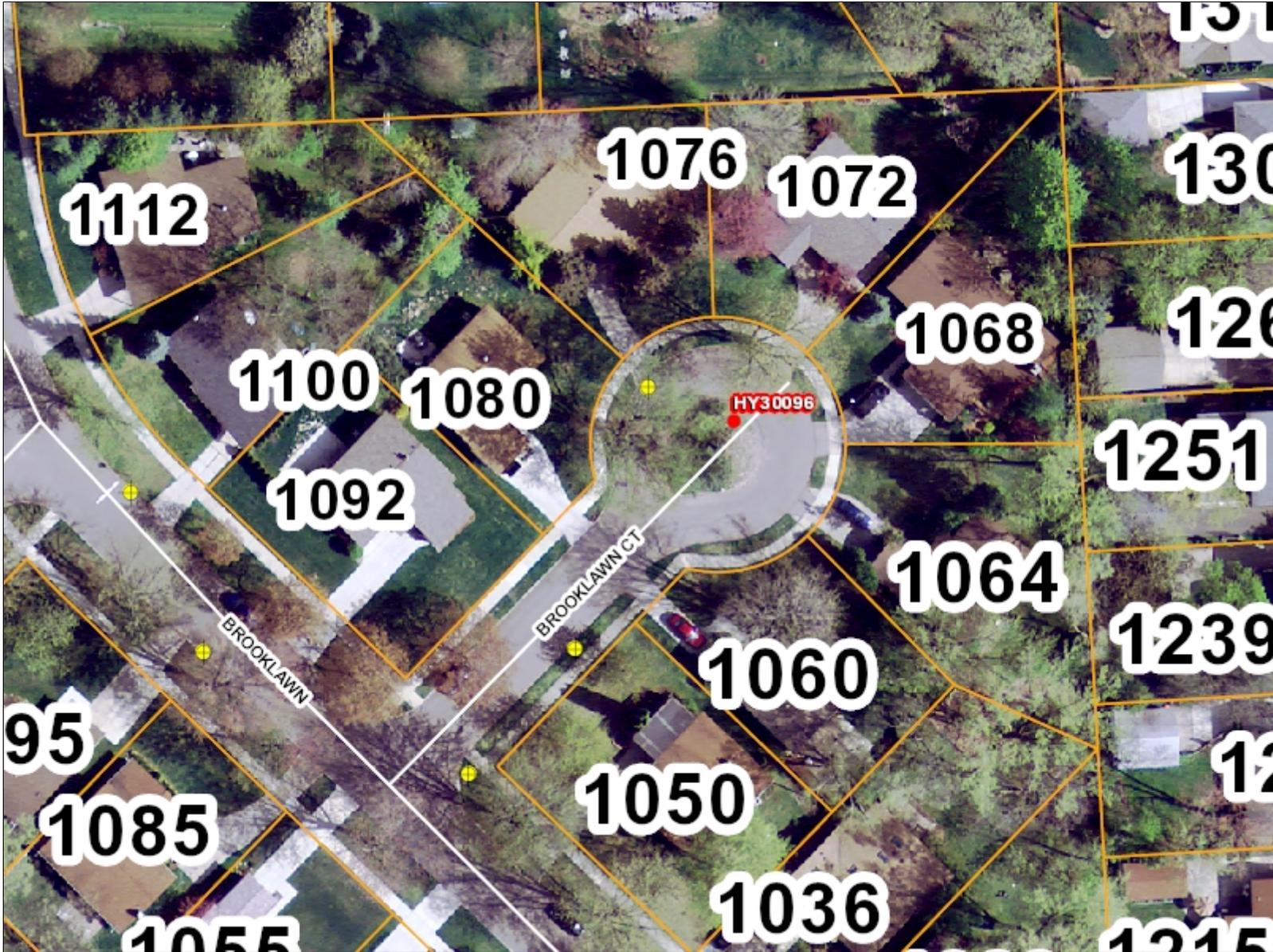
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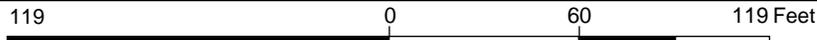
Notes
Brooklawn Court Overall Area



Legend

- Sign Pole
- Fire Hydrant**
 - Out of Service
 - Online
- I-75
- Road Centerline**
 - Major Road
 - Industrial Road
 - Local Road
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Notes
Brooklawn Court

