



## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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June 4, 2012

To: Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Michael W. Culpepper, Acting City Manger  
Subject: City Council Member Questions and Responses

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I have discussed questions advanced by Mayor and Council with Staff, and responses are attached. Thank you for asking questions in advance of the meeting.

### **Question #1**

**From:** Dave Henderson [mailto:davehenderson@wideopenwest.com]  
**Subject:** Item I-4 historic home delisting

Quick question about this property. What is the purpose for removing a home from a historical district? There is no mention of intent for the request. What does it mean to the home or owner if it is taken off the historical site roles? Is there some tax benefit to have the home delisted for the owner? It would be a shame to have the home taken off the list and eliminated, there are not a lot of salable 120 year old homes left in Troy. The owners bought the home knowing it was an historic site.

Any insight you can provide will help my decision.

### **Response:**

**From:** Lori G Bluhm  
**Subject:** Re: Item I-4 historic home delisting

Hi Dave. The property owners want to invest in the home, And the historic designation is a hurdle to them. The HDC study committee found that the original basis for the historic designation was in error, and that although the home is one of the older ones in the community, there is no other basis for historic preservation (restrictions on what can be done to the home).

## Question #2

**From:** Dave Henderson [mailto:davehenderson@wideopenwest.com]

**Subject:** Item I6 search firm

Regarding the agreement between the Mercer Group and the city of Troy, is there any further consideration regarding an exclusion clause for the applicants that we recently received resume's for? It seemed at least one of them had very good qualifications, and it would be a shame if there was no financial consideration given to the city should one of them prove to be the best candidate, and we found him/her.

**Response:**

**From:** Lori G Bluhm

**Subject:** Re: Item I6 search firm

The search firm is still going to need to do most of the work in creating the job posting and profile and also the background checks, etc.... also, it would be difficult to preserve the confidentiality requested by one of the applicants if there were a specific exemption.

### Question #3

**From:** Dave Henderson [mailto:davehenderson@wideopenwest.com]

**Subject:** FW: 6/4 Meeting - Removal of No Parking on South Side of Hickory Drive

Is it possible that someone can respond to this email before Mondays meeting? I'm familiar with the streets, I grew up on Kirkton, but naturally the traffic committee will be able to satisfy Mr. Mykes concerns. It would be good if we could have this addressed at the meeting.

**From:** Myke, Terri (T.M.) [mailto:tmyke@ford.com]

**Sent:** Friday, June 01, 2012 1:25 PM

**To:** [janice.daniels@troy.mi.gov](mailto:janice.daniels@troy.mi.gov); [mmcginnis@dmcginnis.com](mailto:mmcginnis@dmcginnis.com); [djilkslater@aol.com](mailto:djilkslater@aol.com); [wade.fleming@troy.mi.gov](mailto:wade.fleming@troy.mi.gov); [jim.campbell@troy.mi.gov](mailto:jim.campbell@troy.mi.gov); [davehenderson@wideopenwest.com](mailto:davehenderson@wideopenwest.com); [doug.tietz@troy.mi.gov](mailto:doug.tietz@troy.mi.gov)

**Cc:** [council@troy.mi.gov](mailto:council@troy.mi.gov); JIM MYKE ([jmyke@wowway.com](mailto:jmyke@wowway.com)); Myke, Terri (T.M.)

**Subject:** 6/4 Meeting - Removal of No Parking on South Side of Hickory Drive

Troy City Council Members,

PLEASE vote against the removal of the no parking signs on the south side of Hickory Drive between Plum & Kirkton. I am absolutely amazed that the traffic committee is going ahead with the recommendation for the No Parking (8am-6pm, M-F) signs to be removed on the south side of Hickory Drive between Plum and Kirkton. Especially knowing other neighbors have voiced concerns as well in requesting this does not happen. This is the side of the street where all the mail boxes are located. My family strongly disagrees with this move the traffic committee is recommending and I am strongly appealing to the city council to NOT APPROVE this recommendation on June 4th. I would like to know how the postal service feels about the blocking of these mailboxes? I am dumbfounded that the city would go through with this for one person who obviously has too many cars for their driveway and feels it's an inconvenience for them to do as others on the block have done for years. We have planned to shuffle our own vehicles in our driveway for over 30 years and would not expect the laws to change just for my family.

Also, Hickory was never designed for parking such as Kirkton, which is wider & can have a parked car on one side and two cars can still pass, you can't do that on Hickory. Yesterday there was a string of cars parked on the south side of Hickory half way down the block. It would make it very difficult for another car to wait for the on-coming car in the other direction. What about a school bus coming and a car coming the other way, is the car supposed to back up or pull into someone's drive to let the bus pass? I also see this as a danger having the parked cars on the south side, Hickory Drive is just not wide enough. If parking is warranted on one side of the street, why wouldn't they recommend the no parking signs be removed on the north side of the street, where there are no mailboxes that would be blocked for mail delivery and create more of an inconvenience affecting more people??

PLEASE see the stupidity in this request and vote it down. The parking on the street has worked out just fine for over 30 years that we have lived here and it should stay that way. Thank you for your support in this matter.

***Terri Myke***

Phone: 248-703-9801

**Response:**

**From:** William J Huotari

**Subject:** RE: 6/4 Meeting - Removal of No Parking on South Side of Hickory Drive

The subject request was first considered at the April Traffic Committee meeting but was tabled until May so that Traffic Engineering could provide additional information as requested by the Traffic Committee regarding road width as well as questions of the post office.

**Attached** are the Traffic Committee agenda items from April and May, with the supporting documentation and emails received on the item as well as the minutes from both meetings. Two residents (James Myers, 320 Hickory and Stevan Popovic, 353 Hickory) attended the April meeting, one for and one against. One resident (Stevan Popovic, 353 Hickory) attended the May meeting, in support of the request.

We received emails in support of and in opposition to removal of the No Parking zone on the south side of Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton. The petitioner did submit a petition that was signed by residents in favor of removing the No Parking zone at the April meeting and submitted information for consideration at the May meeting (copies of both attached).

A quick summary (taken from the April agenda item):

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.

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#### Question #4

**From:** Maureen McGinnis [mailto:mmcginnis@dmcginnis.com]

**Subject:** SafeBuilt client letter (N-5) and search firm contract

Thank you for including this information from SafeBuilt in our agenda for tonight's meeting.

Can you clarify as to whether this letter is speaking of client survey results in the city of Troy or does the info provided represent results averaged from all of SafeBuilt's communities throughout the U.S.? Is there a way to break down survey results so that we can see how Safebuilt is rated by our businesses, developers and residents? If we had access to the information, including specific things that the survey participant liked or didn't like, it would help us see what we can do to be more "user friendly" and/or to see what positive attributes that we may have over other communities that would make Troy a more desirable place to do business.

Also, there was no date included in the letter... 2012 is referenced so I am assuming the letter is recent but it would be helpful to know that as well.

**Response:**

**From:** Mark F Miller

**Subject:** FW: SafeBuilt client letter (N-5) and search firm contract

The survey included in the City Council agenda are results from SAFEbuilt's client communities survey from throughout the nation. It is a SAFEbuilt client customer satisfaction survey.

SAFEbuilt does survey the customers that utilize the plan review and building inspections services at Troy City Hall. SAFEbuilt staff provides stickers (**copy attached**) and postcards to plans reviewed and permits issued. These stickers and postcards ask customers to complete a 2 minute web-based survey. The survey results are sent directly to SAFEbuilt's corporate offices. SAFEbuilt's management staff then compiles the survey results and works with local SAFEbuilt employees to correct any problems. Mark Miller has contacted SAFEbuilt's corporate office and is trying to determine if the Troy customer results can be used by City Staff.

Lastly, about the city manager search firm contract. I would like to see the council get an opportunity to ask some questions of the Mercer Group before we approve the contract. As to whether or not council members will be prepared to do that because an interview has not been officially scheduled to take place, I am not sure. I was thinking about asking Lori if it would be better to know before the meeting how council members would like to deal with this agenda item but wanted your input as well... or at least wanted to put you on notice.

**Response:**

**From:** Mike Culpepper

**Subject:** RE: SafeBuilt client letter (N-5) and search firm contract

Lori has set up a conference call if it is needed to answer any question the council may have. She was going to explain this at the meeting. What was tentatively planned is for council to take a recess, to meet in the board room, and ask any questions before voting.

c: Mark Miller, Director of Economic and Community Development  
Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney  
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## Question #3 Attachment

**William J Huotari**

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**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

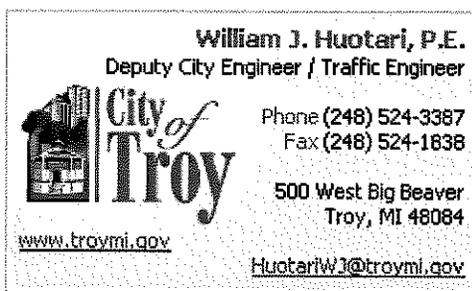
Betty, I have a request to remove the No Parking restrictions on the south side of Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton. Currently, the south side of the road (where the mailboxes are) is posted No Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. I did not find the original minutes from when this 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



**From:** William J Huotari  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2012 3:40 PM  
**To:** 'Stevan Popovic'  
**Subject:** RE: Hickory - No Parking

Stevan, you do not need to submit anything more, but if you had signatures from a majority of residents between Plum and Kirkton that would be good information for the Traffic Committee to weigh in their consideration of the request.



## 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.

Moved by Culpepper  
Supported by Hubbell

That the minutes of May 19, 1999 be accepted as printed.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

#### MOTION CARRIED

#### 3. Visitors' Time

No one appeared to address the Committee on any items not on the agenda.

#### 4. Modify Parking Restrictions on Hickory Street between Livernois & Kirkton

Sharon Stefaniak of 384 Hickory Street requests that the parking restrictions on Hickory be modified so that they can park on one side of the street during the daytime. Presently, the water main side is marked NO PARKING as per Traffic Control Order #74-1-P, passed in 1974. In 1976 the Traffic Committee recommended NO PARKING on both sides of Hickory from Livernois to Kirkton, in response to citizen concerns about employees of Livernois businesses parking on Hickory. Further, in 1979, the City Council passed TCO #79-2-P for the installation of NO PARKING 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the south side of Hickory between Plum and Kirkton to facilitate access to mailboxes by the post office vehicles.

Ms. Stefaniak is concerned that she cannot park on either side of Hickory when she gets back from work at 4:30 p.m. and requests that only the mailbox side of Hickory be restricted for parking; i.e., only the south side of Hickory be marked NO PARKING. This may cause concern to the Fire Department regarding access to fire hydrants.

Ms. Stefaniak said she lives on the second block east of Livernois, which is not a school bus route. Until recently, residents have parked on the non-fire hydrant side, but police officers have warned them that they will be ticketed if they persist.

Jim Myers, of 320 Hickory, said Hickory is narrow, has no shoulders, is a bus route to Morse Elementary School, and there is no room to spare, so it may be a traffic hazard to have vehicles parked on the street.

Marvin Prine of 383 Hickory suggested moving mailboxes to the fire hydrant (north) side of the street, thereby leaving the south side of the street available for parking. Mr. Myers said this has been requested before, but the post office would not allow it.

Residents of 111 and 133 Hickory sent a note (attached) requesting no changes. They are concerned about access to fire hydrants.

Motion by Kilmer  
Supported by Culpepper

To recommend no changes to the existing parking regulations.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

MOTION CARRIED

5. Install YIELD Sign on Carlson Park at Ivy Lane

Kevin Centala of the Carlson Park Homeowners Association requests that a YIELD or a STOP sign be placed on Carlson Park at Ivy Lane, since there is right of way confusion at the intersection. Mr. Centala indicates his concerns in the attached letter.

The Police Department has already started targeting this area for selective enforcement and the Traffic Engineering office is also working with them on alternatives for mitigating speed concerns. A speed study from November 1998 indicated average speed of 26.5 mph and an 85th percentile speed of 31 mph on Carlson Park around the curve.

A warrant study for placing a regulatory sign at the intersection was performed. The intersection is a T-intersection with Carlson Park terminating at Ivy Lane. Since this is a new subdivision, a traffic crash analysis showed no safety concerns. Carlson Park north of Ivy Lane carried around 1300 vehicles per day, and Ivy Lane east of Carlson Park carried around 980 vehicles per day. A sight distance study showed no significant sight obstructions. Traffic observations showed Carlson Park traffic making turn maneuvers at higher speeds. To avoid any right-of-way confusion to motorists at the intersection, a YIELD sign may be placed on Carlson Park at Ivy Lane.

Mr. Feng Lin, 346 Ivy Lane, said a YIELD sign would be acceptable, but he would prefer a STOP sign on Carlson Park at Ivy Lane.

Motion by Culpepper  
Supported by Hubbell

To recommend installation of a YIELD sign on Carlson Park at Ivy Lane.

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0



**Legend**  
I-75

- Road Centerline
  - Major Road
  - Industrial Road
  - Local Road
- Ponds and Basins
- Streams and Creeks
- Parcels
- Aerial Photos - 2010

- Red: Band\_1
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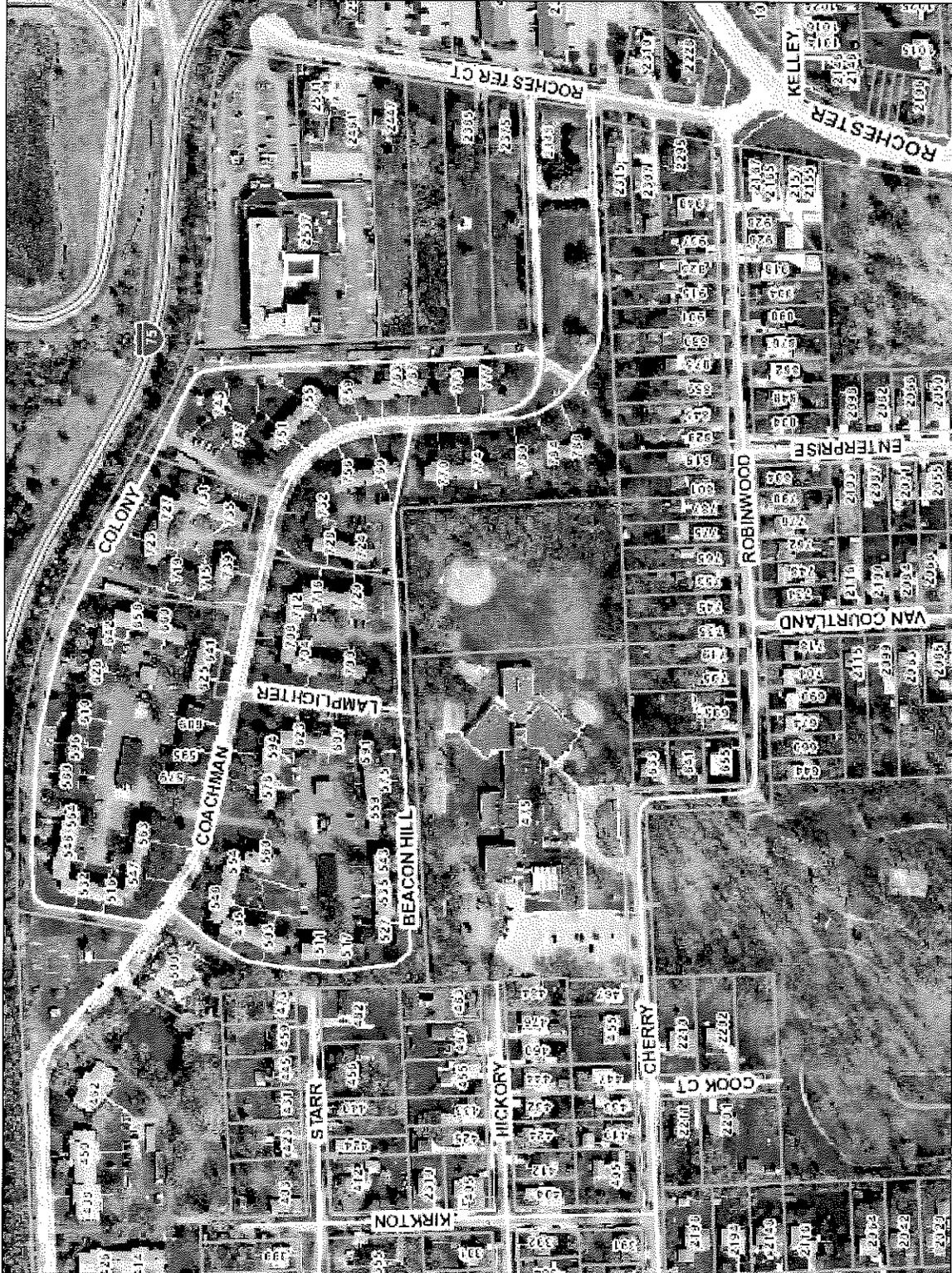
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**Notes**

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**William J Huotari**

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**From:** Stevan Popovic [stevan.k.popovic@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2012 3:30 PM  
**To:** William J Huotari  
**Subject:** Re: Hickory - No Parking  
**Attachments:** ole1.bmp

William,

I would like to proceed and take this to the Traffic Committee. The mail never comes before 3 pm and the Post Office can get out and put it in the mailbox as far as I am concerned. Should I obtain signature from the residents? I would like to propose that the south side of the street not have any parking restrictions from Plum Dr. to Kirkton. From Kirkton to the dead end where the elementary school is has no restriction. The residents that were concerned about Livernois businesses parking in front of there has if they are still around would not be affected by this since I am not proposing to have the restrictions changed between Livernois and Plum.

Thank you for your assistance with this and speedy reply.

Best Regards,

Stevan Popovic  
248-703-9426

On Thu, Mar 22, 2012 at 3:18 PM, William J Huotari <HuotariWJ@troymi.gov> wrote:

Stevan, attached are minutes from the Traffic Committee meeting of July 21, 1999. A request to modify the parking restrictions on Hickory Street, between Livernois and Kirkton was requested by the resident at 384 Hickory. The Traffic Committee recommended that no changes be made.

As you will see in the attached document, there is some history regarding the No Parking zones on Hickory:

- In 1976, the Traffic Committee recommended No Parking on both sides of Hickory from Livernois to Kirkton, in response to citizen concerns about employees of Livernois businesses parking on Hickory
- In 1979, the City Council passed a Traffic Control Order for the installation of No Parking 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on the south side of Hickory between Plum and Kirkton to facilitate access to mailboxes by the post office vehicles.

Copy of the minutes from the 1999 Traffic Committee meeting are attached:

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Back in 1999, it sounds like there were residents in support of removing the No Parking zones as well as leaving the road as No Parking on both sides and ultimately the Traffic Committee recommended No Changes.

As the No Parking zones were established by Traffic Control Orders, the only way to modify them or remove the restrictions would be to go back to the Traffic Committee to request that they be modified and/or removed. The Traffic Committee is a recommending body only, so they make a recommendation based on the

### Question #3 Attachment

input they receive from staff and residents and make a recommendation that is forwarded to City Council for their consideration.

The fire hydrant side of the street (north side) would remain No Parking in any instance, regardless of what could happen on the opposite side of the street. The City does not control the placement of the mailboxes as that is a post office issue, but it does sound like the answer was no from the post office when residents requested this before from the post office.

If you would like to proceed with a request to remove or modify the No Parking zone, let me know what area or areas you want changes and what changes you would request.

The item, if you want to move forward with it, would go to the next available Traffic Committee meeting which will be held on April 18 at 7:30 pm here at City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room (assuming there are items for the agenda). Properties within 300' of the requested area would be notified of the meeting and would be invited to provide input at the meeting.

Again, if you would like to have an item placed on the Traffic Committee agenda for the April 18, 2012 meeting, please forward a request to me via email or regular letter with the changes that you would request along with the location along Hickory.

On a side but related note, I did talk with my technician and he will put counters out on Hickory next week. Tentative schedule is to have them out Wednesday through Friday next week and then he would pick them up the following Monday. Once the data is collected then he will compile it and I'll take a look at it and then I will get some information to you on what we find.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly by email or phone at: 248.524.3387.

Sincerely,

Bill Huotari, P.E.

Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

City of Troy





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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.

**Question #3 Attachment  
(from April 18, 2012 TC Meeting)**



**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

April 3, 2012

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**William J Huotari**

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**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

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**From:** William J Huotari [<mailto:HuotariWJ@troy.mi.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 18<sup>th</sup> and will be reconsidered at the May 16<sup>th</sup> 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

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

Subject: FW: Hickory - No Parking

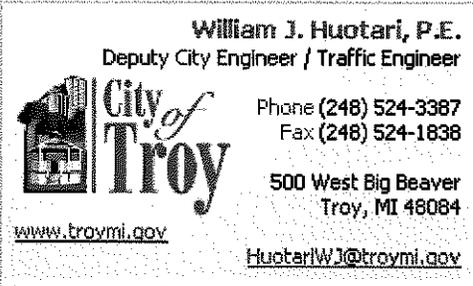
Betty, I have a request to remove the No Parking restrictions on the south side of Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton. Currently, the south side of the road (where the mailboxes are) is posted No Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. I did not find the original minutes from when this 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



**William J. Huotari, P.E.**  
Deputy City Engineer / Traffic Engineer

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**Question #3 Attachment**

**Request to remove the No Parking Zone**

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Address	Printed Name	Signature	Date
1. 353 Hickory Troy MI 48083	STEVAN POROUC	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-18-2012
<sup>WANT</sup> 2. 345 Hickory Troy MI 48083	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
3. 383 Hickory Troy MI 48083	MARVIN PINE	Marvin Pine	4-18-12
4. 391 Hickory Troy MI 48083	Shirley Rodgers	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-18-12
5. <sup>WANT</sup> 384 Hickory Troy, MI 48083	Sharon VanHorne	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-18-12
6. <sup>WANT</sup> 384 Hickory Troy MI 48083	Bill VanHorne	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-18-12
7. 392 Hickory Troy MI 48083	Marie Pastorek	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-18-12
8. 321 Hickory Troy, MI 48083	CHRISTINE HEIDI	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-18-12
9. <sup>WANT</sup> 303 Hickory Troy MI 48083			
10. 369 Hickory Troy MI 48083	SANDY FAIRB	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-18-12

THANK YOU

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- |     | Address                     | Printed Name    | Signature     | Date      |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| 11. | 356 Hickory Dr Twp WI 48063 | Minda Sola      | Minda Sola    | 4/18/12   |
| 12. | 364 Hickory Dr Twp WI 48063 | ROSS W REYNOLDS | Ross Reynolds | 4/18/2012 |
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THANK YOU

## Question #3 Attachment

**William J Huotari**

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**From:** Kris Jim Heidt [apollomt@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2012 9:05 AM  
**To:** William J Huotari  
**Subject:** no parking zone on Hickory

Hi,

I live at 321 Hickory dr and have so for the past 36 years, There is no parking all down Hickory on both sides of street, our block between Plum and Kirkton have parking on south side after 6 pm and all day Sunday and I am good with that.

The mail truck could never get to mail box when there was parking and that is why this went into effect years ago. Our ditch on each side is too steep to park off the road and it is not very wide.

Thank you

Jim Heidt

## Question #3 Attachment

**William J Huotari**

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**From:** Stevan Popovic [stevan.k.popovic@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2012 3:30 PM  
**To:** William J Huotari  
**Subject:** Re: Hickory - No Parking  
**Attachments:** ole1.bmp

William,

I would like to proceed and take this to the Traffic Committee. The mail never comes before 3 pm and the Post Office can get out and put it in the mailbox as far as I am concerned. Should I obtain signature from the residents? I would like to propose that the south side of the street not have any parking restrictions from Plum Dr. to Kirkton. From Kirkton to the dead end where the elementary school is has no restriction. The residents that were concerned about Livernois businesses parking in front of there has if they are still around would not be affected by this since I am not proposing to have the restrictions changed between Livernois and Plum.

Thank you for your assistance with this and speedy reply.

Best Regards,

Stevan Popovic  
248-703-9426

On Thu, Mar 22, 2012 at 3:18 PM, William J Huotari <[HuotariWJ@trovni.gov](mailto:HuotariWJ@trovni.gov)> wrote:

Stevan, attached are minutes from the Traffic Committee meeting of July 21, 1999. A request to modify the parking restrictions on Hickory Street, between Livernois and Kirkton was requested by the resident at 384 Hickory. The Traffic Committee recommended that no changes be made.

As you will see in the attached document, there is some history regarding the No Parking zones on Hickory:

- In 1976, the Traffic Committee recommended No Parking on both sides of Hickory from Livernois to Kirkton, in response to citizen concerns about employees of Livernois businesses parking on Hickory
- In 1979, the City Council passed a Traffic Control Order for the installation of No Parking 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on the south side of Hickory between Plum and Kirkton to facilitate access to mailboxes by the post office vehicles.

Copy of the minutes from the 1999 Traffic Committee meeting are attached:

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Back in 1999, it sounds like there were residents in support of removing the No Parking zones as well as leaving the road as No Parking on both sides and ultimately the Traffic Committee recommended No Changes.

As the No Parking zones were established by Traffic Control Orders, the only way to modify them or remove the restrictions would be to go back to the Traffic Committee to request that they be modified and/or removed. The Traffic Committee is a recommending body only, so they make a recommendation based on the

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input they receive from staff and residents and make a recommendation that is forwarded to City Council for their consideration.

The fire hydrant side of the street (north side) would remain No Parking in any instance, regardless of what could happen on the opposite side of the street. The City does not control the placement of the mailboxes as that is a post office issue, but it does sound like the answer was no from the post office when residents requested this before from the post office.

If you would like to proceed with a request to remove or modify the No Parking zone, let me know what area or areas you want changes and what changes you would request.

The item, if you want to move forward with it, would go to the next available Traffic Committee meeting which will be held on April 18 at 7:30 pm here at City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room (assuming there are items for the agenda). Properties within 300' of the requested area would be notified of the meeting and would be invited to provide input at the meeting.

Again, if you would like to have an item placed on the Traffic Committee agenda for the April 18, 2012 meeting, please forward a request to me via email or regular letter with the changes that you would request along with the location along Hickory.

On a side but related note, I did talk with my technician and he will put counters out on Hickory next week. Tentative schedule is to have them out Wednesday through Friday next week and then he would pick them up the following Monday. Once the data is collected then he will compile it and I'll take a look at it and then I will get some information to you on what we find.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly by email or phone at: [248.524.3387](tel:248.524.3387).

Sincerely,

Bill Huotari, P.E.

Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

City of Troy



## Question #3 Attachment

**William J Huotari**

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**From:** James Myers [jwalterm@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2012 10:22 PM  
**To:** William J Huotari  
**Subject:** Request to remove the No Parking zone on the south side of Hickory.

Mr. Huotari,

My name is Jim Myers, and I reside at 320 Hickory which is on the south side. I have lived at this address for 36 years and was involved in obtaining the original restrictions on parking, and defending a similar request a few years ago.

This portion of Hickory is a relatively narrow two lane, paved road. The pavement has a 3 to 4 inch dropoff at the edges and there is virtually no flat area at the edge as the drainage ditch slopes steeply. I have seen cars park in the front of my house with two tires off the pavement, and had the drainage ditch damaged as the vehicle attempted to return to the pavement. Interestingly, when I asked the city to repair the drainage ditch, I was informed it was my responsibility.

When people park with all tires on the pavement, obviously they block one whole lane of traffic creating a traffic hazard and making it difficult for school buses, delivery vehicles, and emergency vehicles to get pass in either direction. Even a local resident in their car has to weave in and out while going down the street which can be hazardous.

The fire hydrants are on the north side of the street, and the mailboxes are on the south side. Prior to the no parking restrictions, I experienced people parking right in front of my mailbox, and the mail carrier would not deliver the mail. When the original parking restrictions were being considered, the Traffic Engineer investigated as to whether the Postal Service would let the mailboxes be relocated to the north side of the street, and we were told the answer was "NO".

In addition to having people park in front of my mailbox, I have also had people park in a manner that partially blocks my driveway thereby making it difficult to enter and exit.

In my 36 years of living on Hickory, I have not been aware of Troy police being overly aggressive in enforcing the restrictions unless a complaint is made. If the restriction is removed, we will have vehicles being left on the street on a continual basis. There is nothing then to prevent someone from leaving a car in front of my mailbox thereby effectively stopping my mail delivery and the newspaper delivery by motor route. Parking is permitted after a certain hour in the evening under the present restrictions.

I plan on being at the Traffic Committee meeting of April 18 if at all possible.

Jim Myers  
320 Hickory Dr.  
248-689-8291

## Question #3 Attachment

**William J Huotari**

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**From:** jimmyke [jmyke@wowway.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 15, 2012 12:11 PM  
**To:** William J Huotari  
**Subject:** parking on Hickory Dr.

I believe this was discussed before; parking on the south side of Hickory Dr. would cause problems for the mail delivery Monday through Saturday. Parking after 6 pm Monday through Saturday has worked fine and can continued to work, unless you would prefer to have mail delivered to the door or parking on the north side of the street, our family wishes to leave it as it is.

Our street's are not that wide to begin with, I have seen car's going west at 40 mph or faster, we don't need cars in the street with people driving that fast on Hickory.

*Jim Myke  
Amsoil Dealer  
Synthetic Lubricants  
The Best in Synthetics  
  
NRA Certified Instructor*

## Question #3 Attachment

**William J Huotari**

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**From:** Marvin R. Prine [mprine@micropoise.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 10, 2012 8:20 AM  
**To:** William J Huotari  
**Subject:** FW: reconsideration of request to remove No parking Zone

**Marvin Prine**

Senior Buyer  
MP Balance Eng.  
1731 Thorncroft  
Troy, MI 48084  
248-643-2846  
fax 248-643-2868 or 248-643-2888

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**From:** Marvin R. Prine  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 10, 2012 8:13 AM  
**To:** 'huoatriwj@troymi.gov'  
**Subject:** reconsideration of request to remove No parking Zone

To whom it may concern,

I will do my best to attend the hearing for removal of **No parking on south side of Hickory between Plum and Kirkton**. I am writing this email to make sure that my wife and I want this resolution passed. We have lived on Hickory since 1991 and would love to have the NO PARKING removed so when we have company they can park without fear of a ticket.

They allow parking on the south side of Hickory at the end of the block. Parking is allowed on Starr, Van Courtland and Kirkton all the way to Maple. We live at 383 Hickory and vote for the removal of the no parking signs on said part of Hickory. We also signed the petition that went around the neighborhood. A lot of families have more than one car and it is hard for them to jockey cars around for who may go to work early.

I hope the board will reconsider the petition and the request of the majority of residents on this stretch of Hickory and afford us the pleasure of being able to park on the south side of our street. I know a majority of residents signed the petition to have this ban lifted.

Looking forward to the board approving the residents of this part of Hickory approval to park on the street.

Best Regards

**Marvin Prine**

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## Question #3 Attachment

William J Huotari

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**From:** Feris Seba [fseba@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 12, 2012 1:08 PM  
**To:** William J Huotari  
**Subject:** Removal of Parking Signs on Hickory Drive

May, 11, 2012

Dear Traffic Committee,

My name is Feris Seba, I have been a Troy resident for 20 years while residing at 356 Hickory Drive for the same amount of time. In 2001, the "No Parking" in front of our house sign has put our family, as well as our surrounding neighbors in an irritable position with our parking arrangements. We have a single driveway and have three (3) vehicles which we have to shuffle around at any given time depending on who leaves first in our household. Our driveways are too small for all to be parked comfortably and it's just an inconvenience to everyone to have to keep moving cars around. It's also quite silly for us to get parking tickets when we're simply parking in front of our own homes. If the issue is regarding the mailboxes being blocked, I think it would be appropriate to have "Do Not Block Mailbox" signs posted. Most of us would be willing to oblige to a rule such as that. I hope you understand our frustration in this matter and take proper measures to correct this issue.

Thank you,

Feris Seba

(248) 906-5408

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**

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.

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, Petrusis)  
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.

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Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

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Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary

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Richard Kilmer  
David Ogg  
Al Petruilis  
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: John Diefenbaker  
Ted Halsey

Also present: Charles & Linda Houff, 1072 Brooklawn Court  
Russell & Tyra Lewis, 1068 Brooklawn Court  
Stevan Popovic, 353 Hickory  
Kathy Mooney, 2529 Coolidge  
Lawrence Gjeldum, 2529 Coolidge  
Jeanne Stine, 1915 Boulan  
Lt. Robert Redmond, Troy Police Dept.  
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

**2. Minutes – April 18, 2012**

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-12

Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Binkowski

To approve the April 18, 2012 minutes as printed.

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

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**3. Reconsideration – 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 allow for Traffic Engineering to provide information relative to the existing street width and questions of the US Post Office.

The street varies in width from 20.6' to 21.5'.

The Post Office would not consider moving the mail boxes to the north side based on:

1. The current locations have been in place for over 40 years.
2. The established line of delivery would have to be modified.
3. Residents would have to pay to move the mailboxes as the Post Office does not pay to move mailboxes.
4. The post office would require that all mailboxes along Hickory, from Livernois to the east end, be moved to the north side of the street, which would involve approximately 65 residents. They would not allow just this one section, between Plum and Kirkton, to move mailboxes to the north side while the remainder of the street remained on the south side.

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.

Mr. Popovic was present at the meeting and supports the removal of the No Parking zone on the south side of the street. In support of his request, Mr. Popovic provided information on existing street width as it compares to a large vehicle and fire truck. Mr. Popovic's calculations show that a standard fire truck could safely navigate past a parked Hummer H2 with approximately 6' of extra space. Mr. Popovic also discussed the petition that he had submitted at the April Traffic Committee meeting. The petition was signed by nine (9) of the seventeen (17) properties in support of removing the No Parking zone on the south side.

There were no other members of the public that addressed this item.

Mr. Kilmer noted that if cars park on the south side of Hickory and block the mailboxes, the postal carrier will not deliver mail.

Mr. Ogg commented regarding the existing No Parking zone on the north side and that residents from both sides of Hickory would park on the south side.

Ms. Binkowski commented that the majority of residents between Plum and Kirkton are in favor of removing the No Parking zone on the south side. Numerous streets allow parking on one side of the road, including the east end of Hickory, from Kirkton to the east end.

Mr. Petrulis commented on the current parking situation on Hickory.

Mr. Kilmer questioned what size emergency vehicles that the City uses and if they would be larger than the information presented by Mr. Popovic.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-12

Moved by Binkowski  
Seconded by Ogg

**RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the “No Parking” zone on the south side of Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton, be removed.

YES: 3 (Binkowski, Ogg, Petruilis)  
NO: 1 (Kilmer)  
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Halsey)  
MOTION CARRIED

**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.

Jeanne Stine of 1915 Boulan was present representing Saint Alan Church. Ms. Stine reports that there have been near collisions at the parking lot and Gloucester. Vision is obstructed by vehicles that park in close proximity to the driveway to the parking lot.

Kathy Mooney of 2529 Coolidge lives in the apartment complex directly to the north and has concerns about on-street parking availability for residents living in the apartments as well as times when they have guests. Ms. Mooney said that they have not had issues with the church.

Larry Gjeldum of 2529 spoke about the lack of parking availability at the apartment complex and the need to keep the parking as-is on Gloucester.

Ms. Stine stated that the church would allow residents to use the church parking lot for additional parking if needed.

There were no other members of the public that addressed this item.

Lt. Redmond was asked about posting an area adjacent to the driveway as No Parking and he agreed that it would provide for a safer situation in the area.

Mr. Kilmer pointed out that there are three access points to the parking lot, one from Gloucester and two from Coolidge.

A 25' No Parking zone versus a 15' No Parking zone was discussed. The 25' measurement would be based on typical corner clearance at an intersection and a 15' measurement was based on the distance required to park from a Stop sign.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-13

Moved by Binkowski  
Seconded by Ogg

**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 15 feet west.

YES: 3 (Binkowski, Ogg, Ziegenfelder)

NO: 2 (Kilmer, Petrusis)

ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Halsey)

MOTION CARRIED

**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 2/3 of the way around the cul-de-sac at the property line between 1076 and 1080 Brooklawn Court.

Russell Lewis of 1068 Brooklawn Court supports extending the No Parking zone to encompass the entire cul-de-sac. Large delivery vehicles, garbage trucks, etc. cannot exit the cul-de-sac without driving over the island when the truck is parked near the end of the cul-de-sac.

Tyra Lewis of 1068 Brooklawn Court reports that damage to the island is continuous and the residents of the cul-de-sac must continually repair the island to keep the area looking good.

Linda Houff of 1072 Brooklawn reiterated that a vehicle parked at the end of the cul-de-sac creates an unsafe situation as it is difficult for a passenger vehicle to exit the cul-de-sac and near impossible for a large vehicle such as a UPS or garbage truck. In addition, the situation is made much worse in the winter when snow encroaches on the road and makes the passable area even smaller.

Charles Houff of 1072 Brooklawn stated that he has talked with the resident who parks a truck at this location in the past with no success. He requests that the No Parking Ends sign be moved to encompass the entire cul-de-sac.

There were no other members of the public that addressed this item.

Lt. Redmund did have the opportunity to drive this area and the truck was parked near the end of the cul-de-sac and Lt. Redmund reports that it is very difficult to navigate around the end of the cul-de-sac and avoid driving over the island area.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-14

Moved by Binkowski  
Seconded by Petruilis

**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.

YES: 3 (Binkowski, Ogg, Petruilis)  
NO: 1 (Kilmer)  
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Halsey)  
MOTION CARRIED

**6. Public Comment**

There was no additional public comment.

**7. Other Business**

Mr. Ziegenfelder reports that a bush at the southwest corner of Niagara and Eagle, on private property, creates a sight distance obstruction. In addition, the grass at 2137 Niagara is very high. Traffic Engineering will forward the concerns to Code Enforcement for investigation.

Mr. Kilmer reports that the traffic counter tubes are still out on Hickory. Traffic Engineering will remove the tubes as soon as possible.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

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Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary

**Question #3 Attachment**

**Hickory Street**

**"No Parking Restriction"**

**Traffic Committee Hearing**

**May 16, 2012**

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### **Points of Meeting for Removal of Parking Restrictions**

- **Parking is allowed east of Kirkton on Hickory and the street is narrower there by 10 inches.**
- **This is no longer the Fire Route**
- **There is plenty of space for a fire truck to get past the section even with the largest SUV which is a Hummer H2**
- **The majority of the residents on the section of Hickory Street that is being discussed want to have the parking restriction removed and this is a democratic society. Signatures to prove this were given at the last hearing.**
- **Surrounding streets in the neighborhood with similar street measurements do not have parking restrictions.**
- **1974 is when No Parking Restriction came forth due to a concern with overflow of commercial parking from Livernois. This is not an issue and most likely will not be due to the fact that these businesses have their own parking lots.**
- **The Post Office was not the initiator of the 1974 rule and delivered mail back then**
- **The Fire Department was not the initiator of the 1974 rule**
- **Mail not getting delivered issue, send out a letter to all the residents to inform their guests not to park in front of the mailboxes and change the "No Parking Restriction" sign to read "Do Not Block Mailboxes"**

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### **Street Measurements and Data**

**Width of Road in front of 353 Hickory Dr: 249 inches**

**Width of Road just east of Kirkton where parking is allowed: 239 inches**

**Width of an H2 Hummer: 81.2 inches**

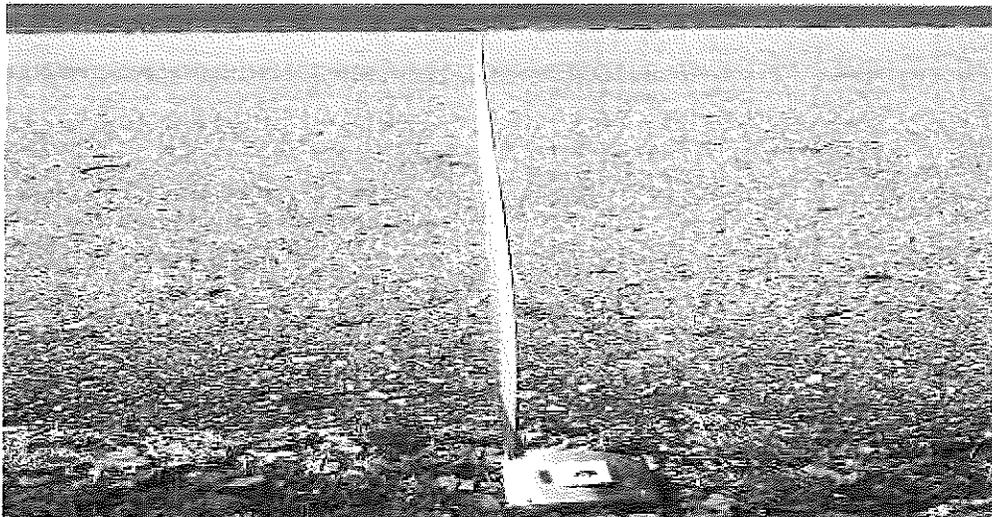
**Width of a Fire Truck is between 7-8 feet for this I will use 8 feet: 96 inches**

**Amount of road space with a Hummer H2 parked on the street: 167.8 inches**

**Amount of extra space a fire truck would have: 71.8 inches, just under 6 feet.**

**Amount of space on each side of the fire truck: 35.9 inches, just under 3 feet**

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### 2010 HUMMER H2 Specifications

You are viewing specs for the 2010 HUMMER H2. This information includes braking and safety data, cargo capacity, in-depth engine information, and further data to help you find the vehicle that is right for you.

#### 2010 HUMMER H2 4WD 4dr SUV

##### Summary

Vehicle Name: HUMMER H2

Body Style: 4 Door Utility

##### Brakes

Brake Type: Pwr

Disc - Front (Yes or No): Yes

Disc - Rear (Yes or No): Yes

Front Brake Rotor Diam x Thickness (in): 12.8 x 1.5

Rear Brake Rotor Diam x Thickness (in): 13.0 x 1.4

##### Cargo Area Dimensions

Cargo Box Width @ Wheelhousings (in): 67.6

Cargo Volume to Seat 1 (ft<sup>3</sup>): 86.6

Cargo Volume to Seat 2 (ft<sup>3</sup>): 40.0

##### Cooling System

Total Cooling System Capacity (qts): 16.8

##### Electrical

Maximum Alternator Capacity (amps): 160

##### Engine

Engine Order Code: L9H

Engine Type: Gas/Ethanol V8

Displacement: 6.2L/378

Fuel System: SFI

SAE Net Horsepower @ RPM: 393 @ 5700

SAE Net Torque @ RPM: 415 @ 4300

Engine Oil Cooler: Yes

##### Exterior Dimensions

Wheelbase (in): 122.8

Length, Overall w/rear bumper (in): 189.8

Width, Max w/o mirrors (in): 81.2

Height, Overall (in): 79.2

Ground Clearance, Front (in): 9.7

Ground Clearance, Rear (in): 9.7

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<http://www.dimensionsguide.com/sizes-of-a-fire-truck/>

### Sizes of a Fire Truck



The size of a fire truck is not standardized although a lot of American fire trucks are at least 24 ft long. The height is around 12 ft. The maximum height limit is 13 ft 6 inches. The width of a fire truck is from 7 to 8 feet.

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