



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 19, 2016

Re: Amending Section 14-203 to Establish One-Way Direction of an Alley Located between Eighth Street and College Avenue

Executive Summary

Amending Chapter 14-203 of the City Code to establish one-way direction of an alley located between Eighth Street and College Avenue. A portion of the alley is too narrow to accommodate two-way traffic, so staff is proposing to amend the ordinance to assign the direction of travel. Additionally, this section of the Code contains conflicting language regarding the direction of the alley traffic flow from Eighth Street to Tenth Street, which is also being corrected with this amendment.

Discussion

To allow for the safe movement of traffic in the alley located between Eighth Street and College Avenue, staff is proposing to designate a section of the alley, 180 feet east of Short Street easterly to College Avenue, between Broadway and Walnut Street, as one-way traffic (see Diagram A). Because there are currently two pizza delivery establishments located between Short Street and the point 180 feet east of Short Street, and this section of the alley is wide enough to safely accommodate two-way traffic, staff recommends leaving this section as two-way traffic so the delivery drivers can utilize it.

The proposed layout will allow traffic to exit the alley onto College Avenue, but prohibit College Avenue traffic from entering the alley. This is recommended because the operating speeds on College Avenue are higher than would be allowed for such a sharp turn into the alley.

Furthermore, the existing ordinance is being amended to correct conflicting language as to the direction of one-way travel in the alley from Eighth Street to Tenth Street. Currently, there are "Do Not Enter" signs posted at Ninth Street and Tenth Street that would prohibit westbound traffic from utilizing the alley. The section of alley located between Tenth Street and Short Street is typically utilized as one-way in an easterly direction (see Diagram B). While the alley in this section is adjacent to a couple of small parking lots, the traffic flow of the parking lots utilizes an easterly direction of travel. The proposed ordinance amendment would help facilitate the direction of travel already being utilized.

The proposed layout was discussed with the CID Operations Committee and staff from Stephens College. Both parties were supportive of the modification.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$600 for sign installation

Long-Term Impact: Estimated \$87.15 for sign maintenance

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Transportation, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

| Date | Action |
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| 02/19/1990 | Amending chapter 14 of the City Code to designate the alley from Eighth Street to Tenth Street between Broadway and Walnut Street, as one-way eastbound |

Suggested Council Action

Authorize amending Section 14-203 of the City Code to establish one-way direction of an alley located between Eighth Street and College Avenue, and to correct conflicting language within the existing ordinance.