

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 2, 2020

Re: Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code relating to Reserved Parking for Police Vehicles

Executive Summary

Staff is proposing to amend Chapter 14 of the City Code relating to Reserved Parking for Police Vehicles. Columbia Police Personnel use the Crime Scene Investigation van on a daily basis and have requested the Parking Utility allow them to utilize two parking spaces on Walnut Street for their operations.

Discussion

The Police Department contacted the Parking Utility Division in November 2019 asking for assistance with resolving an issue of where they can park the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) van for their operational needs. The Parking Utility and Traffic Division Staff have worked with the Police Department to identify two spaces on Walnut Street that best meets their needs of transferring evidence from the van into their building.

The CSI van currently parks on 7th Street in front of the Police Building. The van is very large and is somewhat of an obstruction for those exiting off the parking ramp looking to the north. The proposed parking spaces on Walnut Street are also much closer to the area in the building where evidence is transferred to and processed. The Parking Utility supports making this daily operation need more efficient for the Police Department and proposes amending Chapter 14-335 to allow two reserved parking spaces for Columbia Police Department vehicles on the south side of Walnut Street, east of Sixth Street (see attached diagram).

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term & Long-Term Impact: The Walnut Street spaces currently have 24 minute meters and generated \$653.60 in 2019 and a lot of the time were occupied by Police vehicles; the 7th Street spaces generated \$375.45 when the CSI van was not parked there and are currently two hour meters. Staff feels in the long term freeing up the two spaces on 7th street will ultimately generate more revenue for the utility.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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Legislative History	
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Suggested Council Action

Pass the ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the City Code related to reserved parking for police vehicles.