Subject: Modification to Parking Ordinance(s)  
Discussion

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Action Type
☐ Consent Item  ☒ Discussion/Direction
☐ Public Hearing  ☐ Informational Only
☐ Action/Motion  ☐ Report
☐ Resolution  ☐ Other:

Action
Discussion and provide direction.

Background
A St Paul resident who lives on Annapolis Street West near Delaware has a home based business that provides for gutter installation and repair. This resident has three or four business vehicles that he parks on Annapolis, Cherokee and Ottawa to the dismay of local West St Paul residents and we have heard their complaints.

The owner of these vehicles know that the residents are not happy with the parking of these vehicles but he has not changed his parking behavior. We have spoken with him numerous times.

The vehicles in question do not meet the criteria in city ordinance to enforce the 90 minute time limit on parking on the street. They are between 9,700 and 11,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. We have been marking the tires to make sure they are moved every 48 hours as required in a separate section of our ordinances.

There are two ordinances that can be modified slightly to address this parking issue. They are:

1. 71.04 - Truck Restrictions
2. 72.05 - Parking Over 48 Hours

By modifying 71.04 (C) by replacing 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight with 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight will allow the owner to only park those vehicles on the street for 90 minutes. Rosemount has that weight restriction in their ordinance.

The other option is to modify 72.05 and reducing the time a vehicle can be parked on a city street from 48 hours to a lower threshold. The following are thresholds that other cities in Dakota County have for time limit parking:
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- South St Paul - 20 hours
- Mendota Heights - 24 hours with no overnight parking
- Burnsville - 48 hours with no overnight parking in certain areas
- Inver Grove Heights - 20 hours
- Farmington - 72 hours
- Lakeville - 48 hours with seasonal no parking overnight
- Rosemount - 24 hours

Staff is looking for direction from the PSC on what direction to take.

Attachments
West St Paul Ordinance 71.04 and 72.02

Previous Relevant Actions

Alternatives

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