

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

ITEM NO. C(5)

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2010

TITLE: Town Code Amendment Related to Parking along Roberson Street

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Town Code amendment B. Section 6-19(b)(1) of the Town Code	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 George Seiz – 918-7427 David Poythress – 918-7432 Jeff Brubaker – 918-7329

PURPOSE

Town staff have prepared an amendment to Section 6-19 of the Town Code related to parking along Roberson St. Staff recommend that the Board of Aldermen adopt the ordinance amending the Town Code.

INFORMATION

On November 17, 2009, the Board of Aldermen authorized the Town to enter into a lease agreement for use of the Andrews-Riggsbee Hardware store site, located at 200 S. Greensboro Street and bounded by Roberson and East Carr Streets and Maple Avenue Extension, as a municipal parking lot. A lot entrance on Roberson St. near Maple Ave. Ext. will require additional sight distance for vehicles. To address this, the proposed amendment (*Attachment A*) prohibits parking on the south side of Roberson St. from Maple Ave. Ext. to a point 95 feet west of the Maple Ave. Ext. centerline.

The proposed amendment also clarifies the parking prohibition already in place. Sec. 6-19(b)(1)(g) currently stipulates that there is no parking at any time on “[b]oth sides of Roberson Street from a point opposite the western edge of the Comprehensive Health Center driveway to the western edge of the Rescue Squad driveway.” The eastern bound is no longer applicable because Sweet Bay Pl. has been constructed. Furthermore, the width (about 30 ft. from curb to curb) of the segment of Roberson St. from E. Main St. to Sweet Bay Pl. makes provision of on-street parking for this segment impracticable. The proposed amendment extends the parking prohibition to the intersection of E. Main St.

Staff also discussed the relevance of marking parking restriction start and end points by the name of the organization whose building is at one of those points. Since organizations may change over time, staff agreed to start a practice of marking these points via distance to the nearest cross street. Therefore the organization name is replaced by “a point 135 feet east of the centerline of Maple Avenue Extension”, though the location is effectively unchanged.

Parking limitations are listed in Section 6-19 of the Town Code. *Attachment B* is an excerpt of Sec. 6-19(b)(1). Letters are being sent to property owners along Roberson Street informing them of this proposed change.

FISCAL IMPACT

Signage will need to be prepared and installed. Some additional staff time may be expected associated with enforcement of the new parking limitations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the ordinance amending the Town Code (*Attachment A*).