

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 28, 2010**

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to:

- A. Post NO PARKING restrictions in front of 1314 and 1320 Michigan Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mondays for refuse collection.
- B. Post NO PARKING restrictions on both sides of the alley on the east side of the 1400 block of Michigan Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mondays for refuse collection.
- C. Change the existing NO PARKING 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Mondays restrictions for trash pickup to NO PARKING 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 Mondays for trash pick up on both sides of the alley on the west side of the 1400 block of Michigan Avenue.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

LOCATION: 1300 and 1400 block Michigan Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this request.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by the City of Alexandria Solid Waste Division. The alley is very narrow making it difficult for the refuse trucks to access the alley when vehicles are parked on either side of the alley. On several occasions the trucks were not able to maneuver down the alley so the drivers had to walk down the alley and bring each trash can out to the street to empty it and then return the can back to the alley. When this happens the daily collection schedule is delayed. The proposed parking restrictions will create enough space and distance for the collection vehicles to successfully negotiate the turns in the alley.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request that the unit block of Wales Alley operate in the eastbound direction.

APPLICANT: City Of Alexandria

LOCATION: The unit block of Wales Alley between South Union and the Strand.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request

DISCUSSION: Wales Alley is a public alley that currently operates with two way traffic between South Union Street and the Strand. On May 4, 2010 the Planning Commission approved Special Use Permit (SUP) 2010-0010(A) allowing the operation of a restaurant featuring moderately priced “comfort food” and specialty “craft” beers. The approved SUP also allows for outdoor dining in a portion of Wales Alley. To accommodate the outdoor dining the SUP also approved converting the alley from two way to one way operation but did not stipulate in which direction the alley was to operate. Staff is recommending that the alley operate one way in the eastbound direction. The reason for this recommendation is because the unit block of King Street operates one way in the westbound direction away from Union Street. Having Wales Alley operate in the eastbound direction toward Union Street will help better facilitate traffic destined for Union Street.

The conversion of Wales Alley from two way operation to one way operation will require the posting of DO NOT ENTER signs as well as ONE WAY and turn prohibition signs.

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ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install a “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign on the west side of the 5300 block Echols Avenue 50 feet south of the intersection of Seminary Road.

APPLICANT: Donna Green 2594 Nicky Lane

LOCATION: 5300 block Echols Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request

DISCUSSION: Ms. Green submitted this request because motorists are having difficulty negotiating the Echols Avenue leg of this intersection when vehicles are parked on the street. Echols Avenue is very narrow with a street width of 18 feet between curb lines. 5-2-4 (2) of the City Code requires a minimum street width of 30 feet between curb lines. Section 5-8-161 requires a minimum travel way of 24 feet. When vehicles are parked at the intersection and there is a vehicle waiting on the Echols Avenue approach, there is no space left for vehicles turning from Seminary Road on to Echols Avenue. 50 feet of space is being requested to allow adequate distance for vehicles to enter Echols Avenue from Seminary Road. Only providing 20 feet as required by Code would only prohibit parking not much further than the marked crosswalk

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DOCKET ITEM: 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove 3 parking spaces on the north side of the Oasis drive east of the driveway of IHOP Restaurant.

APPLICANT: Mr. Tim Luwis, 85 & 95 S Bragg St

LOCATION: Oasis Drive

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request

DISCUSSION: Currently, parking is allowed on both sides of Oasis Drive on both the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County segments of the street. Staff received a request to remove parking on one side of Oasis Drive to alleviate any operational issues with emergency vehicular access.

An investigation by the Assistant Fire Marshal showed that the turning radii appears sufficient for fire apparatus. However, investigation by T&ES staff showed operational and visual difficulty due to the horizontal curvature in the road. Therefore, it is recommended to remove the approximately 55 feet of parking on the north side of Oasis along the inside radius of the curve directly to the east of the driveway of the IHOP restaurant. This will provide the necessary sight distance and space needed for safe traffic operations through the curve while maintaining parking availability on the south side, which fronts residential properties.

Pending approval of the request, Fairfax County and VDOT will be notified of the City's actions.

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DOCKET ITEM: 8

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to change the parking restriction hours in front of 3660 to 3680 Wheeler Avenue from: NO PARKING 7:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, to: NO PARKING 8:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

APPLICANT: Jon Budington , Global printing, 3670 Wheeler Avenue

LOCATION: 3600 Wheeler Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request

DISCUSSION: Mr. Budington President of Global Printing states the existing restrictions are creating operational issues for his clients and employees because the restrictions change during the regular work day. This is requiring his employees to move their vehicles before 4:00P.M and not allowing them to park before 9:00 A.M. in front of the building. Many of the employees and clients are receiving tickets. The type of work being done does not allow employees and clients to move their vehicles during the work day as the restrictions require.

