ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 58-24-17

of the

Traffic Engineer of Public Works Maintenance's Traffic Operations Team of the City of Eugene

CONCERNING ON-STREET PARKING ON WEST 18TH AVENUE

The Traffic Engineer of Public Works Maintenance's Traffic Operations Team of the City of Eugene finds that:

- A. Under the provisions of Chapter IV, Section 16 of the Eugene Charter of 2002, the City Manager is designated as the administrative head of the City and is specifically authorized to enforce all ordinances of the City. In addition, EC 5.040 authorizes the City Manager or the Manager's designee to "establish, maintain, remove, or alter . . . parking areas and time limitations, including the form of permissible parking" and to "impose conditions upon which the streets and other public property may be used for parking." EC 5.055 sets forth the criteria the City Manager or the City Manager's designee should consider when taking administrative action authorized by EC 5.040.
- **B.** On August 5, 2020, the City Manager issued Administrative Order No. 58-20-17 granting the Executive Director of the Public Works Department the authority to exercise all of the duties and responsibilities specifically defined as those of the City Manager in Sections 5.040, 5.045 and 5.050 of the Eugene Code, 1971. That Order also granted the Executive Director of the Public Works Department the authority to further delegate those duties and responsibilities to such person or persons qualified to perform the delegated duties.
- C. On August 6, 2020, the Executive Director of the Public Works Department issued Administrative Order No. 58-20-18 granting the City Engineer the authority to perform the duties and responsibilities specifically defined as those of the City Manager in Sections 5.040, 5.045 and 5.050 of the Eugene Code, 1971. That Order also granted the City Engineer the authority to further delegate those duties and responsibilities to such person or persons qualified to perform the delegated duties.
- **D.** On August 11, 2020, the City Engineer issued Administrative Order No. 58-20-19 granting the Traffic Engineer of Public Works Maintenance's Traffic Operations Team the authority to perform the duties and responsibilities specifically defined as those of the City Manager in Sections 5.040, 5.045 and 5.050 of the Eugene Code, 1971.
- **E.** For purposes of public health, safety, and welfare, it is necessary to modify parking on a portion of W 18th Avenue.
- **F.** In making the decision, I have considered all the applicable criteria set forth in EC 5.055. The following findings support my decision to limit parking in this area to time-limited 2-hour parking between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. daily.

- (a) Traffic engineering principles and traffic investigations.
 - i. Classification West 18th Avenue between S Bertelsen Road and Willow Creek Road as shown in Exhibit A is classified as a minor arterial street with a speed limit of 45 miles per hour. The street segment is approximately 34 feet wide with, bike lanes on both sides of the street and intermittent parking bays on the north side of the street, allowing approximately 24 feet of roadway for two-way travel in a mixed residential, agricultural and undeveloped natural area. Sidewalks are present on the north side of the street segment only. There are bike lanes on both sides of the street.
 - ii. Vehicle Crashes There was one motor vehicle crash reported between 2007 and 2021 on the portion of West 18th Avenue between S Bertelsen Road and Willow Creek Road (with suspected minor injury only).
- (b) Standards, limitations, and rules promulgated by the Oregon Transportation Commission or the Oregon Public Utility Commission or their successors.

There are no such standards, limitations or rules that apply.

(c) Other recognized traffic control standards.

The City will apply the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for size, type and location for sign installation.

(d) The city's adopted transportation-related plans and policies.

The City's 2035 Transportation System Plan's Roadway and Parking Policy No. 1 a "Complete Streets Policy," is to "Design, construct, maintain, and operate all streets to provide comprehensive and integrated transportation networks that serve people of all ages and abilities, promote commerce, and support the comprehensive land use plan's vision for growth and development in a responsible and efficient manner. A "complete street" allows safe travel for automobiles and emergency responders, bicycles, walking, transit, and freight. In addition to fulfilling a street's basic transportation functions and providing access to properties, streets and sidewalks should be designed to be attractive, safe, accessible, sustainable, and healthy components of the City's environment." Limiting parking to only the parking needed to ensure a traffic network that allows safe travel for automobiles and emergency responders, bicycles, walking, transit, and freight is consistent with this policy.

(e) Existing state and local laws regulating use of public ways.

The use of the City's public ways for parking is regulated at the local level. EC 5.040(1)(h)(5) and EC 5.040(1)(p) establish authority to manage parking.

(f) The efficient use of the public way by the public.

Modification of parking allowances on W 18th Avenue is needed for more efficient use of the roadway by ensuring vehicle access to the parking stalls.

(g) The use of abutting property.

The abutting land use is a mix of residential, agricultural and undeveloped natural areas.

- (h) The intensity of use of the street by vehicles and pedestrians.
 - i. By Ordinance No. 20181, the City Council adopted the Street Classification Map that designated W 18th Avenue as a [insert street classification] street. By Resolution 4608, the City Council adopted the Design Standards and Guidelines for Eugene Streets, Sidewalks, Bikeways and Access Ways. Parking is an optional feature on streets.
 - ii. There are sidewalks on the north side of the street segment. This order will not impact, and may improve, accessibility of use by pedestrians.
- (i) The physical condition and characteristics of the street and abutting property.
 - i. The portion of West 18th Avenue between S Bertelsen Road and Willow Creek Road as shown in Exhibit A is classified as a minor arterial street with a speed limit of 45 miles per hour. The street segment is approximately 34 feet wide, bike lanes on both sides of the street and intermittent parking bays on the north side of the street, allowing approximately 24 feet of roadway for two-way travel in a mixed residential, agricultural and undeveloped natural area. Sidewalks are present on the north side of the street segment only. There are bike lanes on both sides of the street.
 - ii. The abutting properties on the northern side of the street segment include one- and twostory residential buildings—both single family and multi-family—with driveways and asphalt surface parking. The northern side of the street segment also includes agricultural land and an undeveloped natural area. The abutting properties on the southern side of the street segment include a natural area, Willow Creek Preserve, and an undeveloped commercial property.

(j) Emergencies.

- i. Emergency service vehicles are accommodated through bi-directional travel on W 18th Avenue. Modification of parking will provide additional room for travel and deployment of emergency vehicles.
- ii. W 18th Avenue between S Bertelsen Road and Willow Creek Road is designated as a 3rd Priority emergency ice and snow removal route.
- (k) The public health, safety and welfare.

Extended on-street parking taking place in this area has resulted in unsafe vehicle passage and roadway conditions.

(l) Special events of community interest including parades and public gatherings.

There are no special events of community interest that occur on the portion of W 18th Avenue as shown in Exhibit A.

(m) Construction within or adjacent to the street.

New construction is currently taking place on the portion of W 18th Avenue as shown in Exhibit A. The order will not impede, and may improve, access for the purpose of construction.

- (n) When establishing conditions upon the use of parking in the public way and city-owned parking facilities:
 - (1) Applicable and appropriate time limits;

EC 5.135(1) prohibits the storage of a motor vehicle or personal property on the street for more than 72 hours. There are no additional time limits proposed for this area where parking is to be allowed (except as described at the end of this order and noted in Exhibit A).

EC 5.040 authorizes the City Manager or the Manager's designee to take administrative action establishing parking area time limitations, including the form of permissible parking, and imposing conditions upon which the streets and other public property may be used for parking. Notwithstanding any other administrative action to the contrary, the portions of the streets described below and depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A to this Order shall allow two-hour public parking between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. daily.

(2) The vehicle type and purpose;

Two-hour, time-limited parking supports the intended land use of residential and access to the nearby natural areas.

(3) The relative, seasonal and special event demands for parking spaces within the areas of the requested parking;

This Order is not a response to a request for new / additional parking spaces.

(4) The other public uses for the property;

The area is of mixed zoning (Medum Density Residential, Low-Density Residential, Neighborhood Commercial, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Area) and the public parking areas are intended to serve those uses.

(5) The location and physical characteristics of the parking area or facility;

Existing parking includes two parking bays along the street segment, surface lots belonging to nearby multifamily housing developments, and two driveways belonging to single-family homes.

- (6) The demand for operating revenues, the costs of operations and enforcement;
 - i. Modification of parking is not anticipated to significantly impact operating revenues.
 - ii. If resources are not available for enforcement, then the parking restrictions may be revisited.
- (7) The use of parking regulations to promote city adopted goals and policies; Modification of parking is consistent with City-adopted goals and policies.
- (8) Abuse by applicants of any parking-related permits; Not applicable.
- (9) The impact on nearby commercial uses;

 Modification of parking supports adjacent natural area by ensuring the parking availability to support that recreational use.
- (10) The ease of enforcing the provisions of this chapter; and
 - i. If resources are not available for enforcement, then the parking restrictions may be revisited.
- (11) The availability of other parking spaces.
 - i. Parking is available on adjacent private property.
 - ii. Time-limited parking will create vehicle turnover on the street.

On the basis of these findings, I order that: Parking on W 18th Avenue between Bertelsen Road and Willow Creek Road as shown in Exhibit A to this Order shall be restricted to 2-hour public parking only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., daily, in the green areas shown in Exhibit. This is more specifically described as follows: only two-hour parking between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday, shall be permitted on the north side of W 18th Avenue between Bertelsen Road and Willow Creek Road beginning approximately 1,385 feet west of Bertelsen Road, continuing west to approximately 1,445 west of S Bertelsen; and resuming at approximately 1,345 feet east of Willow Creek Road, continuing west to approximately 1,230 feet east of Willow Creek Road.

No parking of any kind shall be permitted on W 18th Avenue between Bertelsen Road and Willow Creek Road not addressed above.

Dated and effective this day of May, 2024.

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Traffic Operations Team

