

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Public Works Department

TO: David Cronin, City Engineer
FROM: Zach Baker, Project Engineer
DATE: 06 September 2017
RE: Agenda Item for Transportation Commission 9/11/2017:
Disabled Parking Request for 1909 Edgelea Road

Background

In April, 2017, the Transportation Commission received a request for handicap parking on Edgelea Road in front of the house at 1909 Edgelea Road.

Details

Edgelea Road, 19 th Street to Harper Street						
Street Information						
Street Classification	Speed Limit	Safe Route to School	Bus / Transit Route	Douglas County Bikeway Plan Route	Sidewalk along Street	Street Cross Section/Pavement Data
Local	30 mph	NO	NO	NO	NO	Residential area with Asphalt Pavement Width of 26 feet. Has curb and gutter for drainage.

Edgelea Road has on-street parking on the west side of the street only. No parking is allowed on the east side. The property owner at 1909 Edgelea Rd has requested two handicap parking only signs be installed in front of the house with one stall on each side of the driveway. Ms. Charlea Rockhold was contacted by city staff to explain the request.

Ms. Rockhold stated she has a 6 year old daughter who is handicapped. There is a driveway, however they own multiple vehicles. Depending on which vehicle the family is in, easy access in front of the house is rarely attainable as neighbors vehicles are often parked in front of their house. There are several cars that park along this street. She notes the neighbors across the street have 5 cars that park on the street in front of her house. Often, cars visiting houses on 19th Street near their home will park on Edgelea as 19th Street has no street parking. Certain times of the year when events are occurring at the Douglas County Fairgrounds there are lots of vehicles that will park on Edgelea. Ultimately they would like to have easy access to their driveway to aid in transporting

their handicapped child as opposed to walking long distances down the street. Ms. Rockhold said the 6 year old daughter has a bus that picks her up in front their house. Her daughter has a routine that she is accustomed to, and that is to stand by the mail box at the end of their driveway. When neighbors vehicles are in that location the bus must move farther down the street which is more difficult to get her daughter to. Also, Ms. Rockhold noted that neighbors continually park in front of their mail box, often causing the postman to skip delivery to their home.

Action Request

The City of Lawrence has passed ordinances for requests such as this in the past. Examples of these locations are shown in the attached Schedule of Reserved Parking Zones for Persons with Disabilities. Staff recommends the Transportation Commission recommend approval of the request for handicap parking signs to be installed in front of the 1909 Edgelea Road property.

Attachments:

Location Map

Street Photo

Schedule 4 (Reserved Parking Zones for Persons with Disabilities)

Request Email

Location Map: 1909 Edgelea Road





SCHEDULE 4

RESERVED PARKING ZONES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

RESERVED PARKING ZONES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. Reserved Parking Zones For Persons With Disabilities are hereby established in the following locations:

Alabama Street	East side, in front of 714 Alabama Street (Ord. 7910_8.2.05) (Rescinded 3.27.07_Ord. 8079)
Greever Terrace	South side, from 60 feet west of Louisiana Street to 117 feet west of Louisiana Street (Ord. 7648)
New York Street	East side, from 90 feet north of 10 th Street, north 65 feet (Ord. 8191_11.6.07)
Overland Drive	North side, in front of 3920-3922 Overland Drive (Ord. No. 9115_CC 6/2/15) North side, in front of 3924-3926 Overland Drive (Ord. No. 8896_CC 8/6/13)
Pennsylvania Street	East side, in front of 832 Pennsylvania Street (Ord. No. 9302_CC 11/1/16)
Vermont Street	West side, in front of 1505 Vermont Street. (Ord. 7849; 12.21.04) (Rescinded 8/17/10; Ord. 8555)
22 nd Street	North side of 22 nd Terrace from the west property line of 802 W. 22 nd Terrace, east 100 feet. (Ord. 8399_5.12.09)

Zachary Baker

From: Charlearockhold <charlearockhold@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:13 PM
To: David Cronin
Subject: hadcap parking request

Categories: Transportation Commission

I am sending a request for 2 spots one on each side of driveway at 1909 edgelea. I have a disabled daughter and parking only allowed on one side of street and neighbors park in front of my house and mail box and i have to park clear down street and walk with my disabled daughter

1909 Edgelea Road

1. Vehicles parked there belong to 1909 Edgelea Road
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4. This will take away parking for people needing parking from 19th street
5. Who can park there when vacant, will they have to get handicap tag or handicap license plate
6. If this disabled parking is approved for west side of Edgelea Road. There are signs up saying no parking on east side of street. There will be a problem of vehicles wanting to park on the east side of Edgelea Road, which will make it hard to get out or in without hitting vehicles
7. If approved they will use it for their own use, their vehicles will not have any handicap tag or handicap license plate on them, no other handicap persons will be able to use the disabled parking space. The space at 1909 Edgelea Road should not be approved.
8. If this gets approved the Police Department will have to check on the disabled parking space about three times a day to make sure vehicles parking in the space have proper handicap ID on them

From: Lisa Roush [<mailto:LisaRoush74@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 11:05 AM

To: Zachary Baker <zbaker@lawrenceks.org>

Subject: Proposed disabled parking 1909 Edgelea

Good morning, Mr. Baker,

I received a letter in the mail regarding proposed disabled parking on the street for residents at 1909 Edgelea. While I would not request denial of such services for someone in need, I do have a few concerns and questions regarding this request from these particular neighbors.

First, what affect will this have on the neighborhood. They already have three vehicles that they park on the street in front of their house, and the neighbors house to the south of them. And their driveway sits empty. They finally got rid of the huge RV that sat there for years unmoved and that seemed to either have someone living in it or was extended junk storage. I've never seen them have to struggle to find a place to park in front of their house. One of the vehicles parked on the street (grey minivan) gets moved maybe twice a year (probably when neighbors call and complain), and seems to always be used as junk storage.

Second, according to city records this is a rental. But there doesn't seem to be any contact information for the landlord. The property has not been maintained by the tenants nor the landlord. If there is a disability in the family (not evident), the whole property is an accident waiting to happen for whoever is the disabled party. What is a large area of disabled parking on the street going to help?

Perhaps they are hoping to have these spaces on the street reserved so they don't have to park in front of the neighbors house to the south of them. There is still a question of why they aren't using their driveway for at least one of the vehicles.

I'm sorry if this sounds disrespectful to them. But these particular neighbors have been an issue for the neighborhood for many years. And complaints to them personally, to the city and calls to police and animal control (dog barking for hours on end, RV sitting on the street for months, then in the driveway for years, toilet sitting in the front yard for weeks, unmowed backyard, collection of junk piles, etc.) have had very little impact on overall behavior.

Even as I write this, in the back of my mind there is the thought that there may be issues that I don't understand, and that I don't know how to help them with. But spending city money on what seems to be unnecessary disabled parking seems to me to be not addressing their root issues.

Thank you for your time in reading this, and for keeping the neighborhood informed.

Lisa Roush
1515 E 19th St.

Lawrence, KS 66046

(My house is directly to the north of 1909 Edgelea)

From: Lana Scott [<mailto:lanadaniellescott@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 8:12 PM
To: Zachary Baker <zbaker@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: 1909 Edgelea Rd- Disabled Parking Request

Mr. Baker,

Thank you for the letter notifying area residents of the disabled parking request for our street; I had no idea there was an issue. I do have several questions about the request and would like to express my concern about the parking restriction.

First off, before making this designation I request the city enforce existing parking violations that occur in the Location Map. There are vehicles in the Location Map that DO NOT MOVE for weeks at a time. Please address these violations before placing restrictions.

Could you please explain the reason behind the request? The letter I received indicated an area resident made the request, however the "Agendas and Minutes" tab of the city website (which didn't initially list the additional information your letter directed me to) lists the item on the agenda as a "staff recommendation". Could you clarify?

The Location Map in your letter appears to be 2-3 parking spaces? Is this the proposal?

How many "disabled" parking restrictions are on residential streets in our city? I'm not familiar with any; could you please provide an example for me to experience?

Every home on Edgelea has room for at least one vehicle in the driveway which would be much closer for a disabled individual to get in and out of a vehicle/to their home than a spot on the street. Parking is restricted to one side of Edgelea already, so spots are already very limited. While I wish to be supportive of my neighbors' needs, this request doesn't seem warranted and I do not support it.

I appreciate your feedback. I look forward to hearing more on Monday the meeting.

Thank you,

Lana Scott

From: lanadaniellescott [<mailto:lanadaniellescott@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 4:41 PM

To: Zachary Baker <zbaker@lawrenceks.org>

Subject: RE: 1909 Edgelea Rd- Disabled Parking Request

Thank you so very much for all of your information! I certainly sympathize with the situation and the needs of their child. However, the requesting residents rarely park in their own driveway and have a vehicle that is parked in front of their house for weeks at a time. Until recently they also had a camper trailer permanently parked in their driveway. It seems to me there are plenty of alternative solutions.

Thanks again and I hope I can make it Monday!

Lana Scott

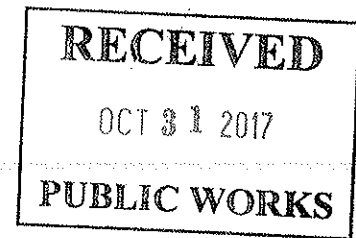
Robert Mitchell,

1902 Edgelea Road
Lawrence, KS 66046

Robert called to say he was against the request to assign spots for disabled parking on Edgelea. He said it is a public street, there is only parking on one side of the street, and many neighbors use that limited number of street parking spaces. He said there is a driveway the requestor does not use that they could park in.

Saturday, October 28, 2017

1909 Edgelea Road



In regard to the request for disabled parking at 1909 Edgelea Road, Lawrence, KS, as stated in previous letter to residents in the 1900 block of Edgelea Road, Lawrence, KS:

Why is this issue being brought up again when different residents have already voiced their reasons it should not be approved? Wasn't our previous letter read that was in reply to the city letter Sept 7 that was hand delivered by city employees to mailboxes at 5:30 pm? Then we hand delivered our reply to your office? See sheet for September 7, 2017!

The residents at 1909 Edgelea Road do not need disabled parking as the only reason they want it is so they can have more time to visit with the school bus driver. They right now stand in the street and visit with the school bus driver which holds up traffic trying to turn onto street or leave for work.

The child at 1909 Edgelea Road is not physically handicapped at all. There is no need for disabled parking at 1909 Edgelea Road. Their driveway is not used so they can wait in their driveway and enter the bus from there. They have many cars that are parked out in the street and never moved.

From:

1922 Edgelea Road

Thursday, September 07, 2017

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From:

1922 Edgelea Road

Robert Mitchell,

1902 Edgelea Road
Lawrence, KS 66046

Mr. Mitchell called 10/31/17 to reiterate he was against the request to assign places for disabled parking on Edgelea Road. He cited the same reasons from his previous call before the September 11 Transportation Commission meeting. He said there is a driveway the requestor does not use that can be parked in.

Galen White,

1912 Edgelea Road
Lawrence, KS 66046

Mr. White called 10/31/17 to state he had no objection to the disabled parking request on his street. It is his understanding that the residents at 1909 Edgelea Road have a little girl with disabilities.

Zachary Baker

From: Karen Parker <kbaron382004@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Zachary Baker
Subject: 1909 Edgelea Road, Lawrence, KS

To the city commission:

I have known the Resident of 1909 Edgelea Road, Lawrence, Kansas for a long time. They do have a daughter that has struggled with many disabilities that include walking. The little girl is named Syd, she has had multiple surgeries. She has to return every 3-6 months to get new braces for her feet.

The different surgeries take a lot out of her. She is unable to walk after these procedures. Her mother is unable to carry her any amount of distance due to her own back problems.

It is a shame that the neighbors do not recognize the importance of them having parking in front of their home. For this, I am asking for the City of Lawrence to put a handicapped parking spot in front of this home.

This family really needs to be able to get their daughter in and out of their home without having to walk a long distance. The parking on this street is very busy and hard to find a place to park.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Karen M. Parker

11-5-17

To whom it may concern,

Sydnee E. Myers was born with multiple physical and mental handicaps. Now at age six she still requires much physical assistance for mobility. A majority of the time the parking spot immediately in front of her home and mailbox is occupied by others in the neighborhood. Sydnee's parents are often forced to park at a distance away from the house because of this. It makes it extremely physically difficult to access their vehicle as Sydnee must be carried this distance. This creates safety issues in emergency situations and cold icy weather. I am in support of a handicapped designation in front of their house.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Leahy Martin

11-4-17

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter as support for Sydnee Elizabeth Myers to receive private handicap parking at her home for her handicap needs. Sydnee has had many trials in her short life and I know this parking arrangements are in need. There are times when her mother Charlea has had to rush her to the hospital, and to have to walk in a rush with Sydnee in arms half way to the end of her street is a big inconvenience. I am in support to this child's needs and care.

Sincerely,

Margaret Cameron