

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Public Works Department

TO: David Cronin, City Engineer
FROM: Nick Voss
DATE: October 10th, 2017
RE: Agenda Item for Transportation Commission 11/6/2017:
No Parking Request – Surrey Drive from 25th Terrace to 23rd Terrace.

Background

In August 2017, the Transportation Commission received a request to restrict parking to one side of the street on Surrey Drive from 25th Terrace to 23rd Terrace. The requesting resident cited home delivery and emergency access concerns when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street. A site visit and aerial images attached show parking usage along the street.

Details

Surrey Drive from 25 th Terrace to 23 rd Terrace						
Street Classification	Posted 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	Yes, East Side	Curb and Gutter, 23 foot width, residential area

Restricted parking to one side of the street is common in the City of Lawrence. If the request is approved city staff would recommend parking to be restricted on the same side of the street as the sidewalk to increase pedestrian visibility. Signs would be installed in-house by city staff.

Action Request

Staff recommends denying the request to restrict parking to one side of the street on Surrey Drive from 25th Terrace to 23rd Terrace.

Attachments:

Request Email
Location map and pictures of existing parking

No Parking Request – Surrey Drive from 25th Terrace to 23rd Terrace

Zachary Baker

From: Carolyn Hicks
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 8:39 AM
To: David Cronin; Nick Voss; Zachary Baker
Cc: Julie Wyatt
Subject: FW: Surrey Drive 24th ter to 25th ter | Code Violation Form [#313]

Please see below email.

Thanks,
Carolyn

From: Julie Wyatt
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 8:12 AM
To: Carolyn Hicks <chicks@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: FW: Surrey Drive 24th ter to 25th ter | Code Violation Form [#313]

Good morning Carolyn, can you share this message with the appropriate person in your department? Thank you!

Julie Wyatt, Code Enforcement Officer
[City of Lawrence](#)
[Planning & Development Services Dept.](#)
785-832-3112

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From: City of Lawrence [<mailto:no-reply@wufoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 6:49 AM
To: CodeEnforcement <CodeEnforcement@lawrenceks.org>
Subject: Surrey Drive 24th ter to 25th ter | Code Violation Form [#313]

Date of violation	Saturday, August 5, 2017
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Property Address	
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Surrey Drive 24th ter to 25th ter
Surrey Drive 24th ter to 25th ter
Lawrence
United States

Please provide a description of your complaint *	Second request--this street should be parking on one side only--recently bought house in area and for third time had a home delivery that was unable to proceed on street to get to my house on 24th ter due to the parking on both sides of street, making a narrow path. One resident parks work trailer, I believe from 2415 Surrey and when on street and
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someone is parked on other side, there is no way an emergency vehicle could get down street. The entire neighborhood agrees it is too narrow, but doesnt think anything can be done. At certain times of day this one block is very difficult to navigate.

Name *

Mark W

E-mail *

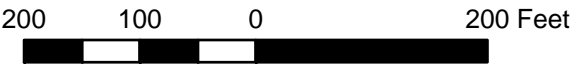
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Surrey Drive 25th Terrace to 23rd Terrace



Proposed no
parking along
Surrey Drive





From 23rd Terrace facing North (Tuesday at 3:30 PM)



Between 23rd Terrace and 24th Terrace facing North

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From 24th Terrace facing North



Between 24th Terrace and 25th Terrace facing North

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2016 Aerial

No Parking Request – Surrey Drive from 25th Terrace to 23rd Terrace



2013 Aerial

No Parking Request – Surrey Drive from 25th Terrace to 23rd Terrace

Nick Voss

From: dawn fulton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2017 11:03 PM
To: Nick Voss
Subject: No Parking on Surrey Drive 25th Terrace to 23rd Terrace

Hi Nick,

I received your letter in the mail. I reside at 2022 E. 24th Terrace in Lawrence and I am not able to attend the November 6th Transportation Commission meeting. I DO NOT support the No Parking on Surrey Drive 25th Terrace to 23rd Terrace. I have traveled this street every single day for 9 years and have never had any problems due to parking on the street.

Thanks,
Dawn Fulton

Nick Voss

From: Jolene Pearson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 8:20 PM
To: Nick Voss
Subject: Parking on Surrey Dr.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am responding for my mother Betty Kennett who is 90 and resides at 2365 Surrey Dr. She does not have internet access. I also have power of attorney for her, if needed.

It does not make sense to make the entire block "No Parking". We do agree there are a lot of cars that park on the street and it is often difficult to get down the street. We think what makes the most sense is to make it parking on one side of the street only. All of these residences on Surrey are condos, as with my mother you can only park 2 cars in the driveway without blocking the sidewalk. If we were all to visit her at once we would have to park in the street. "No Parking" we believe will be a hardship on a lot of the residents.

Thank you,

Jolene Pearson
Betty Kennett

Sent from my iPad

Nick Voss

From: Kirsten Matzen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 2:09 PM
To: Nick Voss
Subject: No Parking Surrey Drive

Hello,

I am a resident on Surrey Drive, between 23rd and 25th Terrace. I received the notice regarding the request for no parking on our street. While I can appreciate that it at times is a little congested, it is completely possible to drive down the street and back out of the driveway. A no parking rule would be completely impractical for a lot of people. Most have multiple vehicles, some have larger work vehicles, and everyone seems to have large gatherings around the holidays. Where will guests park? Thanks for asking for input from other residents!

Kirsten Matzen

Nick Voss

From: Carl Edwards <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 9:59 PM
To: Nick Voss
Subject: parking on Surrey Drive

Mr. Voss,

I am a trustee of the property owner at 2319 Surrey Drive. I'd like to urge the Transportation Commission to deny the request to prohibit parking on the street. On-street parking is important for our tenants that may have guests. Furthermore, a street that has parked cars on both sides tends to slow traffic not that it is an issue as the street is only 2 blocks long and dead ends.

If the commission feels that it should limit parking, then perhaps do so only on one side of the street.

Carl Edwards, Trustee
Effie L. Edwards Trust
504 Louisiana Street
Lawrence

Nick Voss

From: James LaGue <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 8:04 PM
To: Nick Voss
Subject: Surrey Drive No Parking Request

Hello Mr. Voss,

I live on Surrey Dr and recently received a letter from you in reference to street parking. I will not be able to attend the meeting cited in your letter, so I wanted to leave an email in reference to this matter to be considered, as advised in your letter.

My wife and I bought a home and have lived on Surrey Dr since August 2016. Ever since we have lived here we have noted the street parking as an issue.

Firstly, due to the volume of vehicles parked on the street, it is sometimes difficult to navigate down the street between vehicles, as often vehicles will be parked on opposite sides of the street at the same area, forcing a thru-driver to navigate between the vehicles and any oncoming traffic. I have seen times where larger trucks, i.e. garbage trucks, have similar issues navigating around the vehicles parked on the street and I have found myself at a stop in the road waiting for a garbage truck to complete its job at a house or two, unable to pass due to vehicles parked on the side of the street. It should be noted that it is not one or two vehicles parked along the street on this road, but several, often lining practically the entire length of Surrey Dr from the cul-de-sac on the north end to the intersection of 25th Terrace on the south end of the street on both sides.

Secondly, and probably most importantly, these vehicles cause visual obstruction on the road. Our neighborhood is home to many small children who ride bikes and play in their front yards and sometimes near the street, as happens when children play, and it is often difficult to see them due to the vehicles parked on the road.

I understand that due to certain living situations, it can be inconvenient for a family to have to shuffle cars in the driveway, however I believe that due to the volume of vehicles that park along the street in addition to the safety risks it can create, the public safety and nuisance concerns outweigh the inconvenience.

I also believe this issue would be fairly easy to resolve, as the majority of homes with vehicles parked along the street appear to have plenty of room in the large joined driveways that were created in this neighborhood due to its town home style. Each house has a two car sized garage in addition to a driveway space that can easily fit 2 vehicles.

Frankly, my wife and I were happy to receive the letter you sent, as this has been something we have been unhappy with since we moved here. In addition to the issues mentioned above, the vehicles parked along the street simply create a nuisance that seems to be likely unnecessary and avoided with minimal effort on the side of the street parked vehicle owners.

As a bit of a qualifier, I would like to note that I am a former police officer of 5 years at a department in Orange Park, Florida where I served as a field training officer and a police Corporal. I mention this only to give quality to my statements and convey my understanding of traffic laws, town/city issues, and public safety matters.

Thank you for the attention to this matter and it is my hope that the town can help resolve this issue and hopefully lead to a less congested and safer Surrey Dr.

Please contact me by phone or email with any questions or clarification on this correspondence.

James LaGue
2312 Surrey Dr
[REDACTED]