

**Memorandum
Public Works Department**



To: City Manager
Subject: No Parking
Date: April 7, 2014
Number: 2014-080

SOURCE OF REQUEST:

Vicki Grothusen
1609 35th Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201

NATURE OF REQUEST:

The Traffic Engineering Committee received a request from Vickie Grothusen, 1609 35th Avenue, to ban parking on the north side of 35th Avenue from 17th Street to before 16th Street Court.

MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES WARRANTS:

Not Applicable

CONTACTS WITH RESIDENTS:

None

TRAFFIC STUDY INFORMATION:

It was determined that parking be banned on the north side of 35th Avenue 165 feet west of 17th Street.

COST:

The cost to the city is minimal.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Traffic Engineering Committee recommends that the City Council approve the request to ban parking on the north side of 35th Avenue 165 feet west of 17th Street and direct the city attorney to prepare the necessary paperwork.

Submitted by: Randall D. Tweet, Public Works Director
Traffic Engineering Committee

Approved by: Thomas Thomas, City Manager



25
AVE

1601 35 AVE

NO PARKING 165' WEST OF 17TH STREET

35 AVE

16 ST GT

1606 35 AVE

City of Rock Island

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to request the City add a No Parking sign from the corner of 17th St and 35th Ave to before 16th St Ct. The request is due in part to recent events that left a broken down, abandoned car in front of my property. This intersection is quite busy. Due to the location of where the car was left, it created traffic backups at busy times of the day and several near miss collisions. Trying to get the car moved took several weeks to get action on.

During this time, both myself and my neighbor left notes on the car and we contacted the City to report an abandoned car through the online process/phone number. We worked with Ron in the abandoned vehicles area to try to get the car moved. He was very understanding and diligent in the process, reaching out to the owner of the car and keeping us informed. The owner of this car was very difficult for him to deal with but after several weeks of persistence the owner finally pushed the car away from my property and the intersection.

This isn't the first time we/I have had to deal with people parking their cars in front of my home for extended periods of time. Based on my discussion with Ron, this situation was made more difficult due to the fact that there isn't a No Parking sign. Personally, I have made sure visitors to my home limit their parking or direct them to not even park out front of my property.

With this recent situation and to keep this from happening again, I do think it would be in the City's best interest to place a No Parking sign when turning the corner from 17th St onto 35th Ave. Ron agreed that a No Parking sign would have at least given him and/or other officers the ability to write a parking violation to any car left there for a long period of time.

I met with Michael Bartels with the City of Rock Island and we discussed the No Parking sign. He explained the process, where signs would be placed and requested I write this letter to the City.

Assistance with this situation would be appreciated.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki Grothusen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Vicki Grothusen