

**Memorandum  
Public Works Department**



**To:** City Manager  
**Subject:** Parking Lot Ordinance  
**Date:** October 24, 2014  
**Number:** 2014-230

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**SOURCE OF REQUEST:**

Tim Howard, President  
Wellsprings of Freedom International NFP  
3900 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61201

**NATURE OF REQUEST:**

The Traffic Engineering Committee received a request from Tim Howard, President, Wellsprings of Freedom International NFP, 3900 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to place their parking lot under city ordinance (Section 9-42) control.

**MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES WARRANTS:**

Not Applicable

**CONTACTS WITH RESIDENTS:**

None

**TRAFFIC STUDY INFORMATION:**

None

**COST:**

There is no cost to the city. The property owner must post the required warning signs and pay an annual fee of \$150.00 to the city. The ordinance is only enforced when the signs are posted and a representative of the property owner identifies the illegally parked vehicles.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Traffic Engineering Committee recommends that the City Council approve the request and direct the city attorney to prepare the necessary paperwork.

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

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**Approved by:** Thomas Thomas, City Manager

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Wellsprings  
of Freedom  
INTERNATIONAL NFP

October 16, 2014

Traffic Engineering Committee  
1309 Mill St  
Rock Island, IL 61201

Thank you in advance for considering our request. Wellsprings of Freedom International is located at 3900 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Rock Island with a parking lot directly in front and beside our facility. **We would like to request that our parking lot be put under city ordinance control.**

Over the last several years, we have grown as an organization and have seen an increased need to have access to all our parking spots both during the week and on weekends. Local business customers as well as neighbors have been using our parking lot. It started out with a couple of neighbors using the lot and we didn't mind so much because we were not using the lot as much as we are now.

Currently, it is not uncommon to find half of our parking spots taken by neighbors and business customers. In fact, as I write this letter, I just came in from our parking lot where 12 of our 24 parking spaces are being used by neighbors and local businesses. On an average basis, we have as many as 60 of our clientele and volunteers using our facility, but with the parking limitation, many of them are parking on side streets. When winter comes, it poses an additional problem as they do not move their cars for snow plowing. We believe that an ordinance would help reduce this problem.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Howard  
President

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