

**Memorandum  
Public Works Department**



**To:** City Manager  
**Subject:** 4 Hour Parking Zone  
**Date:** June 20, 2011  
**Number:** 2011-190

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**SOURCE OF REQUEST:**

Dr. Julie Hahn  
Compassionate Care Veterinary Clinic  
2300 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61201

**NATURE OF REQUEST:**

The Traffic Engineering Committee received a request from Dr. Julie Hahn, Compassionate Care Veterinary Clinic, 2300 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to restrict parking to 4-hours on the east side of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from the driveway at 2300 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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

Not Applicable

**CONTACTS WITH RESIDENTS:**

A neighborhood petition was submitted with the request.

**TRAFFIC STUDY INFORMATION:**

None

**COST:**

The cost to the city is minimal.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**Submitted by:** Robert T. Hawes, P.E., Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director  
Traffic Engineering Committee

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**Approved by:** John C. Phillips, City Manager



4/21/11

To: Michelle Martin and the Rock Island Traffic Engineering Committee

Please consider this my formal request for 4 hour parking on the section of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from the driveway of the property of 2300 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There are several reasons for this request, all for the fairness and safety of the citizens of Rock Island.

There have been several changes to the traffic flow on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which is directly affecting traffic at the intersection with 23<sup>rd</sup> St. During school start and release times, especially since the Rock Island Center for Math and Science opened, there is a large number of children walking down 18<sup>th</sup> Ave and 23<sup>rd</sup> St during this school rush hour time, and there is always a backup of traffic on 18<sup>th</sup> Ave during this time as well. The visibility of turning onto 18<sup>th</sup> Ave has been limited with a permanently parked truck and trailer on 23<sup>rd</sup> St near the stop sign of 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. Also, this permanently parked truck and trailer inhibits the traffic flow of people turning onto 23<sup>rd</sup> St from 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. There have been several occasions where I have been driving on 23<sup>rd</sup> St heading north toward 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, and someone is driving or walking from the other direction, and had near collisions due to the poor visibility created by the truck parked near the stop sign. As a property owner I feel I have done my part in helping with the safety of this intersection by trimming the overgrown hedges along 23<sup>rd</sup> St and 18<sup>th</sup> Ave for increased visibility. I have received several compliments for this change.

Another reason for this request is fairness of neighborhood parking. There is a truck and trailer that is permanently parked on this section of 23<sup>rd</sup> St in adjacent to my property of 2300 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, and no one else in this neighborhood has the convenience to park here. Permanent street parking to my understanding is not allowed, especially if it is not adjacent to a property owned by the person who is parking there. There have been countless complaints and calls about this permanently parked truck over the past several years, long before I purchased the property of 2300 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. The owner of this truck and trailer does not drive this vehicle, his employees do. At one point in time we had asked very respectfully if he could move the truck while we had construction at my property, and he said he did not have access to the keys, and did not move it. Countless times a tow warning and chalk tires have been placed on this truck, and just before the deadline, it will be moved less than 1 mile and parked a few inches from its originally location. The owner of the truck also has a huge garage and driveway with plenty of room for parking of this truck, but he has chosen for years to disrespect his neighborhood, cause visual pollution with trash loaded in the back of the truck and trailer for days on end, as well as compromising the safety of drivers and pedestrians on 18<sup>th</sup> Ave and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. During the winter months, after heavy snowfall, the truck would not be moved until he was about to be towed, and as a result the plows could not plow this portion of the street, leaving a huge snow bank around the truck, then he would move it to where the snow had been plowed, and leave the snow bank left so nobody could park on that section of the street. On an average day the truck and trailer is full of garbage, debris, and unsanitary material such as old toilets, nails, glass, and other debris. There have been several flat tires in a short amount of time from neighbors and my employees. There are also substantial ruts on my property due to the truck permanently parking on the curb and grass. He has several outstanding tickets for these violations, and the public works department, as well as inspections department has photographs of this truck and trailer. I feel street parking should never be permanent, especially if the owner has ample space to park on his property. I feel street parking should be short term, and all residents should have equal opportunity to park for a short amount of time.

I am requesting 4 hour parking for this section of the street strictly for fairness and safety of the neighborhood. I have a special use permit for a veterinary clinic at 2300 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, and I have the appropriate number of off street parking spaces that zoning required. This is not at all a request for convenience of my business. The city council of Rock Island unanimously approved my special use permit, agreeing that new businesses should be supported by this community and this adds to the pride and historic values of Rock Island. The community has embraced and supported this veterinary clinic, and loves the fact that it is in this neighborhood and in this beautiful house. I feel the city owes it to its community to support its businesses and its citizens. This section of 23<sup>rd</sup> St parking has been a problem long before I purchased the property, and this change is supported by the residents of the 1800 block of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. A petition has been collected and is included in this formal request. I appreciate your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any further information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Hahn", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Julie Hahn  
Compassionate Care Veterinary Clinic  
2300 18<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Rock Island  
309-786-3669

PETITION FOR 4-HOUR PARKING

NORTHEAST BLOCK OF 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET ADJACENT TO 18<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

FROM DRIVEWAY OF 2300 18<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NORTH TO STOP SIGN

1.	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Signature</u>
	Reganey	2311 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave RI	Reganey
	Steve Carey	2311 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave RI	Steve Carey
	Julie Hall	2300 18 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Julie Hall
	DANIELLE JORDAN	1916 24 <sup>th</sup> ST #4 RI.	djordan
	Kelly Bruce	1230 20 <sup>th</sup> ST RI, IL 61201	Kelly Bruce
	Jan Wagner	3605 24 <sup>th</sup> Ave RI 01615-01	Jan Wagner
	Elizabeth Dolph	1840 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. RI. 01201	Elizabeth R Dolph
	Steve Schubert	2318 20 <sup>th</sup> AVE RI	Steve Schubert
	Bridget Graft	1827 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. RI	Bridget Graft
	Steven Graft	1827 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. RI	Steven Graft
	Marilyn Galley	3318-26 <sup>th</sup> Ave RI.	Marilyn Galley
	Darrin Sturges	2001 23 <sup>rd</sup> St RI	Darrin Sturges
	Samantha Barney	2112 20 1/2 AVE RI	Samantha Barney
	John Barney	2112 20 1/2 AVE RI	John Barney V.P.O.P.
	Tracy Czekalski	2423 22 <sup>nd</sup> Av RI	Tracy Czekalski
	Ward Czekalski	1836 23 <sup>rd</sup> St RI	Ward Czekalski
	Annouale DeGraene	1834 23 <sup>rd</sup> St RI	Annouale DeGraene
	Andy DeGraene	1834 23 <sup>rd</sup> St RI	Andy DeGraene
	Gary Holt	1841 23 <sup>rd</sup> St RI	Gary Holt
	Laura Holt	1841 23 <sup>rd</sup> St RI	Laura Holt
	Brigitte Helms	1818 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. RI	Brigitte Helms