

RESOLUTION #12-7-2015A

A Resolution to remove parking from the alley located and running in a northwesterly direction from 1st Avenue North and 2nd Avenue North and between 1st Street North and 2nd Street North.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____ to _____
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Resolution #12-7-2015A _____ on December 7, 2015, by the following roll call vote:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
MOUNT VERNON, IOWA

James L. Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Ripke
Assistant City Administrator/Clerk



Michael Beimer, City Administrator
Doug Shannon, Chief of Police

Jim Moore, Mayor

Council:

Jamie Hampton
Marianne Taylor
Francesca Thompson
Eric Roudabush
Paul Tuerler

Dear Honorary Mayor Moore and Honorary Council Members,

Council asked me to look into four items relating to the alley on the north side of Town Center merchants. Here are my findings of fact;

1. Streetscape Design – Although there were some concepts in the early stages of the planning process there are no standards or design pertaining to this area of Town Center in the Streetscape Design. There is reference to Back Door South, but not Back Door North.
2. Historic Preservation Commission....The HPC did an initial review without an exact site plan and here are the minutes from that meeting;
 - III. Discussion ensued regarding access to the rear of structures and plans for Dale Broulik to extend a driveway from the parking area to the rear lower level of his structure. There was insufficient information and no formal application so no decision was reached regarding the Broulik property (Czech Feather and Down). The commission would like to see details of any retaining wall and modifications. The recommendation of the commission is that any retaining walls be constructed of either limestone blocks or concrete masonry units such as those used by the City as mentioned above.
3. Parallel Parking/Additional Options for Parking - Staff would not recommend parallel parking mixed with angled parking on the City parking lot labeled #5 on the map (in purple). This would not provide enough space for a vehicle to drive between the two types of parking. The only additional parking options beyond parallel would be to purchase the land to the north of the City parking lot labeled #5 on the map owned by Jim Engelbrecht. The price tag would be high for this option (more than \$25,000 just for land).
4. Fire Chief...Met with Chief Goodlove on the property and he will provide their needs and concerns in a separate piece of communication to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Siders
Zoning Administrator

Marsha Dewell

From: Nathan Goodlove <ngoodlove.mvfd@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 3:55 PM
To: Mike Beimer
Cc: Marsha Dewell; Matt Siders
Subject: North Side Alley

All,

After meeting with Matt today and looking at the area in question, I can offer the following information.

Our vehicles range approximately 8'4" to 8'8" wide, this amount of opening would leave us with no wiggle room and essentially be threading a needle. Taking this into consideration if we were to commit to setting an engine up in the alley we would ideally need this amount of space as well as another 2' of space to allow us access to our pump for the connection of a large diameter supply hose.

If the need were to arise that a life rescue were to take place off of the back alley (Happened at the Scorz Fire) with a Ladder Truck we would need a minimum of 15' of clearance to set the aerial devices out riggers in place. This length ideally would need to be 18' to utilize a ladder trucks full potential but could be "short jacked" to 15' in a life safety event.

To break it down;

If we were to set an engine up to fight fire we would need approximately 10'8" to operate within.

If we were to utilize a ladder truck from Cedar Rapids, Marion, Hiawatha, or one day soon our own, we would need a minimum of 15'.

Any questions please let me know. I will be on shift at CRFD on Monday and will be unable to attend the meeting if any questions arise.

Thanks

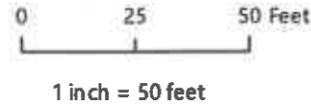
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