

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

Inter-office Communication

DATE: 2/15/2022

TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairperson, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Transportation

SUBJECT: Request to amend Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances Chapter 69 Section 69.02 to add No Parking on West Rawson Avenue (CTH BB) from South 27th Street to South Howell Avenue

FILE TYPE: Action Report

REQUEST

Request to amend Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances Chapter 69 Section 69.02 to add No Parking on West Rawson Avenue (CTH BB) from South 27th Street to South Howell Avenue.

POLICY

The Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 349.13 authorizes local authorities to establish no parking on a highway or part thereof, which is under their jurisdiction. Chapter 69 Section 69.02 of the Milwaukee County Ordinances establishes parking regulations for County Trunk Highways (CTH) including West Rawson Avenue (CTH BB), pursuant to the authority established by the State Statute mentioned above. When the local authority determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that parking of vehicles adjacent to the roadway poses a hazard to the traveling public as well as the abutting property owner, such authority may elect to prohibit or restrict parking in the County Highway Right-of-Way.

BACKGROUND

Milwaukee County has jurisdiction of East/West Rawson Avenue (CTH BB) from South North Cape Road to the west line of South Pennsylvania Avenue. The Transportation Services Division of the County's Department of Transportation determined during the reconstruction project of West Rawson Avenue (CTH BB), that there was a no parking zone that was not in the ordinances but was signed on the highway. The existing no parking zone is on both sides of the roadway from South 27th Street to South Howell Avenue. There are two upcoming projects in this section of West Rawson Avenue. One is from South 27th Street to South 20th Street, the second is from South 13th Street to South Howell Avenue. The section from South 20th Street to South 13th Street was already reconstructed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) with the Interstate 41/94 North/South Project. All sections will have bicycle accommodations that do not exist today. Removing the parking restriction would allow vehicles to park within the bicycle accommodation, causing unsafe conditions. Therefore, the Department of Transportation (MCDOT) recommends keeping the existing no parking restrictions by modifying the ordinances. Attached is a map showing the no parking location.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

No Parking zones inform drivers and motorists where parking is not permitted and are an essential part in keeping highways safe for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclist throughout Milwaukee County aligning to the strategic plan (2C, 3B and 3C).

- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions.
- 3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability.
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities.

FISCAL EFFECT

No property tax levy impact results from this action. The cost of the signs and installation is included in the project.

TERMS

N/A

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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Resolution, Fiscal Note

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