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CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL MARCH 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Traffic Control Orders 24-01 through 24-04 for No Parking signs restricting parking on both sides of Wainwright Street, Linhart Street, Martin Avenue, and Paramount Street.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

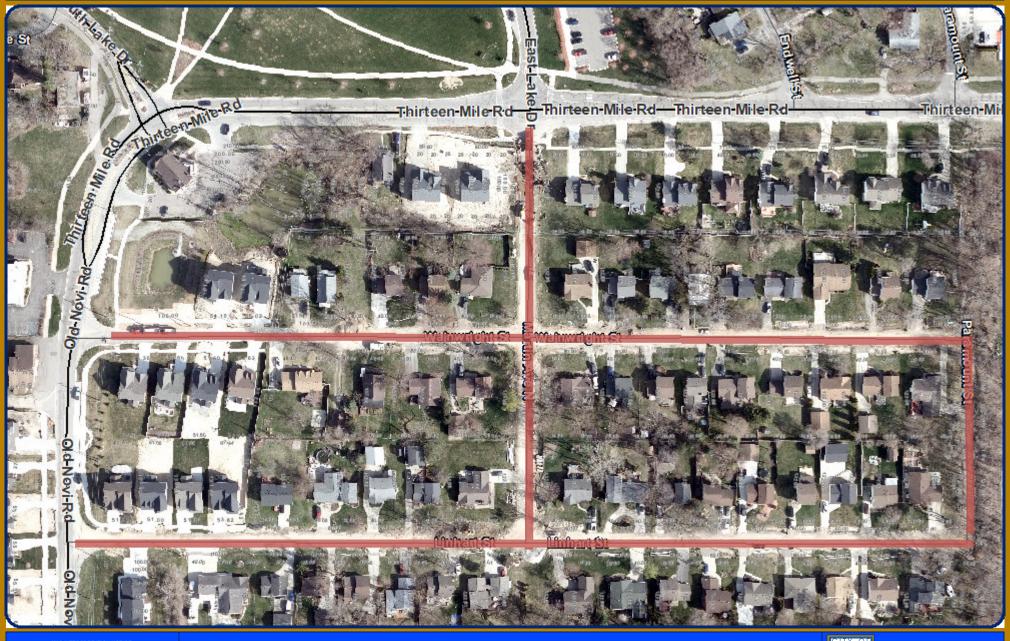
Following information provided by the City of Novi's Public Safety Department, along with a request from residents in the Howell's Walled Lake Subdivision, a parking restriction is being proposed along the streets in the Howell's Walled Lake Subdivision. The restriction is to provide adequate width for emergency vehicles, which has been a concern due to the narrow width of the streets. Wainwright Street, Linhart Street, Martin Avenue are approximately 19 to 21 feet wide, and Paramount Street is approximately 13 feet, significantly less than the standard 28-foot width. When vehicles are parked along the sides of these streets, they can obstruct access for emergency vehicles.

Traffic control orders are required under the Uniform Traffic Code to enforce traffic control signs installed on public streets. Staff has prepared the following traffic control order for approval by City Council.

TCO No.	Description
24-01	No Parking on Wainwright St.
24-02	No Parking on Linhart St.
24-03	No Parking on Martin Ave.
24-04	No Parking on Paramount St.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Traffic Control Orders 24-01 through 24-04 for No Parking signs restricting parking on both sides of Wainwright Street, Linhart Street, Martin Avenue, and Paramount Street.

TCO - No Parking Howells Walled Lake



MAP INTERPRETATION NOTICE

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Map Print Date: 2/29/2024



City of Novi 45175 Ten Mile Rd

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MEMORANDUM



TO: BEN CROY, CITY ENGINEER

FROM: MARK BOODY, SERGEANT

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR NO ON-STREET PARKING

DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2023

CHIEF CONCERN

I, Sergeant Boody, was notified of a parking concern at 216 Wainwright Street. The resident, Patricia Young, reported that her neighbor across the street at 215 Wainwright Street parks her vehicle on the side of the road, directly across from her driveway. Young said this hinders her ability to pull in and out of her driveway. Officer Tillman has attempted to resolve this concern by talking with the homeowner at 215 Wainwright Street, Tammi Swanigan, with no success.

On Tuesday, October 17, 2023, I met with Officer Tillman at 215 Wainwright Street to address this concern. One concern I observed, was the street was very narrow. I observed Swanigan's vehicle parked on the street, completely in an approved lane of travel. Swanigan is able to park her vehicle one foot off the road, but she chooses not to, due to a small retaining wall. I do find Young's complaint to be valid; however, Swanigan's vehicle is legally parked, leaving us with no recourse to solve this problem.

This particular community consists of four streets, Wainwright Street, Linhart Street, Paramount Street and Martin Avenue. All four streets are narrower than the normal width of a street, which is typically 26 to 28 feet wide. I further noticed that there's no shoulder on either side of various streets, in most areas. Vehicles that were parked on the street were completely parked in the lane of travel. As I was driving along Wainwright Street, I was traveling in the opposite side of the street when passing a vehicle parked on the street. As a result, I noticed additional concerns with the narrow streets, as follows:

1. Inadequate on-street parking.

2. Accessibility for emergency vehicles, (fire trucks, ambulances, and police vehicles).

ROADWAY WIDTH

Linhart Street: 20.3 feet wide

Martin Avenue: 21 feet wide

Wainwright Street: 21.7 feet wide

Paramount Street: 13 feet wide

AVERAGE WIDTH OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

Passenger sedan: five feet - eight inches

Large SUV: six feet - one inch

FACTORS TO CONSIDER

Currently, there are no signs prohibiting on-street parking, vehicles are allowed to park on both sides of the above-mentioned streets. There is a drainage ditch in most areas, on both sides of the streets, which does not allow for a shoulder. Therefore, any vehicle that is parked on the street is actually parked in an approved lane of travel.

The Novi Fire Department utilizes a platform truck to give an aerial advantage while fighting a structure fire. Their platform truck is nine feet wide; however, they need a minimum of 17 feet of working area for the outriggers, a maximum of 23 feet. With that said, the fire department would need 20 feet of unobstructed width to operate. It should be noted that Paramount Street would not allow the platform truck to be utilized.

As mentioned, if a vehicle is parked on the street in front of a structure fire, then this parked vehicle has taken away the ability of the Novi Fire Department to utilize their platform truck. The Novi Fire Department would have less than the 17 feet required minimum working area. Additionally, if two vehicles are parked on any of the streets, across from each other, the fire department would not be able to pass through with any of their fire trucks, same for an ambulance. The fire department would be forced to find a different route; however, the street does not allow them to turn around. They would have to back their fire truck up to an intersecting street in order to turn around. On-street parking severely hinders the fire department with responding to a structure fire or a medical emergency.

This area is located next to Pavilion Shore Park and not far from Lakeshore Park. These two parks attract many citizens and visitors from outside communities, especially since the parks are connected to Walled Lake. These two parks attracted hundreds of visitors during the Fourth of July holiday, which creates a parking concern. Several visitors will park on both sides of the above-mentioned streets, making it nearly impossible for an average-sized vehicle to travel through. This would make it completely impossible for the Novi Fire Department to respond to a structure fire or a medical call.

RECOMMENDATION

I am recommending that the City of Novi prohibits on-street parking on both sides of each of the above-mentioned streets. The streets have inadequate room for on-street parking, vehicles are forced to park completely in an approved lane of travel. On-street parking severely hinders a public safety response, especially for the fire department.

February 5, 2024 City Council City of Novi 45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 4875

Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council,

This letter is in regard to the abandoned vehicle that is parked on a public roadway in front of 215 Wainwright. This vehicle hasn't moved or been driven. It has been brought to the attention of the police on numerous occasions. It has also been recently brought to the attention of the City Council at the meeting held on January 8, 2024.

The vehicle in question is a Silver Dodge Caliper. It is parked in such a way that it is obstructing traffic on the street and the use of other's personal driveways. This vehicle is not operable and has not been driven or moved since it was parked there in June of 2022. The vehicle was towed on January 13th of 2024 and the owner was arrested for resisting and obstructing a police officer. The owner got the vehicle out of impound on January 17th when it was towed back to the owner's residence and parked in the same spot on the public roadway as when it was towed. Since that time the vehicle has not been driven and does not have current tags on it. It is still an abandoned obstacle in the road interfering with resident's vehicles, and also to commercial and city vehicles. When the street was under construction in April/May of 2023 the owner refused to move it and the crews had to call the Novi police to get it moved so work could be completed. At that time the vehicle had to be pushed into the owner's driveway by the Novi police because it was not operable. The owner has a private driveway where this car could easily be parked but refuses to park it there.

We respectfully request that this car not be allowed to be parked on the street since we do not have a fire lane and it is impeding into the public roadway. A permanent solution would be to have no parking signs posted which would allow a fire lane on this street as this road is 7 feet narrower than other Novi subdivisions.

Sincerely,

The Residents of Wainwright Street

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