

Parking Restrictions Citizens Comments by Ward

Actual citizen comments are summarized in black text below.

Blue text is City Staff response.

Ward 7

On Varsity Blvd the “No Parking at Anytime” should be relocated to the south side of the street. When exiting from the apartment complex near 1212 Varsity, it is difficult to make the turn out of the driveway because of limited visibility of traffic due to the close proximity of parking to the driveway entrance. It would not help to extend no parking because it would still be difficult to exit the complex.

The north side of the street was selected for “No Parking Anytime” because of the intersection condition at Annie Glidden and Varsity. It allowed additional width to accommodate the left turning movements of larger vehicles turning westbound from northbound Annie Glidden Road. Additionally we are trying to keep uniformity in the neighborhoods to make parking easier for visitors to understand. We believe that placing a “No Parking at Any Time” for a distance of 75 feet west of the entrance to 1212 Varsity. This would potentially eliminate 2 to 3 on street parking spaces. Based on the parking ratios of the surrounding multi-family units the parking is necessary so the elimination of parking on both sides would be a disservice to the neighborhood. A new ordinance is required for this change and has been proposed.

Ward 5

Future development along the Lincoln Highway corridor east of Pearl Street could potentially generate a significant demand for parking. This demand may reduce the available parking for the residents of the north 5th ward. If this is the case, “Residents Only” parking should be introduced for this area.

Staff has noted the comment. This will be a topic of discussion at the time the development moves forward.

Park Avenue has issues with cars blocking driveways. This problem is worse in the winter because the snow plow operations reduce the width of the street.

This is a community-wide problem. One potential solution for this problem would be adding snow routes to specific streets, or declaring snow routes to all streets after a designated snowfall of an agreed depth.

Park Avenue just south of Miller on the north side of Park Avenue has been painted yellow, however the paint is faded, and the police don’t ticket people parking in the area. Additionally this is an area where the school bus drops off and picks up students. The desired restriction at this location would be “No Parking Here to Corner” [the length of the yellow painted curb].

Staff believes a “No Parking at Any Time” would be appropriate from the driveway access off of Park Avenue for 246 Miller for a distance of 80 feet along the south right of way line of Park Avenue. Staff needs to reach out to the school district to better understand their operations. It may be necessary to modify this request to allow school buses access to continue to pick up students. A new ordinance is required for this change and has been proposed.

There is a concern on Barb Blvd. that parking on both sides of the street creates a hazardous situation during events on the fields at the school on the south side of the street. Children have been seen darting across the street at midblock in between cars and are at risk of being struck. Parking should be

removed on both sides of the street when events on the south side are occurring. An alternative solution could be the construction of off-street angled parking if the street is widened to the south.

It appears that the removal of parking on both sides of the street during events would solve the problem. A modification to this solution could be the elimination parking during events on the north side of the street. This should prevent the children from running across the street at this location. In conjunction with this consideration could be the reduction of the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph. The alternative solution of creating angled parking is a creative solution that could be evaluated at the time the street is reconstructed. The parking demand should be thoroughly evaluated to get an understanding of the frequency which angled parking would be occupied. One potential solution could be to extend or construct a sidewalk along the south side of the street from the parking lot west to the athletic fields. Additional input is being sought from the Police Department regarding eliminating parking on one or both sides of the street. Since this regulation is impacting a significant number of people on the block these residents and possibly the school should also be contacted. It is possible that parking would shift off of Barb and onto Elizabeth relocating the parking issue. Of additional consideration is that the proposed parking restriction may not be appropriate because the problem occurs seasonally and sporadically throughout the seasons that activities are occurring on the athletic fields. At this point further research must be conducted and input gathered to effectively address this concern.

One proposed change was to on Rolfe Road between Linden and Park. This existing restriction is: No Parking 1:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday Except on Legal Holidays north side, from Park Drive to Linden Place. The proposed restriction was for No Parking at Any Time. This rule for the north side should remain as is and not changed as proposed. The evening , weekend, and holiday parking is very valuable and necessary when needed for guests of the residents, as there is no parking Linden Place near Rolfe Road. Additionally the parking restriction on the south side should remain as well.

Another resident commented on the same restriction indicating....

The restrictions should be left as is. We have no problems and it gives us the flexibility to have people over and park on both sides of the street (which, actually rarely happens) if needed. Our block is a short block and if the north side is changed to no parking all the time we would have very little space for parking. Students park on this block of Rolfe during the weekdays but they are not a problem. I am home during the day and see what goes on.

If the proposed regulation does not meet the needs of the residents and doesn't interfere with emergency operations or maintenance activities we are willing to consider alternatives. In this case the existing restriction is meeting the needs of the residents. In effort to maintain consistency on the block and within the overall restrictions staff proposes making the restrictions on the north side consistent with the south side of the roadway. This would change the restriction from No Parking 1:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday Except on Legal Holidays to No Parking 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

This is our citizen input on the current and proposed parking restrictions.

Thank you for all the effort put in to revising DeKalb city parking regulations. Our concern is with parking on John Street. We have reviewed the proposed changes of no parking any time on the west side and unrestricted parking on the east side and are in favor of this proposal. We request that the John Street

proposed changes be implemented ASAP. Our reasons for requesting early implementation are as follows:

- As owners of rental property on John Street we are unable to offer off street parking to our tenants because there is a public spillway on our property. The current parking regulations make it difficult to attract tenants for our building. The notion of having to move their cars every day between 10 PM and 8 AM is a deterrent.
- The current regulations, by omission, allow parking on both sides of the street from 10 PM to 8 AM daily. As a result when cars are parked on both sides, the street is narrowed to the point that it may be difficult for emergency vehicles to pass.
- The signs posting the current regulations are confusing. Thus residents have been ticketed even though they thought they were abiding by the regulation.

Staff will implement the proposed restriction of No Parking at Any Time on the west side of the street and provide for parking on the east side of the street.

Some residents would prefer the parking restrictions on the south side of Rolfe from Woodley to Linden and the south side of College Avenue from John to Linden changed from No Parking 1 a.m. to 8 a.m. to No Parking 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

The above comment was received conversationally at the outreach meeting. Staff understands that there is some history behind the existing restriction. Anecdotally it has been relayed that the current restriction is in place to prevent parking associated with night time activity that was resulting in increased Police response to the area. While the proposed 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. restriction would provide citizens and visitors additional time to park in the morning and make it more consistent with other areas of the City, it does not meet the specific needs of the neighborhood and so the staff recommendation is to keep the existing restriction.