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TO: Deputy Chief Wirsing

FROM: Sgt. Joe Grage #754

DATE: 04/14/2017

SUBJECT: Public Safety and Transportation Committee Agenda Item:
Request for Overnight Parking Ordinance Modification

On Thursday, April 6th, the Police Department received an email from Bonnie Rudolph, the association treasurer for the Oakview Estates Condominiums located at 500 E. St. Charles Rd. In her email, Ms. Rudolph advised that the condominium association has had an overflow parking issue and has used the adjacent property to the west to alleviate that problem. She further explained that property is now being developed, so the association is investigating options to address their overflow parking problem.

As part of that investigation, Ms. Rudolph asked if the Village would permit condominium residents to park their vehicles overnight on St. Charles Pl., which is across the street on the south side of St. Charles Rd. Ms. Rudolph also suggested that condominium residents be issued permits to park in that area that the Village would issue after the residents paid a fee. She compared the arrangement with other permitted parking areas that the Village administers. A ordinance change or addition would be necessary to allow this.

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As you are aware, our overnight parking ordinance has been in effect for decades. The ordinance has a number of reasons for its existence. Among them are:

- The act of moving a car at least once daily helps to prevent blighted cars from remaining on Village streets for extended periods of time.
- The fewer cars that are sitting out overnight, the better Police patrols can access areas where emergency calls are coming from, and the more visibility police officer patrols have of homes.

While Ms. Rudolph is correct in pointing out that the Village has other permitted parking areas where vehicles are allowed to park overnight, her comparison is not entirely accurate. There are no "on street" permitted parking areas within the Village where residents park overnight. The permitted parking areas all contain marked parking spaces off of the roadway (example: E. North Broadway and E. South Broadway).

I cannot recommend the approval of Ms. Rudolph's request based upon the above as well as the following:

- Creation of an ordinance to allow for this would be unprecedented. The approval of this request would likely generate similar requests in other areas of the Village, which would undermine the reasons behind the overnight parking ordinance.
- Ms. Rudolph's request is ambiguous in that it does not outline what the association's actual parking needs are (i.e. number of vehicles).

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- Implementing and administering the requested parking permits would require additional resources from the Village and/or the Police Department in terms of supplies and manpower. This additional cost would not necessarily be covered by a permit fee. Additionally, these resources are not currently available and are not in line with the goal to operate in the most efficient manner possible.

I have advised Ms. Rudolph that I could not recommend her request. I also advised her that her request would go before the Public Safety & Transportation Committee in May. I invited Ms. Rudolph to attend that meeting to speak in person if she wished to.

Sgt. Joe Grage #754

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