

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers - 8150 Barbara Avenue**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR APRIL 1, 2014.**

3. **APPLICANT REQUESTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - 3.01 **CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS (parking restrictions)– CASE NO. 14-10ZA**
Consider an **Ordinance Amendment** regulating parking of vehicles and recreational vehicles in the front yard.

Planning Commission Action _____

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

5. **ADJOURN**

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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

Tuesday, April 1, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Chambers - 8150 Barbara Avenue

Chair Hark called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Paul Hark
Pat Simon
Tony Scales
Armando Lissarrague
Annette Maggi
Victoria Elsmore (arrived at 7:05)
Harold Gooch
Bill Klein

Commissioners Absent: Dennis Wippermann (excused)

Others Present: Tom Link, Community Development Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 18, 2014 Planning Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

JEFF LEYDE – CASE NO. 14-09ZPA

Reading of Notice

Commissioner Simon read the public hearing notice to consider the request for a comprehensive plan amendment to change the land use designation from LDR, Low Density Residential to HDR, High Density Residential, and a rezoning of the property from R-1A and R-1C, single-family to R-3C, multiple-family to allow for a senior living facility, for the property generally located at Brent Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets. 66 notices were mailed.

Presentation of Request

Tom Link, Community Development Director, explained the request as detailed in the report. He advised that the applicant is proposing to change the land use designation of approximately 3.4 acres from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential. The property was platted in the 1880's and the existing lots are very small, have steep slopes, and are unbuildable with today's zoning ordinance. There are also some platted roads that were never developed. The applicant would like to construct a one building 52- unit senior housing development as well as some new single-family lots on the vacant abutting land. The issue before the Planning Commission tonight is what is the appropriate land use for this property. If the applicant is successful in getting approval of this request, they will come back at a later date for a second public hearing to consider the details of the actual site design. The current designation for the property is Low Density Residential (1-3 units per acre) which would typically include single-family homes, twinhomes, or low density townhome units. The proposal to change it to High Density Residential would provide for densities of 12 units or greater per acre and would typically include apartments, condos, or senior housing. The arguments for the proposed land use change include the property having development limitations because of steep topography and the need for ponding. Also, having a single building could reduce the amount of grading and tree removal necessary. Because of the existing multiple family development to the west it could be argued that this is not out of the ordinary for the general area. Senior housing typically generates less traffic and noise concerns in comparison to standard multiple family developments, and there continues to be a need for senior housing. The arguments against the proposed land use change are that the proposed density is a

large departure from the surrounding area and could create land use incompatibilities. Also, the proposed three story building would be taller, and the massing much greater, than the surrounding buildings, and the proposed density of 15 units per acres is considerably greater than the surrounding neighborhood. Also this type of spot zoning is typically to be avoided. Staff is concerned about spot zoning, the precedent this could set, and the size and density of the proposed development in comparison to the surrounding properties, and they are therefore recommending denial.

Commissioner Scales asked if an apartment building could be built on this property if the land use change was approved and the proposed project did not go through.

Mr. Link replied it was possible; however, the City could investigate alternatives that could tie it to this specific senior housing project.

Commissioner Gooch was concerned about making a permanent land use change for a potential development opportunity and asked if there was a way to look at the finished product and what it is going to be before making land use changes.

Mr. Link replied there were two methods for the property owner to pursue. One was to request approval of the site plan, CUP, rezoning, and the comprehensive plan amendment all at one time. The disadvantage of this is that it requires a lot of cost to the property owner to get into that level of detail without having direction from the City. The other method is to come in with the land use changes first to get an indication from the City as to whether the general concept is acceptable before putting the added cost and effort into working out the details. If the proposed land use change is approved the applicant would then come back for CUP and plat approvals.

Commissioner Gooch noted that since staff has recommended denial the applicant has already received their answer from the City.

Mr. Link responded that the applicants also want to hear the Planning Commission and City Council recommendations as they could be different from staff's.

Commissioner Simon asked if the infill that would be necessary for this development would be comparable to the steep slopes in the 79th and Blanchard area.

Mr. Link replied that level of detail would not be looked at unless the proposal proceeded forward.

Commissioner Klein asked if the County was on board with the proposed senior housing project.

Mr. Link replied it was his understanding that it would be a private senior housing project and that Dakota County CDA would not be involved.

Commissioner Gooch asked how many of the seven single-family lots were buildable.

Mr. Link replied that to his knowledge there were actually nine single-family lots; all of them buildable.

Opening of Public Hearing

Jeff Leyde, 14931 – 108th Street, Hastings, and David Steele, 4807 Slater Court, Eagan, advised they were available to answer any questions.

Chair Hark asked if Mr. Leyde read and understood the staff report.

Mr. Leyde replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Steele advised that the Leyde and Kelm families have owned and paid taxes on this real estate for 65 years. They have 325 units that they manage in the south metro, including Inver Grove Heights. They recently redeveloped an 11 unit development on 81st Street and have a successful relationship with the City. The property in question tonight lies between 49th and 50th Streets. The applicants plan to install the street themselves per City specifications, and then dedicate it to the City. The proposed project is compatible with the existing sewer and water. The proposed overall density is 12 dwelling units to 1 acre, and it will change to 15 dwelling units to 1 acre once the street is dedicated. The building shown on the site plan is 348 feet long and 61 feet wide; however, the size may be reduced by 20%. The building is designed right now for 1,000 - 1,200 square foot units but may be shrunk to 750 – 950 square foot units. Any reduction in the building size would come off the west side which would be the most advantageous to the neighbors as the other three sides are much less developed. In addition to the proposed senior housing building, there would be nine single-family lots that could be developed later on.

Commissioner Klein asked the applicant where the existing high power lines were located.

Mr. Steele replied the 70 foot high lines were north of the proposed parking area and were approximately 40 feet wide. He advised that most homeowners would have a 61 foot end view of the proposed building. The development will have on-site retention, and parking will be 1.5 spaces per unit with one space for each unit in the underground parking and 28 surface spaces. If this is approved they will try to save as many trees as possible on the perimeter of the site. The recently completed traffic study showed the proposed building would increase the average daily trips by 12.5%. Half the traffic would likely go to Blaine and the other half to 7th Avenue, and he noted a four way stop sign could be added to alleviate any congestion at 7th and 50th. Mr. Steele quoted some statistics showing there was a large demand for senior housing.

Chair Hark asked how the applicants defined 'senior'.

Mr. Steele replied anyone 55 and older.

Chair Hark asked how they determined the traffic study numbers.

Mr. Steele replied he believed they based it on multifamily residential with an occupancy of 1.5 residents per unit, which would be the worst case scenario.

Commissioner Elsmore asked how the applicants would proceed if this was denied by Council.

Mr. Steele stated they were not sure how else they could economically develop the property, especially with the steep topography.

Commissioner Maggi asked why the applicants were trying to develop this property now after holding onto it for more than 60 years.

Mr. Steele replied because the market has improved.

Mr. Leyde advised this was essentially his wife's grandparents' land which has not been farmed for many years. The three family members, the Schmandts, Kelms, and Ullrich's, have been paying property taxes on the vacant land and no one had an inclination to try to develop it. Recently his wife's grandfather passed away. They investigated several different development scenarios but found that because of the ponding requirements and the amount of fill required, it would not be suitable for single-family.

Christopher Solberg, 4938 Boyd Avenue, stated he was opposed to the request as he did not feel it complemented or was consistent with the neighborhood, and he believed the proposed building would decrease property values. He advised that he would not have known of this request had a sign not been posted. He recommended that the applicants work with the neighborhood to find an acceptable plan that everyone could agree on.

Commissioner Lissarrague asked what the age was of most of the properties on Boyd Avenue.

Mr. Solberg replied that his property was built in 2008 and his neighbors were built around that same timeframe as well.

Commissioner Lissarrague asked what the approximate market value was of that particular block.

Mr. Solberg advised he bought his property for \$350,000 in December of 2013.

Commissioner Lissarrague asked if he knew there was the potential to develop the housing project on the lot behind him when he purchased his property.

Mr. Solberg replied he did not and had he known about this proposal he would not have purchased the property. He advised that he checked with the Community Development Director prior to purchasing his home and there was no zoning request at that time.

Commissioner Simon asked Mr. Solberg if he was one of the 66 people that received notification of the public hearing.

Mr. Solberg replied he was not.

Commissioner Simon suggested Mr. Solberg request to have his name put on a mailing list for future notifications.

Chair Hark asked where his property was located.

Mr. Solberg advised his property abutted the subject property.

Commissioner Lissarrague advised Mr. Solberg that Commissioners received a copy of the email he sent to Mr. Hunting.

Bill Dumond, 4922 Boyd Avenue, advised that he would be greatly impacted by this proposal as the entire back of his home would now face the 61 foot wide end of the proposed building. He asked Mr. Link for clarification of his previous statement that the lots as currently platted were unbuildable.

Mr. Link replied they were unbuildable because of the dimensions of the lots, being less than 40 feet, does not comply with the ordinance requirements.

Mr. Dumond was opposed to the request and did not feel it fit with the neighborhood. He suggested developing the property into single-family lots as originally intended, but perhaps combining them to create larger lots. He advised that although there is a need for senior housing, it does not mean it is appropriate in this location. He asked how many studies had been done so far for this development.

The applicant's civil engineer, Jon Faraci, 2065 – 63rd Street E, replied the only study they did was

a traffic study; however, they also met with the City Engineer regarding the drainage requirements. They did not do any earthwork studies, but under the current configuration of the single family lots extensive fill and tree removal would be necessary. Constructing the proposed senior building would require much less tree removal and fill. He advised that in 1982 the homeowners petitioned for Bryce Avenue to go through so water and sewer was put in by the City and the lots were going to be developed at that time. Due to the recession and high interest rates; however, the single family lots were never pursued. He noted that if the property were developed into single family lots, rather than the senior building, the surrounding property owners, having a direct use, would get assessed for the development of the road.

Commissioner Klein asked if Boyd Avenue had sewer and water.

Mr. Faraci replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Dumond stated that the presentation proved that the roads could be put in and the property used as intended for single-family homes. Although it may be more expensive he did not feel it was the City's job to reduce development expenses for someone trying to change the land use. He advised it has been stated by Mr. Steele that this would increase the market values of the surrounding properties; however, they have done no study to prove that statement. He was concerned about the possibility of the land use being changed and the proposed project not going through. He stated that even if it was stipulated that the development had to be for adults 55 or older what would stop them from putting in a full nursing home, assisted living facility, or some other communal living center in which delivery trucks, employees, etc. would be coming and going. He questioned whether the owner of the senior housing facility could change their mind a couple years down the line and convert the building to Section 8 or some other form of an apartment building. If this is approved he would like there to be enough stipulations to prevent this from occurring. He believes this will be a detriment to his home and thinks the neighborhood should be given a chance to research into how this would affect the value of their homes.

Jason Price, 4916 Boyd Avenue, stated that prior to recently purchasing his home he had his realtor research into the zoning and property records of the lots in question and also spoke with his builder. No one was aware of any upcoming projects, they felt it was unlikely to be developed in the near future, and it was zoned for single-family. He predicated the purchase of his lot on that information and would not have purchased this lot had he known this project was being considered. He stated that looking at a large building versus open space would drastically reduce the enjoyment and potential resale of his property. Mr. Price urged that a specific detailed plan be in place before considering the proposed major land use change. He noted that there were no guarantees at this point and the developers could change the plan by moving the building closer to the existing homes, add more stories, etc. He added that although the developers would be paying for the street and then donating it, they were the only ones that would be benefiting from it.

Commissioner Lissarrague asked Mr. Price when he purchased his lot and who he bought it from.

Mr. Price replied he purchased his lot from a builder in June of 2013.

Commissioner Gooch asked Mr. Price how wide his lot was.

Mr. Price replied approximately 80 feet.

Chair Hark closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Discussion

Commissioner Klein asked if duplexes or fourplexes would be allowed under the current guiding.

Mr. Link replied that Low Density Residential allows up to three units to the acre so single-family, twinhomes, or a low density townhome development would fit into the density range. He stated that 10-12 units would be the maximum allowed on that property if it remained Low Density Residential, regardless of what type of units.

Commissioner Klein commented that they have been successfully building homes in Argenta Hills despite the steep topography and significant ponding required.

Commissioner Lissarrague stated he was concerned about spot zoning and what could happen if the land use was changed but the proposed senior building did not move forward.

Commissioner Scales was opposed to spot zoning as well and did not want to set a precedent.

Planning Commission Recommendation

Motion by Commissioner Gooch, second by Commissioner Lissarrague, to deny the request for a comprehensive plan amendment to change the land use designation from LDR, Low Density Residential to HDR, High Density Residential, and a rezoning of the property from R-1A and R-1C, single-family to R-3C, multiple-family to allow for a senior living facility, for the property generally located at Brent Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets, based on it being a spot zoning and the fact that the applicant has the ability to develop the property within the current zoning.

Chair Hark asked if spot zoning was illegal.

Mr. Link replied that spot zoning is not illegal but is generally discouraged.

Chair Hark stated he would be voting for denial as he did not feel the need for senior housing was a persuasive reason to put the proposed building on this particular piece of property, and that going from Low Density to High Density was too radical of a change and was inconsistent with the surrounding neighborhood.

Motion carried (8/0). This item goes to the City Council on April 28, 2014.

Mr. Price asked for clarification of the process moving forward.

Chair Hark explained that the request would be forwarded on to City Council, who would make the final decision regarding this matter. If the land use change was approved the developer would have to come back for another public hearing regarding a conditional use permit.

Commissioner Klein added that a comprehensive plan amendment would need Metropolitan Council approval as well.

Mr. Dumond asked if notification would be sent out to the neighbors regarding the 4-28-14 Council meeting and asked where they could get a copy of the minutes from this meeting.

Mr. Link replied that neighbors would not receive additional notice and advised that the minutes would be available on the City's website the Friday prior to the Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Link stated he hoped all Commissioners were able to attend the April 17th Commissioner Appreciation Dinner.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Fox
Recording Secretary

DRAFT

Staff contacted neighboring cities to research the following parking regulations:

- Yard location – front, side, rear
- Surfacing
- Setbacks
- Numbers allowed

Staff did further research on other city regulations as they pertain to automobiles and vehicles such as RV's, boats, campers, trailers, etc. The summary is attached to this memo.

Yard Location:

All five cities reviewed allow parking in the front yard only on the driveway. No parking is allowed on grass in the front yard. Farmington does not allow RV's, campers, boats and trailers in front of the house. Parking is allowed in the side and rear yards in all cities.

Setbacks:

Most require some setback from property lines or out of easements.

Surfacing:

All require parking in the front yard driveway to be on a hard surface. Surfacing for RV's, boats, campers, and trailers varies between the cities. Some require being on a hard surface or landscape rock and some allow on grass. Some require larger recreational vehicles to be on a hard surface in the side and rear yards.

Number Limit of Parked Vehicles:

Not all cities have limits on the number of vehicles allowed. More cities put limits on parking of recreational vehicles.

Regulating parking can help retain attractive neighborhoods and maintain property values. However, some negatives to regulations include: difficulty in defining parking/storage.

EVALUATION OF THE REQUEST

During the Council discussions, the focus was to prohibit parking on grass in the front yard. There was no discussion about prohibiting parking of vehicles or recreational vehicles on the driveway or front yard; only that they should be on a hard surface.

The Council wanted the following primary items to be addressed in the ordinance:

1. Parking allowed only on a hard surface in the front yard. No parking on grass in the front yard.
2. Parking allowed only on a driveway or area directly connected to the driveway.
3. No change to parking regulations in the side or rear yards.

Based on this Council direction, Staff has prepared an ordinance that offers the following:

- The ordinance would govern the single family zoning districts; R-1A, R-1B, R-1C and R-2. The large lot A, E-1 and E-2 were not included as with larger lots, there are more places to park vehicles that don't have an impact on the neighborhood. Trying to define a front yard area on these lots would be difficult.
- The regulations pertain to both vehicles (automobiles) and recreational vehicles (boats, trailers, campers, etc).
- Regulations only pertain to parking in the front yard. No changes being proposed to parking in side and rear yards.
- The ordinance does not prohibit parking of any vehicles in the front yard. Only prohibits them from being parked on grass and not on a hard surface in the front yard.
- Adding definition of driveway and parking pad to better define where cars are allowed to park.
- Areas used for parking of vehicles are required to be paved with either bitumen, concrete or paving blocks. Use of crushed rock or landscape rock would not be allowed.
- Parking pads must be contiguous to the driveway.
- No limit on the number of vehicles parked on a property is being proposed. Total hard surface is governed already under impervious surface standards. In most cases, this would prevent someone from paving large areas in the front yard for parking purposes.
- The ordinance does have provisions to allow temporary parking over the winter months during the winter parking ban.

The ordinance is designed to address long term or continual parking on grass in the front yard. It is not possible or intended to control parking that may occur over night, for a few hours or occasional parking such as a family event. Enforcement of these short term occurrences would be difficult.

One issue that was raised at the last Council work session was that of the parking of recreational vehicles across the front of houses. Council would like to eliminate the possibility of parking in front of the house. As drafted, the attached ordinance does not address this issue. Staff seeks Commission direction on how this might be accomplished.

Another issue that was raised by a resident was the unintended consequences of more parking of vehicles on the street if they can't find room to park on the driveway or parking pad.

Currently there are no time restrictions for parking on the street except for the seasonal winter parking ban.

The Council reviewed the item six times in work sessions over a two year period. Over the course of this two year period, a few drafts of the ordinance had been reviewed by Council. In November, 2013, Council directed staff to obtain input from residents by putting information in the Insights newsletter and on the city website.

An article was published in the July/August 2013 edition of Insights with information on the topic and directions on how to comment. A news item was also placed on the city's website around the same time. Over the course of approximately 3 months, the city received a total of 27 responses. There were 16 responses in favor of some form of regulations. There were 8 responses against any regulations on parking. There were 3 responses with some general suggestions on the topic with no clear view point for or against.

An article was published again in the Insights for the March/April, 2014 addition letting residents know of the proposed regulations and when the public hearing will be held. The information and ordinance has also been posted on the City's website for the past month or so. This round of notification has resulted in five e-mails being submitted and two individuals have come into City Hall to express their views.

ALTERNATIVES

The Planning Commission has the following actions available on the following request:

- A. **Approval.** If the Planning Commission finds the language in the ordinance to be acceptable, the following options are available:
- Approval of the parking restriction ordinance as presented.
- or
- Approval of the parking restriction ordinance with suggested changes.
- B. **Denial.** If the Planning Commission does not favor the proposed ordinance, a recommendation of denial or no further action needed should be given.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff presents the ordinance language as directed by City Council for public consideration. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain input from residents. Staff seeks comments, changes to the language or further direction from the Planning Commission. Once the Planning Commission is comfortable with the proposed language, the item will be sent to City Council for final review.

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Attachments: Draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment
Illustrations: Definition of Front Yard
Front yard as it pertains to this regulation
Site illustration
Matrix Summary of Other City Regulations on Parking in Front Yard
E-mails From Residents

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CITY CODE,
TITLE 10, (ZONING ORDINANCE) CHAPTER 15 REGARDING PARKING
STANDARDS FOR VEHICLES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN SINGLE
FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS ORDAINS AS
FOLLOWS:

Section One. Amendment. Title 10, Chapter 15, PERFORMANCE
STANDARDS of the Inver Grove Heights City Code is hereby amended to read as
follows:

10-15A-3: **OFF STREET PARKING REGULATIONS:**

B. Location: Required off street parking in the E and R districts shall be on the same
lot as the principal building. Required off street parking in all districts shall meet
the following setback requirements:

1. Within all E and R districts, all vehicles normally owned or kept by the
occupants on the premises must have a garage stall or open parking space on
the same lot as the principal use served. Open parking spaces accessory to one-
and two-family structures may be located anywhere on the lot containing the
principal structure ~~Open parking spaces or lots designed for three (3) or more
cars must have a location other than a required yard,~~ except that such parking
may be located in a rear yard to within five feet (5') of an interior side lot line
and to within eight feet (8') of rear lot line.

2. Within all R-1A, R-1B, R-1C and R-2 districts, parking of a vehicle and/or
recreational vehicle on grass or unpaved areas in the front yard is prohibited.

a. For the purposes of this section only, front yard means the area
located between the curb or edge of street pavement and the front line of the
principal structure along any street frontage.

b. Parking of vehicles and/or recreational vehicles in the front yard is
allowed only on a driveway or parking pad that is directly contiguous and parallel
to the driveway. Said areas shall be constructed of bitumen, concrete or paving
blocks and shall conform to maximum impervious surface standards. All parking
spaces shall maintain a minimum five (5) foot sideyard setback.

c. Nonetheless, parking of automobiles may be allowed on grass in the front yard but only during the winter parking ban period from November 1 through March 30.

Section Two. Amendment. Title 10, Chapter 2-2, DEFINITIONS, of the Inver Grove Heights City Code is hereby amended to add the following:

DRIVEWAY: A private road that connects a house, garage, or other building with the street.

PARKING PAD: A surface area or "pad" directly contiguous and parallel to a driveway made of bitumen, concrete or paving blocks.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE: Any vehicle which meets the criteria for "recreation" class registration and license plate, DNR registration, or trailer registration used for conveyance of recreation vehicles as established by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, or this chapter, including, but not limited to: travel trailers, stock car trailers, livestock or horse trailers, campers, motor homes, tent trailers, vehicles converted to motor homes, snowmobiles, snowmobile trailers, boats, boat trailers, personal watercraft, all-terrain vehicles, and all-terrain vehicle trailers.

Section Three. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its publication as provided by law.

Passed in regular session of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2014.

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

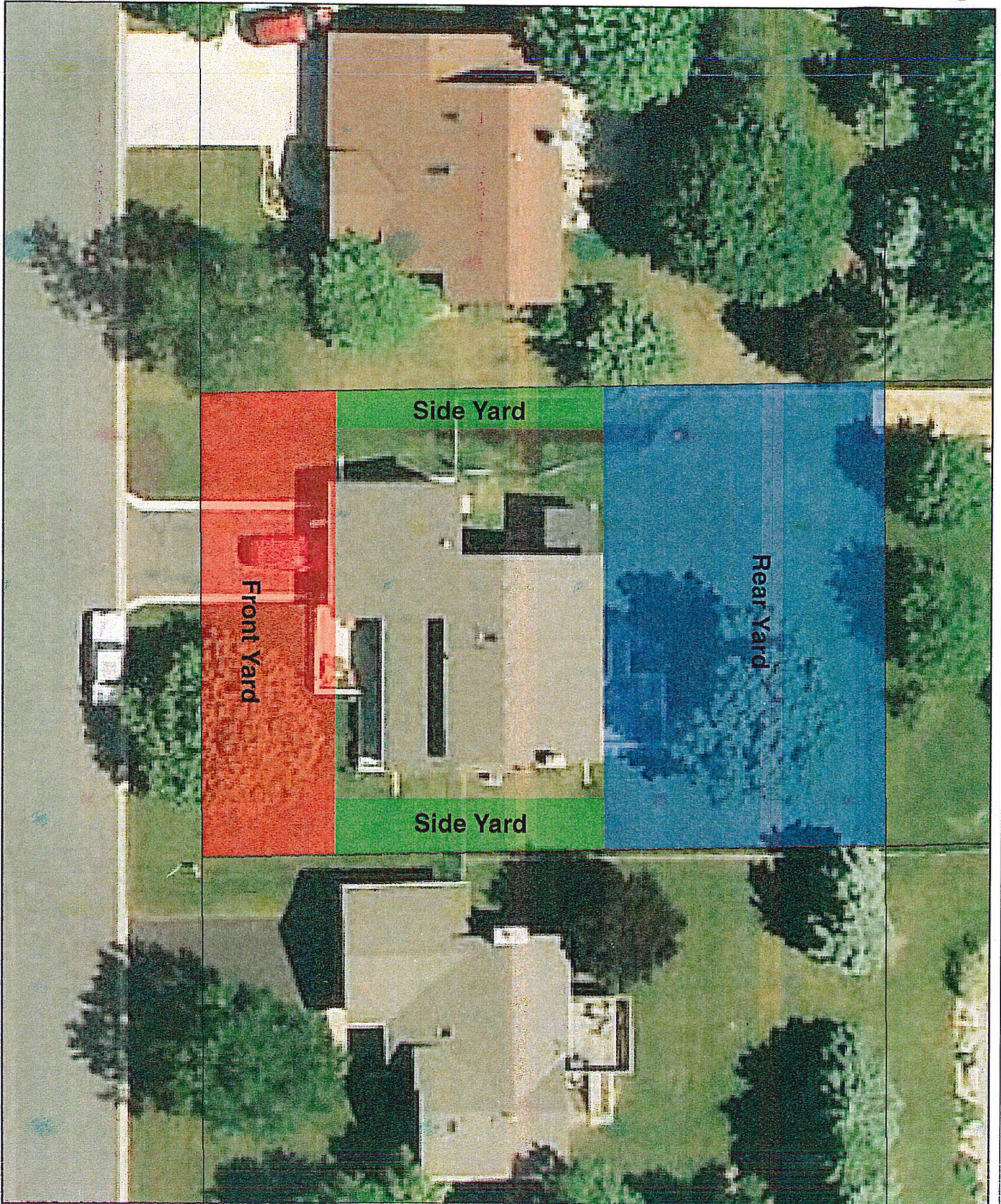
By: _____
George Tourville, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Kennedy, Deputy City Clerk



Map Identifying Yard Definitions





Front Yard by Definition





Illustrates Area Where No Vehicle Parking on Grass is Allowed



CARS/VEHICLES

RV'S/CAMPERS/BOATS/TRAILERS

CITY	Parking in Front Yard	Number of Vehicles Allowed	Surfacing Requirement	Parking Setback
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Parking in Front Yard	Number of Vehicles Allowed	Surfacing Requirement	Parking Setback
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BURNSVILLE Allowed on driveway only No limit Must on bituminouse, concrete or brick pavers 5 foot setback. Not allowed anywhere else in the front yard

May be parked on driveway only, for a maximum of 14 continuous days Maximum 2 parked outside for lots less than 1.0 acre. Maximum 4 parked outside for lots greater than 1.0 acre Parking in front yard allowed only on established driveway. Driveway must be concrete, bituminous or pavers. Parking in the side or rear yard allowed on gravel or hard surface Must be behind the required front yard setback and no closer that 2 feet from side or 8 feet from rear

EAGAN Allowed on driveway only No limit No setback but must be out of easements

ROSEMOUNT Allowed on driveway only 10 vehicles maximum on rural large lots. 6 vehicles maximum on urban lots Must be on bituminous, concrete or brick pavers 5 foot setback. Not allowed anywhere else in the front yard

Not allowed except during period Nov. 1 to April 1 and on driveway only Up to 2 recreational vehicles allowed Must be parked on bituminous, concrete, pavers or landscape rock 5 foot setback from side and rear. Must be at least 15 feet from curb line on driveway

SOUTH ST. PAUL Must be on driveway or parking area. No limit other than surfacing limit Bituminous, concrete or pavers required. No more than 1/3 of front yard area is allowed to be paved

Allowed only driveway in front yard. Allowed in landscaped side or rear yard Up to 2 recreational vehicles allowed Larger vehicles must be on hard surface and smaller vehicles allowed on grass surface in side or rear yard

FARMINGTON Allowed on driveway only No limit other than surfacing limit 5 foot setback. Not allowed anywhere else in the front yard

Allowed on driveway only. May not be parked in front of the the principal building No limit Allowed only on bituminous, concrete, or decorative landscape rock (no class V or gravel allowed) 5 foot setback from side and rear.

Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 6:56 PM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: Fwd: I like it but will it work?

Sent by Sprint from my Galaxy Tab

----- Original message -----

From: Kenneth Detlie <ken.6034@gmail.com>
Date: 07/03/2013 10:55 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: Jenelle Teppen <jteppen@invergroveheights.org>
Subject: I like it but will it work?

Hi River Road resident;

First of all I would like to commend the city for taking some action to clean up our neighborhoods thank you. I personally have 4 automobiles, 2 garden tractors and a motorcycle. All these vehicles are currently being parked on hard surfaces. I feel that any vehicle that has oil, transmission fluid, gasoline and antifreeze should not be part on grassy areas because of environmental problems. When these vehicles go on attended for long periods of time and for a number of reasons begin to leak their fluids they will seep into our water supply. Also many of these vehicles are really abandoned and are not used for any meaningful purpose. The only problem I see with another rule or ordinance is the enforcement that never seems to follow the rules. If in doubt check around to see unlicensed vehicles and if they are licensed if they are insured and if they are insured are they street legal. Many of these vehicles are parked with broken windshields no taillights no exhaust systems and this is true in my very neighborhood. So if we are going to improve our neighborhoods through rules that we do not enforce I think again where just wasting our time. But I am all for the effort to try.

Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 5:18 PM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: RV Parking

Jenelle Teppen
Assistant City Administrator
City of Inver Grove Heights
651.450.2512
jteppen@invergroveheights.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Murray [<mailto:gjamb3@msn.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 5:11 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: RV Parking

I don't mind if RV's are parked on driveways or along side houses, however I do mind that residents are allowed to park 2 & 3 cars on their lawns because they already have up to 4 cars on their driveways or RV's on their driveways. It is disgusting. There is no grass at all, just dirt from the cars being parked on the lawns.

Joanne Murray
6580 Crosby Avenue

Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 8:20 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Proposed Front-Yard Parking Rules



Jenelle Teppen
Assistant City Administrator
City of Inver Grove Heights
651.450.2512
jteppen@invergroveheights.org

From: Edrie Zweber [<mailto:edriezweber@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 7:27 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Cc: Edrie Zweber
Subject: Proposed Front-Yard Parking Rules

Hello,

Some of the items that are currently parked on the grassy areas of the front yards are too close to the residence and propose a fire hazard. The occupants of the residence would not be able to get out of their home because the item(s) are too close to windows. There are egress windows requirements to make sure that people can get out of their homes, but no rules for the window escapes when items are parked on the grass near homes.

Some of the items have been parked in the same location (grassy part of front yard) for more than 5 years without moving. Who knows what condition they are in? Perhaps they are a danger. They are also a ridicule items for visitors and persons walking or driving by. Who knows what effect they have on nearby homeowners who are trying to sell their homes.

I realize that a lot of residents do not want governments telling them what they can and cannot do with their property.

Good Luck with finding a happy middle.

Edrie Zweber

Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 6:14 PM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Please support no parking on lawns



Jenelle Teppen
Assistant City Administrator
City of Inver Grove Heights
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From: Cornell C [<mailto:cornell3210@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 5:41 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Please support no parking on lawns

We encourage you to support regulations which prohibit the parking of motor vehicles and trailers on the front and side lawns of homes. We are concerned about the resale value of our home and the decrease in value resulting from our neighbors parking on their lawns. Thank you.

Cornell and Elizabeth Chun
7325 Bancroft Way
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 10:55 AM
To: Allan Hunting; Nicole Cook
Subject: FW: parking of vehicles proposal

Allan - comments about parking.

Nicky - comments about possible code violations.

Jenelle Teppen
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-----Original Message-----

From: DONNA HAUCK [<mailto:dfayehauck@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 1:57 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: parking of vehicles proposal

I definitely agree that this is long overdue, and needed to keep property values and overall neighborhood appearance acceptable. I have lived and built three homes over 41 years, in Inver Grove, and have personally experienced people who have no regard for how their property looks or how it impacts the neighborhood. When we owned a 21 foot boat that we parked to the side of our driveway- we built a retaining wall and poured a asphalt extension-we stored it in the off season. We cared what are neighbors felt. I am sure we would find Eagan and Woodbury to have the same ordinances.

This brings me to the real reason that I am writing-for many years I have re-routed friends off of Concord Street when coming to my home. It was the most direct route, but a eyesore-felt as if we were bringing friends through the slums. Now that has changed in some regards-the road and lighting are wonderful. However, just as you go south on Concord Street pass the "Inver Grove Heights" city limit sign are two homes in various stages of construction. One for more than a year without siding and a dumpster in the front yard(which has now been removed) as well as parking on what is the front lawn. The other house is on a corner lot and has multiple vehicles parked all over the yard-with no visible lawn maintained. Don't these homes violate "any ordinances"? Why has nothing been done to improved the situation. Are they in foreclosure??? Hasn't enough time past for the properties to be cleaned up by the city and the citizen "billed" and "fined". I am sorry I do not have the exact addresses-but I am sure you know about them or will have no difficulty recognizing them. I would appreciate a response and explanation for the long-term acceptance of these eyesores. Thank you, Donna Hauck

Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 10:22 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Front Yard Parking



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From: barb.anderson@comcast.net [mailto:barb.anderson@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 10:15 AM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Front Yard Parking

Please don't allow it! It looks horrible and brings down property values.

Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 5:18 PM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Front yard parking rules

Jenelle Teppen
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-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Calendar [<mailto:lindakuchera@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 5:13 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Front yard parking rules

I'm hoping the city does not allow front yard parking. I'm reminded of an IGH resident who kept his large boat cruiser on a trailer in his front yard. The neighbors were discontent and it did take away from the tidy look that the rest of the neighborhood worked for. Front yard parking reflects less pride in ownership. Let's use Eagan's and Woodbury's rules as a model. Thanks.

Linda

Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 9:03 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Front Yard Parking Rules



Jenelle Teppen
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From: emqvictor@comcast.net [mailto:emqvictor@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 27, 2013 1:06 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Front Yard Parking Rules

I am in favor of the proposed restrictions. When people leave cars/boats in the front yard, they become eyesores.

Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 10:59 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Front Yard Parking Rules



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From: tammy [<mailto:tamljo@comcast.net>]
Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2013 9:31 AM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Front Yard Parking Rules

Hi,

If this means getting the huge boat near 75th St and Craig Ave out of their front yard I'm all for it. Its been sitting in that same spot on the lawn for at least 3 years.

Thanks,
Tammy Johnson

Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 9:54 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Front Yard Parking ordinance



Jenelle Teppen
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From: David Jansen [<mailto:dejansen@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 9:54 AM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Front Yard Parking ordinance

Regarding the Proposed Front Yard Parking Regulations.

I am all for a ban on parking in front yards other than on a driveway.

David Jansen
Argenta Trl.

Allan Hunting

POSITION

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 1:58 PM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: front yard parking



Jenelle Teppen
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From: greg grover [<mailto:nomad277@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 11:16 AM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: front yard parking

This ordinance is long overdue.

Allan Hunting

Positiv.

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 9:03 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Front Yard Parking



Jenelle Teppen
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From: ckimble515@gmail.com [<mailto:ckimble515@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 7:53 AM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Front Yard Parking

I would love to have this go through, its horrible and tacky looking. Looking at a huge boat in the front yard.
Please pass it. Thank you

PARK VEHICLES ON THE SIDE OR BACK LOT AREA OF THE PROPERTY,
THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON THEY COULD NOT COMPLY.

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POSITIVE

The following form was submitted via your website: Contact Us

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Comments: REGARDING CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERING FRONT-YARD PARKING RULES, THE INSIGHTS PUBLICATION REQUESTED FEEDBACK VIA THIS WEBSITE, BUT DIDN'T INDICATE EXACTLY WHERE, SO I'M AM USING THIS FORMAT. I AM VERY MUCH IN FAVOR. I HAD A NEIGHBOR WHO PARKED THREE LARGE (CABIN CRUISER SIZE) BOATS ON TRAILERS IN HIS FRONT YARD FOR YEARS. THIS WAS A HUGE EYESORE, AND WHEN I FINALLY CALLED THE CITY FOR INFO, (BECAUSE HE STARTED OUT WITH JUST ONE, BUT ADDED TWO MORE BOATS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. POSSIBLY HE WAS "STORING" THEM FOR FRIENDS EVEN) I WAS TRULY SHOCKED TO FIND OUT THERE WERE NO LAWS REGARDING THIS. I LIVE IN A WORKING CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THE PROPERTIES ARE CERTAINLY NOT SHOWCASE HOMES, BUT MANY OF US WORK HARD TO MAKE OUR HOMES LOOK AS NICE AS WE CAN. IF A PROPERTY OWNER HAS THE OPTION TO PARK VEHICLES ON THE SIDE OR BACK LOT AREA OF THE PROPERTY, THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON THEY COULD NOT COMPLY.

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Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 3:53 PM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Front-Yard Parking Rules



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From: Swaser, Chris [mailto:chris_swaser@uhc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 3:24 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Front-Yard Parking Rules

I fully support the banning of front-yard parking! Thank you for finally tackling this so that our community looks better. Allowing these vehicles, trailers, boats, RV's campers, etc. to be stored in the back yard is more than fair and generous in my opinion as I'd like to see them not in the yard at all!

Chris Swaser
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Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

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Allan Hunting

POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 11:43 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Front yard parking and other improvements to out community

Here's another comment on the parking -- I'll respond to her other comments.



Jenelle Teppen
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From: Taylor, Karen [<mailto:Karen.Taylor@chsinc.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 10:26 AM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Front yard parking and other improvements to out community

Thank you for finally considering putting a stop to parking in front yards. I would like to see you take it a step further and ban parking in side and backyards as well. Storing boats, campers, in yards should be discontinued.

How about cleaning some of the trailer homes in the Skyline trailer park along Concord?

Also, cats should be licensed the same as dogs and allowed outside on your own property. We have had many cats roaming our yard of which we have taken in three the past few years. The roaming cats urinate on our house and outdoor furniture along with killing song birds including a bluebird in our yard this summer

Thank you.

Karen Taylor
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POSITIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 8:54 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Drive way parking regs

Jenelle Teppen
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-----Original Message-----

From: Doug Kuchera [<mailto:d.kuchera@comcast.net>]
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 8:39 AM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Drive way parking regs

Excellent idea to move forward with. Motor homes, large water craft (over 18 feet) RV camping trailers , belong in some type of storage outside of a resident driveway or front of home.

Also construction trailers, equipment commercial trucks again should not be allowed in residential driveways let alone parked in yards which we see commonly in IGH.

There is a simple way to look at it if it's not need for the upkeep of the home should it be there?

I don't recall many of these in Woodbury or Eagan, but they are all over IGH

There is also a different perspective , this is our property and we should be able to park what we own on it. The problem arises when you have a great neighborhood and one person has construction equipment setting in their yard or stores his 26' boat in his front yard over winter, it will drive down the desirability of the neighborhood, the city which is reflected in housing values.

Make the ordinance tough , promote it for six months then enforce it.

Thanks

Doug Kuchera

Allan Hunting

NEGATIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2013 8:26 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Yard Parking



Jenelle Teppen
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From: Olin, Jolin [<mailto:jolin@tcfbank.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 4:20 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Yard Parking

I believe it should be up to the home owner-
If the vehicles become an eyesore- then that is a different subject, but I have a small child and when I go to the grocery store or come in and out of town, occasionally I will pull up into my yard to shorten the distance that I have to load or unload my vehicle(we have many stairs and a hill), I would not want to park there every day- but on occasion, it is a matter of convenience.

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Allan Hunting

NEGATIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 8:30 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Proposed Front Yard Parking Regulations



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From: Dave Ehrenkrook [<mailto:Dave@ehrenkrook.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 12:17 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Proposed Front Yard Parking Regulations

With Regard to the article listed below.

I do not have any objections to vehicles being parked on the lawn in IGH. I do not believe an ordinance should be put into place to prevent a homeowner to do this. Who am I to try and control what someone else does on their own property.

This is why I moved to IGH and not Woodbury.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me,

thank you,

Dave Ehrenkrook
IGH Resident

Proposed Front Yard Parking Regulations

Allan Hunting

NEGATIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 8:25 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Proposed Front Yard Parking Regulations



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From: mrhayd@comcast.net [mailto:mrhayd@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 11:57 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Proposed Front Yard Parking Regulations

Stop the over governing for the sake of governing. Leave our yards alone!! I know what we the people say means nothing to the elected though.

H. Clark . IGH

Allan Hunting

NEGATIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 8:20 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: front-yard parking rules



Jenelle Teppen
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From: Rodney Herbison [<mailto:rherbison@colwsp.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 10:14 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: ref: front-yard parking rules

In the July/August 2013 Insights newsletter, feedback was requested on the consideration of restricting front-yard parking.

I would be opposed to any restrictions to property owners use of their property unless there is a safety consideration.

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Rodney R. Herbison
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Allan Hunting

NEGATIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 10:59 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: front yard parking rules



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From: Judy LeMire [<mailto:jlemire@inverhills.mnscu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 7:23 AM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: front yard parking rules

I am not sure how this is different than what we now have. Parking items that WORK and are licensed on paved driveways obviously is fine. It is my understanding "work" has always been acceptable on paved driveways but unfortunately, this does not seem to be understood by many in the city already.

I would like to hear from someone on this.

Judy LeMire

Allan Hunting

Negative

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2013 8:57 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Front yard parking rules



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From: michael gartner [<mailto:mdgartner@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2013 5:16 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Front yard parking rules

I'm opposed to any unnecessary rules and regulations regarding what people can do with their property. We don't need the government telling people where they can park in their yards or on their property. What possible effect could someone parking a car on their grass have on anyone else? Or on the city? Because some nosy neighbor thinks it looks tacky? They should worry about their own property and this council should worry about important issues that really matter. Do you think everyone can afford to pave more of their yard? Some people throw down a little rock to add a parking spot next to their driveway. Or park a car next to their driveway on the grass. This effects nothing. Thank you.

Michael Gartner

Allan Hunting

NEGATIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 8:08 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Front Yard Parking Regs

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-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Burns [<mailto:laura@laura-burns-photography.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 9:00 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Front Yard Parking Regs

To whom it may concern-

I saw this article and followed the links to comment on front yard parking regulations in the city, to prohibit vehicles from being parked in such places. I would like to comment that, at least in our yard, you can't park on the side, or in the back of the yard due to the grading of our lot. We park in our front lawn with our travel trailer for approximately 48 hours before and after camping trips. It is best here because our driveway is steeper and not very long, we can more easily plug out RV in for power, trips in and out of the house are quicker and it keeps us parking our cars in the street. If you decide to ban front yard parking, please allow for 48 hours of temporary parking for cleaning/loading/unloading of vehicles. Anything more than that is then storage or long-term parking.

But quite honestly, if the neighbors don't care and don't complain, why should the city? Do we seriously need a law or rules for this?

Regards,
Laura Burns

Allan Hunting

NEGATIVE

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 9:02 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: front yard parking ban



Jenelle Teppen
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From: twillett@q.com [<mailto:twillett@q.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 11:00 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen; Jenelle Teppen
Subject: front yard parking ban

I am opposed to this front yard parking restriction. What if someone owns a house with a single car tuck under garage and single driveway, where would that person park a boat or second car if he cant afford to expand his driveway or if the city doesnt let him? What if you live out in the country? We have enough bans,rsrtictions and permit fees! STOP IT!
Timothy Willett

Allan Hunting

NEUTRAL

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2013 8:57 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Front yard parking rules



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From: Dody Sobaszkiewicz [<mailto:dodysobas@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2013 7:30 AM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Front yard parking rules

I have concerns about the front yard parking rules. I feel the whole yard should be addressed, side yard and back yard as well. If residents are not able to park in the front yard, they will move them to the side or back yard. I personally do want to see my neighbors vehicles, boats, trailers, etc in the back yard. our neighbors things in the backyards.

If you look at other cities, this seems to be the norm:

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.Thank you.

Dody Sobaszkiewicz
7775 Boyd Avenue
Inver Grove Heights, MN55076
651-592-2010

Allan Hunting

NEUTRAL

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 6:58 PM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: Fwd: Parking Regulations

Sent by Sprint from my Galaxy Tab

----- Original message -----

From: Karen Pietruszewski <ighpetas@comcast.net>
Date: 07/03/2013 1:09 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Jenelle Teppen <jteppen@invergroveheights.org>
Subject: Parking Regulations

I personally don't care if the surface next to the driveway is paved or not. I'd much prefer they keep it parked on their property. We have a neighbor that parks a large boat on the street in front of their driveway for a good part of the year. I don't understand why this has been allowed. Aren't parked cars ticketed after so many days if they are not moved? The boat is an obstruction and kids in the neighborhood have already knocked out the stop behind the wheel causing damage to another neighbor's tree. This is dangerous and someone is going to get hurt.

Karen Pietruszewski
6911 Casper Avenue East

Allan Hunting

NEUTRAL

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 8:35 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: Proposed Front Yard Parking Regulations

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chetly fmtknow [<mailto:chetlymn@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 4:40 AM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: Proposed Front Yard Parking Regulations

This ordinance could cause a problem for homeowners during the winter months. My house had a narrow driveway leading to the garage, and we had to park one vehicle on the grass during the winter (restricted parking) months. I've since repaved the driveway and added parking for two vehicles. This new law would create a problem for families in rented houses, and those with limited incomes.

I think the trade-off needs to be a relaxing of the winter parking restrictions, with special overnight parking permits for those who need them. An alternative might be for the city to contract with the local blacktop companies, and add an assessment to the homeowners property taxes if the homeowner needs an expanded driveway. Laws like this one create too much of an opportunity for price-gouging on the part of the blacktop companies.

If folks are creating an eyesore with their numerous vehicles, then maybe they should be dealt with, rather than causing a hardship for the numerous families this new law might be impacting.

Chet Harris
70048 Delaney Ave
I.G.H. , MN 55076

Allan Hunting

NEUTRAL

From: Jenelle Teppen
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 8:02 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: FW: proposed front yard parking ordinance



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From: mtkach@q.com [<mailto:mtkach@q.com>]
Sent: Sunday, September 08, 2013 11:52 PM
To: Jenelle Teppen
Subject: proposed front yard parking ordinance

To whom this may concern:

I am writing to voice my concern for the record, regarding a proposal to ban parking on unpaved surfaces in front yards. I understand why this may be appealing to some Council members and city staff, however, I would like to suggest that a more flexible ordinance/rule be used to manage the concerns the City is trying to address versus an outright ban. Just for the record, I'm not keen on front yard parking of cars, trucks, boats, campers, trailers, etc., but I think we should be thoughtful in how we approach this. It may seem like a small issue, but it's the small things that add up to make or break a community's quality of life.

Some reasons to not require cars parked in the front yard of a home be on a paved surface:

1. Due to economic challenges, many people now have adult children and their spouses living with them for a period of time and additional cars are therefore in need of a parking space, either on their property or on the street. In the winter and year-round on many major streets, parking and/or overnight parking is not allowed.
2. As residents "age in place" caregivers living in the home or visiting home care workers need a place to park. Many older homes, where a lot of our elderly live, have smaller driveways and parking areas that can't always accommodate additional vehicles.
3. In the winter, overnight street parking is not allowed. Some households will move some of their cars to an "off tarmac" surface, so that snow plowing contractors can plow their driveways, oftentimes, a gravel area or frozen yard spot is used to park vehicles. This seems like a reasonable option, given the temporary nature of this parking.
4. In order to minimize our front yards from looking like used car lots, it seems reasonable to require vehicles that are parked in front of a building, to have current registration and be operable.

I would urge the Council to be cognizant of unintended consequences of requiring more paved areas in our residential neighborhoods. Inver Grove Heights is part of the east metro area "heat island" and we already are subject to warmer evening temperatures in summer months; than more rural communities and communities west of the metro area. This is likely to get worse over the next few decades. Paving our lawns, even within the

impervious surface limits of existing ordinances, makes our homes and residential streets hotter, longer during the summer. On poor air quality alert days, according to the MN Department of Health, warmer, muggier air puts our elderly, infant and asthmatic populations at risk for illnesses and increased emergency room visits and hospitalizations.

Is front yard parking really that much of a problem in this city as compared to speeding on our roads, people running stop signs and stop lights, loud vehicles, a lack of sidewalks and safe crosswalks throughout the City, especially on busy streets? Maybe we should focus on areas that have the potential to result in real harm and not focus so much on visual pollution. If you want to get rid of visual pollution in the city, there are plenty of opportunities to do that. Banning cars from parking on lawns probably doesn't top that list.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Mary T'Kach
7848 Babcock Trail

Allan Hunting

From: Laura Burns [Laura@Laura-Burns-Photography.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 9:19 PM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: Front Yard Parking

Mr. Hunting-

I have a question and suggestion for your front yard parking restriction. First, would it be ok to park an RV or vehicle in the front yard for a 48-hour period for cleaning/restocking purposes? For us, our water hook up is on the side of the house (not the front) and so parking on the grass allows us to fill our water tank and wash the bugs off more efficiently. We cannot access the backyard (too little room, too steep a grade) and our side yards do not allow for us to put our RV there at any time (retaining wall one side, steepness, and narrow on the other).

Additionally, when we clean our camper, we'd prefer the water go to the grass than be instant run off to the city gutters. If this is NOT currently ok as it's written, could you give a little grace to those of us with few other options?

The reason I request 48 hours is this: if you maximize your trip and pull in late on Sunday...this gives you time to sleep and get it clean and get your RV back to storage (or on the driveway). It's really not that much of an inconvenience to anyone else, and it's a temporary issue if it's 48 hours.

Laura Burns
Resident, taxpayer, concerned citizen.
651-235-9622

Allan Hunting

From: Julie Nath [rjnath@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 9:32 PM
To: Allan Hunting
Cc: George Tourville; Rosemary Piekarski-Krech; Tom Bartholomew; Jim Mueller; Dennis Madden
Subject: Front-Yard Parking Restrictions

I read the article about front-yard parking restrictions in the City of Inver Grove Heights Insights flyer and would like to express my thoughts about the subject. I think it's a great idea to have this proposed parking restriction in place. I have a neighbor that parks and stores cars, boats, trailers, etc. all over his front yard. It's a terrible eye sore. I also see other properties with boats and vehicles stored on front lawns, which I think looks terrible. Front lawns are not meant to store our excess vehicles and "recreational toys". I hope this ordinance passes and will be enforced soon.

Julie Nath

Allan Hunting

From: Fred Lindeman [fredpam.boyd@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 8:40 PM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: Front-Yard parking restriction

Such basic consideration of others gone -- now the cite has to write laws to inform people they can't have a junk yard.

Please pass the restriction.

7435 Boyd ... going on 24 years

----- Currently have two junk yards on our block -----

Allan Hunting

From: Craig Hillegas [chillegas@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:32 AM
To: Allan Hunting
Subject: Re: Front Yard Proposed Parking Regulations

Thank you Allen,
I would suggest that the wording of this proposed ordinance include specifying long term parking (a month or more?) and excluding event parking.

Thanks
Craig Hillegas
6755 Arlene Ave E
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
651 457-7846

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Public Hearing April 15

City Council Considers Front-Yard Parking Restriction

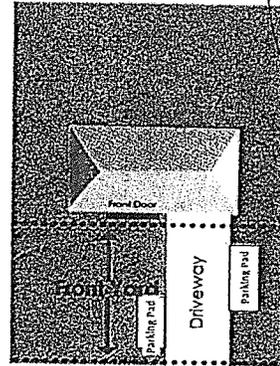
The City Council is considering rules that would allow parking of cars, trailers, boats, RV's, campers, snow-mobles/trailer, ATV/trailer, etc. in the front yard only on the driveway or other paved surface connected to the driveway.

This would not prohibit parking of these items in the front yard but would prohibit them from being parked on grass in the front yard. Parking of these items would still be allowed in the side and rear yards on grass.

The ordinance would restrict parking of vehicles and recreational vehicles on grass in the front yard and only allow parking on a driveway or parking pad next to the driveway. Parking would be allowed on the side and rear yards on grass. To ease parking restrictions during the winter months, parking of automobiles only would be allowed on unpaved areas between November 1 and March 30. Please refer the City website for the actual proposed ordinance language.

These proposed regulations do not prohibit parking of recreational vehicles; only regulates how they can be parked.

- Front yard is defined as the area between the curb or edge of street and front of house.
- No parking on grass in front yard
- Parking in front yard allowed only on a hard surface driveway or parking pad next to driveway. Applies to corner lots as well



Street

A public hearing to discuss these parking regulations will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

If you would like more information on this topic, please contact Allan Hunting at ahunting@invergroveheights.org or 651-450-2554. The ordinance language will also be posted on the City website at www.ci.inver-grove-heights.mn.us.

David Petersen
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unattended trailers on street for more than 5 days consecutive or?



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651-450-2513 by April 8.

City staff will make brief presentations on current activities of interest to business owners and be available for questions.