



# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Mayor and City Councilors  
**From:** Rich Olson, City Manager  
**Date:** August 5, 2015  
**Re:** Consideration – Posting of No-Parking Signs on Fearing Street

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***BACKGROUND:***

City staff received a request from Councilman Donnelly to evaluate the parking on Fearing Street between Martin Luther King Drive (MLK) and South Road Street (Road). Fearing Street is 24.5 feet wide between MLK and Road. Only that section of Fearing Street between Pool Street and Elliott Street allows parking on both sides of the street.

During the May 23, 2011 City Council meeting, staff was directed to bring all potential no parking changes directly to the Council to allow Councilors to have input.

***ANALYSIS:***

Fearing Street between MLK and Road is 24.5 feet wide and parking varies depending on the various blocks. On that section of Fearing Street between MLK and Pool, parking is only allowed on the north side of the street. The south side of the street has the curb painted yellow, which would not allow parking. Staff believes the primary reason that parking is not allowed on the south side of Fearing Street in this block is due to the adjacent municipal parking lot. The section of Fearing Street between Pool Street and Elliott Street allows parking on both sides. There are three parking spaces behind the Pasquotank Tax Office and an additional two parking spaces behind the Robinson home. If vehicles are parked correctly on both sides of the street, this allows only 11 feet clearance. The Fire Department would prefer to have 13 feet clearance.

The section of Fearing Street between Elliott Street and Road only allows parking on the south side of the roadway. Staff visited Fearing Street on two different occasions and observed three vehicles parked on the north side of Fearing Street between Pool and Elliott Streets. At the time staff visited the site, there was adequate room to have these vehicles parked on the south side of the street.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

By motion, authorize City staff to post no-parking signs on the north side of Fearing Street between Pool Street and Elliott Street.

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Fearing Street at Pool Street, looking toward S. Road Street



Fearing Street at MLK, looking toward Pool Street