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**MEMORANDUM**

**Equipment Maintenance**  
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**Building & Grounds**  
**Engineering**

To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
CC: Fran Donelson, Secretary  
FROM: Randy Hill, Public Works Director  
DATE: March 3, 2014  
RE: "No Parking In Alley" Request

**INTRODUCTION:**

The City's Traffic Committee received a request to install a "No Parking in Alley" sign(s) in the alley between E. 8<sup>th</sup>/E. 9<sup>th</sup> and off Sycamore.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Committee reviewed the request and recommended the applicant submit a petition signed by the affected property owners stating their support of the "no parking" restriction. Eight (8) properties would be affected and a petition with five (5) signatures was received.

The Police Department and the Building and Zoning staff have been called to this location on numerous occasions because of issues dealing with vehicles parked in the alley and blocking access to garages/driveways.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

The Traffic Committee understands the problem(s) occurring in this neighborhood created by the business located at 805 Sycamore. We recommend installing "No Parking In Alley" signs at this location.

**BACKUP INFORMATION:**

1. Letter requesting the No Parking sign
2. Copy of the signed Petition (original to be filed with the City Clerk)
3. Map of the area in question
- 4.

**"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**



Map Title

Traffic Committee, Public Works Department, and/or Lorrie Fry, Parking Coordinator:

I am requesting that a no parking sign be placed in the alley off of Sycamore Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> streets. During the last 6 weeks we have had the police called to this location to help with getting individuals to not park in the alley way which blocks my drive and occasionally the business's drive next door. She has expressed to me that she has been dealing with this problem for quite some time. I have talked to the city and to the gentlemen who park in the alley way, we have established the understanding that it is a city alley way, and is no one's personal property. At the end of the alley way there are two junk cars and a boat parked, making it difficult for anyone to turn around without going onto someone else's property. This also means that the entire alley way cannot be plowed or maintained by the city. Having to call the police to this location on a weekly basis and sometimes more is tying up resources, so I am requesting that a no parking sign be placed to try and get this issue under control.

Joshua Rudolph


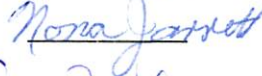

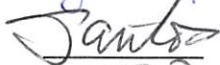
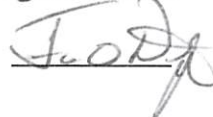
Home Owner at 209 e. 8<sup>th</sup> street

Section 7-21-3, said vehicle may be removed or caused to be removed by the city. Said city may move or cause said motor vehicle to be moved to some convenient place. The cost of such removal and storage charges, if any, are to be borne by the owner or operator.

7-21-5 Junked Vehicles. No junked or obsolete motor vehicles or portions thereof shall be parked or located on the streets of the city at any time.

7-21-6 Owner Subject to Fine. The owner or operator of any such junked or obsolete motor vehicle which is parked on the streets of the city in violation of Section 7-21-5 shall be subject to a fine of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each twenty-four (24) hours or part thereof in which said junked vehicle is parked on the street in violation of said section.

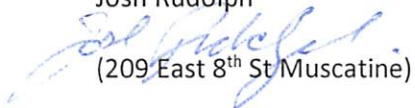
I have visited my fellow neighbors and asked if they agree with me in the need for the following "No Parking In Alley " sign to sign my petition.

Date of Signature	Signature	Printed name	Resident address	Birth date
<u>2/12/14</u>		<u>Beth Nietzel</u>	<u>205 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.</u>	<u>6/1967</u>
<u>2/12/14</u>		<u>Mona Jartzetz</u>	<u>803 Sycamore</u>	<u>3/2/28</u>
<u>2/12/14</u>		<u>Amy Rudolph</u>	<u>209 E 8<sup>th</sup> St. Muscatine</u>	<u>8/2/82</u>
<u>2/12-14</u>		<u>Santo</u>	<u>811 Sycamore</u>	
<u>2/15/2014</u>		<u>Jon Nietzel</u>	<u>263 E. 8<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>3/31/62</u>
_____	_____	_____	<u>211 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____	<u>213 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____	<u>805 Sycamore</u>	_____

This has been a very serious on going concern for me and truly appreciate the City Council of Muscatine's review to settle this issue with a sign to resolve further conflict.

Thank you,

Josh Rudolph

  
 (209 East 8<sup>th</sup> St Muscatine)