



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 12
For Meeting of 07/07/2016

ITEM TITLE: Traffic Control around Oviatt Elementary

CONTACT PERSON(S): Greg Staples, Chief of Police

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

During the last few months of the recently concluded school year, there were concerns expressed to the police department about traffic control around Oviatt Elementary during the afternoon student pick up. Specifically, concerns were noted about parking issues on School Street and the need for stop signs on Elm Avenue at Lane Avenue.

1) By City Ordinance 69.08, parking is always restricted city wide on the Northside or Eastside of any street except in cases where council codifies an exception or alternative.

A review of the School Street area showed a single no parking sign on the south side of school Street between the western most exit from the Oviatt parking lot and Main Street. There are also multiple no parking signs on the Northside of School Street between Lane Avenue and Main Street.

City Ordinance 69.08(9) codifies a no parking zone "**On the north side of School Avenue from Main Street to Lane Avenue between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday**". (*Ord. 13-02 – Mar. 13 Supp.*) A review of the agenda statement for ordinance change 13-02 showed that the intent of ordinance 69.08(9) was to restrict parking on the Southside of School Street during school hours not the Northside as was written into the code.

2) The police department has received a number of requests from residents who live in the area of Elm Avenue and Lane Avenue to make this intersection a 4 way stop. Currently, stop signs are located on Lane Avenue but not on Elm Avenue at this intersection. Residents are concerned for the safety of children walking to and from the school property and for children and parents who park in the area during student pick up.

Speed survey data indicates that 17.2% of cars on Elm travel faster than the posted speed limit of 25 in this area

A stop sign at this intersection would require all cars to stop in all directions at 3 of the 5 intersections surrounding the school property. 2 way stops would remain at Pine Avenue and Main Street and at Elm Avenue and Main Street.

The purpose of this item is to discuss with Council proposed ideas on traffic control around Oviatt elementary and to craft ordinance changes / updates for future consideration based on the resulting discussion.

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Funding Source: _____
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City Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No action required at this time