



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Montré D. Freeman, City Manager
J Phillip Webster, Chief of Police
Dwan Bell, Public Works Director

Date: January 19, 2024

Re: Consideration / Discussion - Parking Control Treatment at West Main Street and Ashe Street Intersection

BACKGROUND:

On October 26, 2023, staff was made aware of a parking concern at the intersection of West Main Street and Ashe Street. The concern involved visibility at this intersection due to curbside parking on the north side of West Main Street. A request has been made to place "no parking here to corner" signage and to mark the curb with yellow paint to further designate the no parking zone.

This intersection of Ashe Street is currently posted no parking.

ANALYSIS:

Staff met at the location and observed a vehicle parked at the intersection. The main offending vehicle at that time was a Blue BMW automobile. Later, officers met with the owner of the Blue BMW and discovered it had mechanical issues in addition to being parked 17 feet from the intersection. Officers assisted the owner by pushing the vehicle onto their property and off the roadway.

Elizabeth City Parking Ordinances are located in Chapter 72: Parking Rules. In this case, the vehicle was at a minimum in violation of:

§ 72.01 GENERAL PROHIBITION IN SPECIFIED PLACES, (F) within 20 feet of a crosswalk or intersection.

After the original offending vehicle was removed, additional complaints of visibility at this intersection persist along with the requests for the aforementioned signage and curb marking.

The Police Department has consulted with the Public Works Department about this issue. Both departments support the requested signage for "no parking here to corner" and curb marking at the West Main Street and Ashe Street intersection.

City staff seeks Council's approval to accept the change to the Elizabeth City Traffic Control Plan and the addition of the requested no parking signage and curb marking.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, accept the changes to the Elizabeth City Traffic Control Plan, authorizing staff to erect signage of "no parking here to corner" and curb markings at the intersection of West Main and Ashe Streets.

If this item is approved during Work Session Committee discussion, it will appear on the February 12, 2024 Consent Agenda for Council vote.

