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Agenda Item Number

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Date December 20, 2010

From Highland Park Neighborhood Association, regarding Snow Ordinance Streets.

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SPONSOR: Council Member Moore

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk

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Rauh, Diane I.

From: Moore, Skip
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 2:13 PM
To: Rauh, Diane I.
Subject: FW: Highland Pak Community Action Association / New Snow Ordinance Streets

For Mondays Packet

From: Trudy McCormick [<mailto:iamfromia@g.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Moore, Skip; mahaffb@aedairy.com
Subject: Highland Pak Community Action Association / New Snow Ordinance Streets

Our board met yesterday evening to discuss the problem some of our neighborhood residents had with the new snow ordinance. HPCAA feels this new program is a beneficial program for our neighborhood. In order for this new Snow Ordinance to be successful in all participating neighborhoods, the board of The Highland Park Community Action Association would appreciate the Mayor and City Council making the following allowance, not only for Highland Park residents but for all city residents who find themselves with nowhere to park when Public Works declares an official snow event: "When the declared snow event is in effect people who do not have driveways or have insufficient space in their driveways to accomodate all vehicles, may park their vehicles in their front yards (not on the parking and not blocking city sidewalks) until the snow event has ended.

Thank you for your consideration of this suggestion.

Sincerely,
Trudy McCormick, President of The Highland Park Community Action Association

Moore, Skip

From: Nancy Suby-Bohn [mssubybohn@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 10:28 PM
To: Moore, Skip
Cc: Stowe, William G.; Kozitza, Pat J.; Braun, Bruce A.
Subject: RE: A little confused

The "inspectors" call it the "Beautification Ordinance" – when they tell residents they can't park in their front yard – for the proposed ordinance included more than one change to the Municipal Code..

If I remember right, Alice Rodine (NCCO) spear headed the no-parking in Des Moines' front yard; however, my father lives in Ankeny and has been parking "next to" his driveway on grass in his front yard since 1968...and he still parks his junky old Ford ranger there.

You can find the off-Street Parking Requirements under Zoning 134-1377 in the Municipal Code...

(m) (5)/(6) – has the "temporary parking".

(m) Front yard parking. Parking in front yards shall be subject to the following:

- (1) All required parking in any R district must be outside the required front yard.
- (2) No parking for any permitted use in any R district, other than single-family or two-family units, may be located in the required front yard.
- (3) In any R district, no single-family or two-family lot shall have more than 25 percent of the front yard used for driveway and off-street parking purposes. However, this restriction shall not prohibit the construction of a 20-foot-wide driveway or a driveway expansion immediately in front of and the minimum width reasonably necessary to provide access to a three- or four-car garage.
- (4) In any R district, expansions of off-street parking areas in front yards shall be of a hard surface, i.e., paved concrete, asphalt, brick pavers or equal.
- (5) Temporary parking in residential yards for the state fair overflow parking, for Drake Relays, and for other events officially designated by the city council to allow for temporary parking in the yard shall be permitted.
- (6) Overflow temporary parking for school athletic events shall be allowed in the required front yard provided such parking is restricted to the school grounds.
- (7) No vehicle shall be displayed for sale, rental or hire in the required front yard in any commercial district, except upon an improved parking lot.
- (8) The requirements of this subsection may also be enforced as a violation of subsection 114-361.02(b) of this Code.

and notice you can no longer use gravel as a hard surface in your front yard as a hard surface driveway so the existing front yard gravel driveways are grandfathered.

Nancy
