# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: B 192-14

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

**Council Meeting Date:** July 7, 2014 **Re:** Parking Prohibition on Otto Court

## **Documents Included With This Agenda Item**

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: Maps, Images, Correspondence from Public

## **Executive Summary**

Authorizing an amendment to Chapter 14 to prohibit parking along both sides of Otto Court at all times.

#### Discussion

In November of 2013, staff received a request to address parking issues along Otto Court. Currently, there are no parking restrictions, and if vehicles park on both sides of the street, access is very limited (see attached photo).

Staff contacted the Fire Department regarding access along this roughly 17 ft wide street, and their response (attached) was that it's tight without vehicles, and even more difficult to access with vehicles parked on the street. They further indicated that in the event of a fire, they would have to park a fire engine on Tenth Street and pull a hose down to Otto Court. Additionally, restricting parking on both sides of the street would be necessary to perform a rescue on Otto Court.

In December of 2013, staff sent a letter to property owners along Otto Court seeking feedback concerning a parking prohibition on the street at all times. Attached is a copy of the letter and a survey form.

Following is a summary of the responses received from the residents.

- 1 restricting parking on the north side;
- 1 restricting parking on the south side;
- 1 restricting parking on a portion of the north side;
- 1 restricting parking on a portion of the south side;
- 3 do not restrict parking;
- 2 tenants commented that they do not have enough driveway space and depend on off-street parking;
- 1 tenant commented that Otto Court should be permit parking:
- 2 email responses in favor of restricting parking on both sides.

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Once the responses were received and evaluated, Public Works staff followed up with Fire Department staff, and their preference is to prohibit parking on both sides of the street. Therefore, staff is recommending parking be prohibited on both sides of Otto Court at all times, to accommodate access for emergency personnel.

# **Fiscal Impact**

Short-Term Impact: \$300 from the Street Maintenance budget for materials, equipment, and labor. Long-Term Impact: Sign replacement as needed.

## Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Transportation

Strategic Plan Impact: Customer Focused Government

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Not Applicable

## **Suggested Council Action**

If Council agrees with staff recommendation to prohibit parking along Otto Court at all times, pass the ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the City Code.

# **Legislative History**

None.

Départment Approved

City Manager Approved

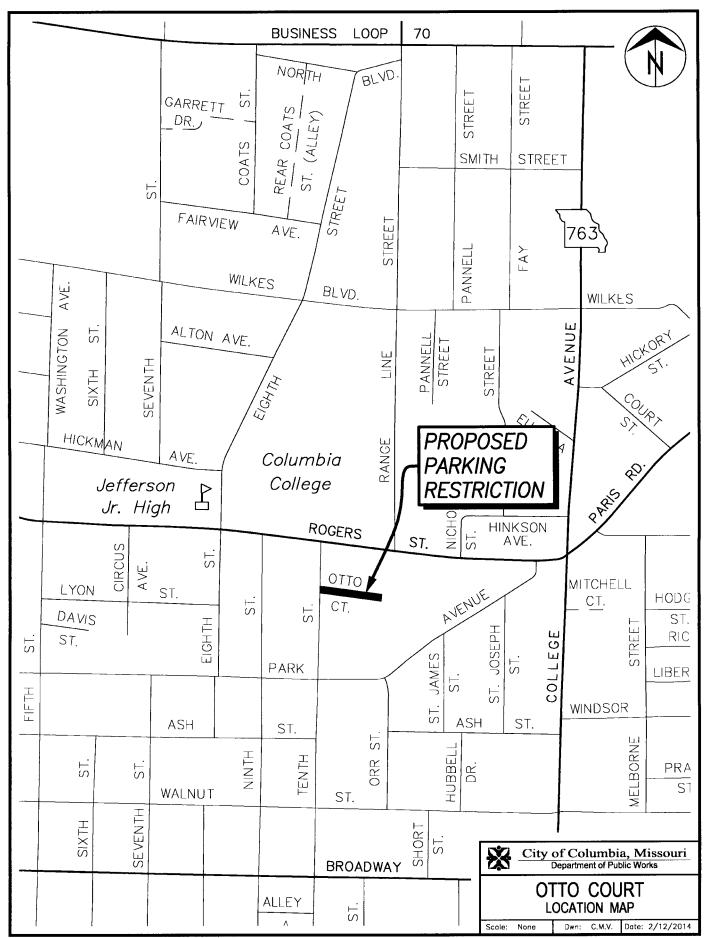
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City Clerk	Mayor and Presiding Officer
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# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS AGENDA ITEM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Maps, Images, Correspondence from Public







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**Brad Fraizer** <br/>
Solfraize@gocolumbiamo.com><br/>
To: Chris Valleroy <cmvaller@gocolumbiamo.com>

Wed, Nov 20, 2013 at 8:02 AM

Chris

Please note the e-mail below and attached photos.

Parking is a concern from our perspective.

Thank you

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From: Jerry Jenkins <jlj@gocolumbiamo.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 19, 2013 at 7:50 PM

Subject: Re:

To: Kyle Fansler <kefansle@gocolumbiamo.com>

Cc: "Farr, Clayton" <cfj@gocolumbiamo.com>, "White, Randall" <rew@gocolumbiamo.com>, "Fraizer, Brad"

<blfraize@gocolumbiamo.com>, "Cassil, Terry" <tlc@gocolumbiamo.com>

Captain Fansler.

Thank you for looking into this.

I will forward this to BC Fraizer.

DC Jenkins

On Tue, Nov 19, 2013 at 4:03 PM, Kyle Fansler <kefansle@gocolumbiamo.com> wrote: Chiefs,

We went to Otto Ct. and looked at the situation. I have attached several photos. I have several concerns.

- 1. If cars parked as is currently allowed on both sides there wouldn't be room for any vehicles, even the DC and BC. It is very tight with only one side parking and the cars in the pictures are all partially on the sidewalk.
- 2. With allowing cars on one side I don't know if we could even make the turn to get on the street. (It wouldn't matter which side it will hinder our front bumper swing, it would require a set back from 10th St.)
- 3. When looking at picture 3 and 4 there is a tree limb on the left side that could play an issue of overhead clearance, near the cab corner.
- 4. There currently is a no parking sign missing at 1006. The one at 1008 states no parking between signs. The street sign is also missing at the corner of 10th and Otto.

Overall it is a very tight street to get on and off of regardless of cars, the parked cars make it more difficult. If

we were going to a fire today I would recommend pulling 2 1/2" with a wye and highrise packs, and leave the engine on 10th St. With no parking we could pull down the street with an Engine/Quint, I see no reason to ever take a Ladder truck down it!

Let me know if you need further explanation.

Thanks
Capt. Kyle Fansler

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From: Kyle Fansler < kfansler4922@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 19, 2013 at 2:59 PM

Subject:

To: Kyle Fansler <KEFANSLE@gocolumbiamo.com>

Capt. Kyle Fansler Columbia Missouri Fire Department

Battalion Chief Brad Fraizer, CFI
Fire Marshal and Public Information Officer
Columbia Missouri Fire Department
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Columbia, MO 65201
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#### 4 attachments



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# CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

December 5, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to provide information that the Public Works Department is considering recommending that City Council pursue prohibiting parking along the north and south side of Otto Court. We are asking for owners and residents along Otto Court to provide staff with comments regarding this proposed restriction.

This request for comments has been initiated due to citizen contact indicating concerns with limited ability to drive along Otto Court with parking on one or both sides of the street.

Currently we have signs restricting parking in front of 1006 & 1008 Otto Court. There is no current parking restriction per city ordinance on Otto Court.

Based on Public Works staff evaluation of the street and with consultation from Fire Department personnel, staff believes that a parking prohibition along the north & south side of Otto Court at all times may be appropriate. We are seeking input regarding parking along the street.

Please provide us with information regarding this potential change. If you have comments, please fill out the 4 question online survey at: http://tinyurl.com/n2455hs or send a written correspondence by January 10, 2014 to:

City of Columbia - Missouri Public Works Department Attn: Chris Valleroy PO Box 6015 Columbia, MO 65205

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Chris Valleroy at 573-874-7250 or cmvaller@gocolumbiamo.com

Respectfully,

Richard L. Stone II, P.E.

Traffic Engineering Supervisor

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Otto Court Parking Restriction
Please provide information to help Public Works Staff in determining if any parking restriction should be applied and if so, where it should be located.
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What is your address?
Should parking be prohibited anywhere along Otto Court? *
Should "No Parking" Signs be installed anywhere along Otto Court
Yes
©No
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Please check the boxes where you think parking should be prohibited
Select where parking should not be allowed
Both sides of Otto Court (entire length)
North side of Otto Court (entire length)
South side of Otto Court (entire length)
Portion of the north side of Otto Court
Portion of the south side of Otto Court
I think parking should be allowed along both sides of Otto Court at all times
Please provide any additional information you feel is necessary
Write freely to express your opinion on prohibiting parking along Otto Court
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# Please provide any additional information you feel is necessary

Parking is allowed along both sides of Otto Ct. at the moment and people are courteous enough to only park on the south side of the street, as to keep the street passable. There is never a problem with not being able to get through the street and everyone who lives on the street frequently uses this parking. If any limitation on parking is going to be done then it should be a permit situation and people who live on Otto Ct. should receive a permit to park on the street. Students from Columbia College take advantage of our street and it leaves no parking for the residents of the street. If parking were to be prohibited on Otto Ct. us residents of the street would have to park many blocks away from our homes due to the parking meters that already that are littered all over the area. There are too many inhabitants on Otto Court for parking to be banned - I know people in three of the houses and we all agree. The original complaint certainly is not a street-wide consensus.

Otto court is a small community and parking on the street is necessary for the people who live on it. Otherwise there isn't enough parking in driveways alone. I commute to Boonville every day for work. I'm an editor at Missouri Life magazine. My roommate is bar tender and works late or lunch shifts. Sometimes, it's impossible to coordinate who is parking behind who is parked behind who. One of us could lose our jobs during a mishap such as this. Considering Otto is not through street, traffic does not need to move at a high speed, and Otto is perfectly navigable at a slow speed with cars on the street. Street parking not only reduces that the speed at which people drive, making me feel safer when I'm a pedestrian, it also makes life easier for everyone who lives on the street. Please, please do not ban street parking.



#### Re: Otto Court

John Ott <johnott@columbiamo.com>

Tue, Nov 19, 2013 at 1:57 PM

To: Chris Valleroy <cmvaller@gocolumbiamo.com>
Cc: Kristin Mcdermott <infinitekristins@yahoo.com>

Chris here is Kristin's email address. We discussed and agreed there should be no parking on either side of the street on Otto Ct. All of the properties that are on the street and the two on Tenth Street have adequate off street parking. More importantly emergency vehicles need better access to the properties. Kristin will also talk to the tenants. Thanks. John

Sent from my iPhone

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John.

Per our phone conversation, could you get me an address for Kristen Bourgeois so I can include her in the mailing regarding Otto Court parking. Thanks.

Chris M. Valleroy Engineering Aide City of Columbia, Missouri Public Works Engineering 573-874-6361



#### Re: Otto Court

infinitekristins@yahoo.com <infinitekristins@yahoo.com>

Tue, Nov 19, 2013 at 3:28 PM

To: John Ott <johnott@columbiamo.com>

Cc: Chris Valleroy <cmvaller@gocolumbiamo.com>

Message received. I fully agree parking should be removed from street and there have not been any objections from the tenants.

Thank you, Kristin

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