



**PARKING COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT**

**Case #:** PC-24-01  
**Date:** April 2024

**FROM:** Karina Pazos, Long Range Planner, Planning and Transportation Department

**REGARDING:** 6<sup>th</sup> Street (from Walnut to Washington) Angled Parking

**Description and Purpose:**

Between 2018 and 2022 there were eight crashes identified as “backing crashes” with the primary factor being “unsafe backing” on 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Walnut and Washington streets, and is the most commonly occurring crash in this section of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Replacing front-in angle parking with back-in angle parking can improve the safety on the street for all users, and the Department of Public Works will be completing a resurfacing project on 6<sup>th</sup> Street, so this is a good time to implement the change.

There are currently 41 front-in angled parking spaces on both sides of 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Walnut and Washington streets. We are proposing to convert all 41 parking spaces into back-in angled parking to improve visibility of the traffic into which the driver is entering when exiting an angled parking space because when exiting the back-in angle parking space, a driver is facing the street and able to see on-coming traffic. Back-in angle parking is similar to parallel parking because both allow a driver to back into the parking space slowly.

Improving visibility and driving slowly are important components of back-in angle parking that help reduce the potential for collisions. Additionally, when a car is parked in a back-in angle parking space, the orientation of open car doors helps to direct children onto the sidewalk instead of into the street when exiting the vehicle, and back-in angle parking allows safer access to the vehicle’s trunk – from the sidewalk instead of the street.

Please see the included exhibit of the proposed changes provided by the Engineering Department.

**Title 15 Changes:**

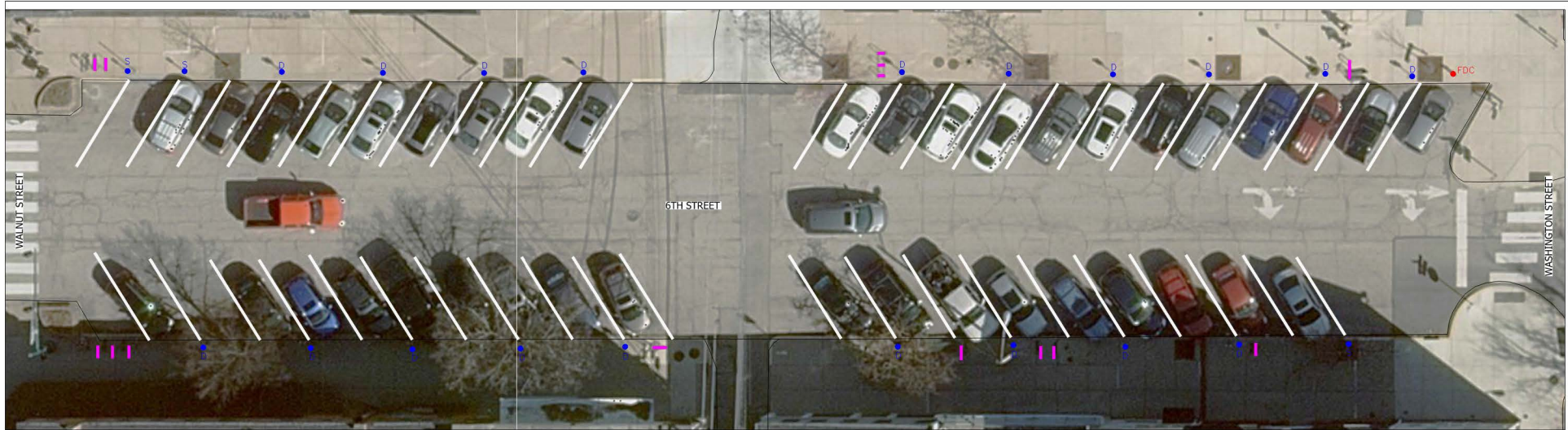
Section 15.32.010, entitled “Angle Parking,” shall be amended by adding the following to Schedule L:

Add

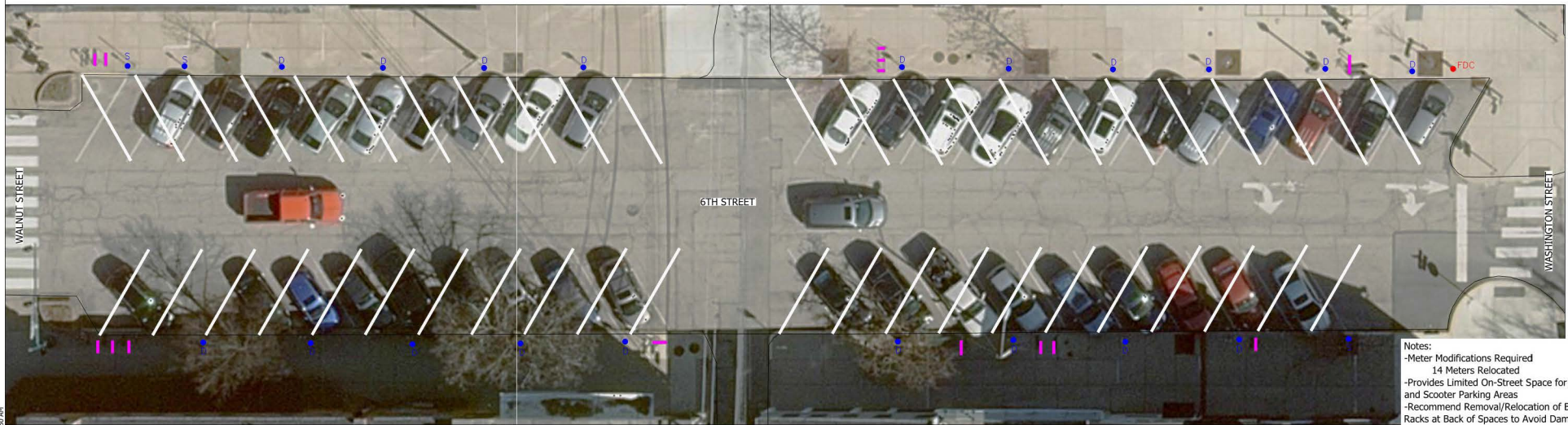
Street	From	To	Side of Street	Angle Type
Sixth Street	Walnut Street	350’ W. of Washington Street	North/South	Back In



**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that Parking Commission forward the Title 15 changes to Council with a positive recommendation.



EXISTING PARKING LAYOUT - FRONT-IN ANGLE PARKING  
41 TOTAL SPACES



PROPOSED PARKING LAYOUT MAXIMIZE PARKING - BACK-IN ANGLE PARKING  
41 TOTAL SPACES

- Notes:
- Meter Modifications Required
  - 14 Meters Relocated
  - Provides Limited On-Street Space for Bike and Scooter Parking Areas
  - Recommend Removal/Relocation of Bike Racks at Back of Spaces to Avoid Damage to Vehicles

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- | Existing Bike Rack Locations
- Existing Single Head Meter
- Existing Double Head Meter

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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL		ENGINEER	DATE
DESIGNED: xxx	DRAWN: xxx		
CHECKED: xxx	CHECKED: xxx		

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

**6TH STREET RESURFACING  
WALNUT TO WASHINGTON PARKING UPDATE  
MAXIMIZE PARKING SPACES**

HORIZONTAL SCALE	BRIDGE FILE
1" = 10'	N/A
VERTICLE SCALE	DESIGNATION
N/A	N/A
SURVEY BOOK	SHEETS
N/A	xx of xx
CONTRACT	PROJECT
N/A	6TH STREET RESURFACING