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RE: No Parking along North J Street from A Avenue West (Hwy 92) to B Avenue West.

Dear Civil Engineer Technician Sean Murphy,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the parking regulations along North J Street. As a thriving and growing business within the City of Oskaloosa for the past 16 years, we would like to express our concerns regarding the proposed parking restrictions. We serve many residents of Oskaloosa each and every day. By restricting the parking, it will negatively impact our business and the residents of Oskaloosa we serve by limiting the customer and employee parking more than it is now.

The fact that the street is only 2 blocks long, the traffic to length ratio is astronomical, as well as the semi traffic that we encounter seems to beg the question, "Why is there so much traffic on the street in the first place?"

As a business within the City of Oskaloosa our clientele and employees currently follow all parking / City of Oskaloosa laws for parking on the street, including never blocking stop signs, fire hydrants, sidewalks, alleys or driveways, as well as never parking on the street during snow emergencies.

At times it can unfortunately take the City of Oskaloosa a few days to remove the snow from North J Street, where we do not return to parking on the street, (even if the snow emergency has been lifted) until the snow has been removed. There have also been occasions where the snow has not been removed to the curb fully, where our staff has then completed the snow removal to decrease the width restriction as much as possible. Please see picture below.



At the end of the day, we would love to have a larger parking area or a parking lot for our business, however, the location will not allow for that. We would prefer to see the parking left as is without any parking restrictions. If parking restrictions must be implemented, we would like to see parking **ALLOWED ON THE WEST SIDE** of North J Street allowing our clientele to park closer to the building, especially for our elderly or handicapped patrons.

We appreciate your time and consideration; please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Clint Hodson
Practice Owner