

**City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois**  
**Public Hearing on Proposed Residential Parking Permit Area**  
**Between 515 and 610 South James Street**  
**May 17, 2005**

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, in the City Council Chambers, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, for the purpose of soliciting comments on a proposed residential parking permit area between 515 and 610 S. James Street. Mayor Cole called the public hearing to order at 7:16 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

Present: Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilman Joel Fritzler, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilwoman Sheila Simon and Mayor Brad Cole

Absent: None

Also present were City Clerk Janet M. Vaught, City Manager Jeff Doherty and various members of the City's administrative staff.

City Manager Jeff Doherty noted that in 1971 the City Council adopted an ordinance regulating parking on South James Street between Schwartz and Mill Streets. The ordinance regulates no parking between 7am and 5pm on Monday through Friday. On April 20, 2005, the City Clerk received a petition from the owners and residents between 515 and 609 S. James Street indicating an intent to designate the east and west sides of James Street in this area as a Residential Parking Permit Area.

Mr. Doherty said that the City Code regulates residential parking permit areas within the City. The Code establishes procedures for a residential parking permit area and requires the petition to have signatures from the owners and residents of at least seventy-five percent of the residential dwelling units within a proposed residential parking permit area. A petition was received in the City Clerk's Office on April 20, 2005 and it has been determined that ninety percent of the owners and residents of the residential dwelling units between 515 and 610 S. James Street signed the petition.

Mr. Doherty said that the City Code requires the City Manager to notify by first class mail all owners and residents of property within and adjacent to the proposed residential parking permit area of the filing of the petition, the intent to designate the residential area as a residential parking permit area, and the time, date and location at which said petition shall be considered during a public hearing. That letter was sent to twelve owners and residents on May 11, 2005. In addition, the notice was published in the Southern Illinoisan on May 8, 2005.

Mr. Doherty noted that the City Code sets the criteria the City Council shall follow to establish a residential parking permit area upon a portion or all of a designated street, limiting parking on designated streets to the residents of such area and their guests. The criteria to be considered is that a petition is filed with the City Clerk from the owners or residents of at least seventy-five percent of the residential dwelling units within a proposed residential parking permit area; the land abutting at least one side of a street segment designated as the residential parking permit area is zoned R-1 and is used for single family residential purposes; the streets in the area contained in the residential parking permit area are adversely impacted by the parking of commuter vehicles; that there are reasonable and generally acceptable alternate areas for which displaced vehicles may relocate, or other modes of transportation to be utilized; and the residents of the residential parking permit area are willing to accept the restrictions.

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Mr. Doherty said that following the public hearing, the City Council may establish said area by the adoption of an ordinance designating all or a portion of the area considered during the public hearing as a residential parking permit area. An ordinance has been placed on the City Council agenda later this evening.

Mr. Doherty noted that on May 16, 2005, he received a written request from David Anderson, owner of 702 S. James (which borders 610 S. James) asking that 702 S. James be included in the area designated as a residential parking permit area. The City Attorney has determined that the inclusion of 702 S. James in the residential parking permit area would not be consistent with the process outlined in the City Code in terms of the public hearing notice and process. Consideration of 702 S. James as a residential parking permit area must be separate from the consideration of the area being considered tonight.

Mayor Cole thanked Mr. Doherty for his comments and asked if there were any public comments or questions during the public hearing.

Michael Norrington, 605 S. James, said he has lived at this address for about 13 years. Mr. Norrington said he was speaking on behalf of the ordinance as proposed, noting that he has no objections. He said his neighbor across the street got the petition started and said that the major reason was that although they appreciated the no parking because it is close enough to campus that it could be a problem, the various residents that live there continue to get parking tickets because they try to jockey their cars in and out of their driveways. Mr. Norrington said that personally he probably will never take advantage of the residential parking permit area because he doesn't want his vehicle parked on the street if at all possible, adding that it is safer in the driveway. He said the street is wide enough in those areas to allow parking and he wanted the City Council to know that he has no objection and thinks it would be a good thing to do. He thanked the Council for their attention to this matter.

Mayor Cole again invited comments or questions from the public. There was no one in the audience who indicated a desire to speak on this issue. The Mayor made a third and final request for public comments; again, there were none. Mayor Cole noted for the record that there was one person who spoke in favor and no persons speaking in opposition on this issue.

There being no further comments or questions at this hear, Mayor Cole declared the public hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

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Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:

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