

**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA
December 16, 2015
5:30 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes – October 21, 2015
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Communications from Commission
- V. Reports from Staff –
 - A. Title 15 update
- VI. Old Business - none
- VII. New Business –
 - A. Revise no-parking area to allow parking on paved pull-off area located at 2401 E. 4th Street.
- VIII. Traffic Inquiries –
 - A. No parking zone - N. Fairview Street on the east-side of street between W. 6th Street and east-west alley.
 - B. Convert alley to one way northbound traffic direction – north/south alley located between W. 6th Street (north) and W. Kirkwood Avenue (south) and N. Jackson Street (west) and N. Rogers Street (east).
- IX. Adjournment

Next meeting – January 27, 2015

**City of Bloomington Traffic Commission Minutes
October 21, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall**

Traffic Commission minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning and Transportation Department for reference.

Attendance

Traffic Commission: James Batcho, Andrew Cibor, Ryan Cobine, Abigail Pietsch, Sarah Ryterband, Joe VanDeventer, and Scott Wickersham

Others in Attendance: Suzanne O'Connell (Cedarview Management), Malcom Webb, Neil Kopper (Staff), Nate Nickel (Staff), and Scott Robinson (Staff)

- I. Call to Order** (~5:35 PM)
- II. Approval of Minutes** – September 23, 2015. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Mr. Wickersham seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed 7-0.
- III. Communications from Commission** – Mr. Cibor reported that Woodlawn Avenue, from 13th Street to 17th Street will be opening to traffic early in 2016. He said the N. Dunn St. and Old S.R. 37 intersection safety project is on schedule for construction bidding early next year. The City hopes to award a construction bid for a signal and sidepath project on Bloomfield Road/2nd Street from Landmark Avenue to Basswood Drive.
- IV. Public Comment** - none.
- V. Reports from Staff**
 - A. Winslow Road and Walnut Street Pike improvements** - Mr. Kopper explained the background over the concerns for this intersection. Public interest was heightened over the recent nearby Echo Park development approved by the Plan Commission. Mr. Kopper said the crash history shows an unusual pattern and frequency of t-bone crashes. He provided an illustration for possible improvements and explained the benefits. Some Commission members were concerned about the traffic islands that prohibited through traffic along Walnut Street Pike. Fire and police use this intersection often and some people will still attempt to make this through movement even with the islands. Mr. Kopper explained staff will continue to seek neighborhood input and work with emergency responders before any improvements are made.
 - B. High Street traffic counts** – Mr. Robinson said staff collected traffic counts in response to a previous traffic inquiry. These counts were taken in July and then in September when school was in session. The counts are included in the packet for review. Staff is seeking guidance on any

additional actions at this time. Commission members noted that the speeds during school hours are much slower than the rest of the day. Ms. Ryterband and Mr. Cobine were satisfied that current traffic conditions were satisfactory. The Commission members agreed no further action is necessary at this time.

VI. Old Business - none

VII. New Business –

A. On-street parking – revise current time regulations for 2 on-street spaces located at 1290-1270 N. College Avenue and 1 on-street space located at 601 N. College Avenue – Mr. Nickel provided an overview of the proposed changes. These were in response to a request made by commercial tenants seeking convenient drop-off or pick-up spaces. He also explained that additional review revealed that one additional ADA handicap accessible on-street parking space is needed for 1290 N. College Avenue. Ms. O’Connell said her tenants are in support of the changes, including the new ADA space. Mr. Cibor explained the ADA requirements for on-site parking spaces in greater detail. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Ms. Pietsch seconded to approve the recommendation as presented and forward to the City Council. The motion passed 7-0.

B. No parking zone – N. Dunn Street on the west side of the street between 10th Street and 12th Street - Mr. Nickel said this staff level request is in response to the narrow street and the difficulties for sanitation and snow plow trucks to access this area. Removing parking on one side of the street will improve access for these City services. Mr. VanDeventer said snow plow trucks often cannot drive down this street because of parked vehicles, so the road does not get plowed. Mr. Wickersam said parking on the west side may offer more spaces than the east side. Mr. Cibor asked about the notification process and Mr. Robinson explained these meetings are noticed, but no direct notification is made to adjacent property owners. Mr. VanDeventer motioned, Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the recommendation as presented and forward to the City Council. The motion passed 7-0.

VIII. Traffic Inquiries

A. Revise no-parking area to allow parking at 2401 and 2408 E. 4th Street. Mr. Nickel provided an overview of the request and Mr. Webb explained his needs and the unique nature of the area. He said he also has the support of his neighbors for some on-street parking. The consensus of the Commission was to have staff prepare a new parking proposal for 4th Street at their next meeting.

IX. Adjournment (~6:25 PM)

Next meeting – November 18, 2015



MEMORANDUM

To: Traffic Commission
From: Nate Nickel, Sr. Long Range Planner
Date: December 16, 2015
Re: 2401 E. 4th Street – Revise No Parking Zone Regulations to Allow Parking

Background

The City of Bloomington Planning and Transportation Department received this request from Malcom Webb, the property owner of 2401 E. 4th St. He expressed concerns regarding the current no parking zone that is enforced on E. 4th Street between S. Hillsdale Drive and the dead-end of E. 4th Street. There is a paved pull-off area located at 2401 E. 4th Street that is within the City's right-of-way and included in the no parking zone. Mr. Webb would like the ability to park vehicles on the paved pull-off area on his property. The Traffic Commission reviewed this request at the October 21, 2015 meeting and the consensus was favorable to staff exploring this request in greater detail.

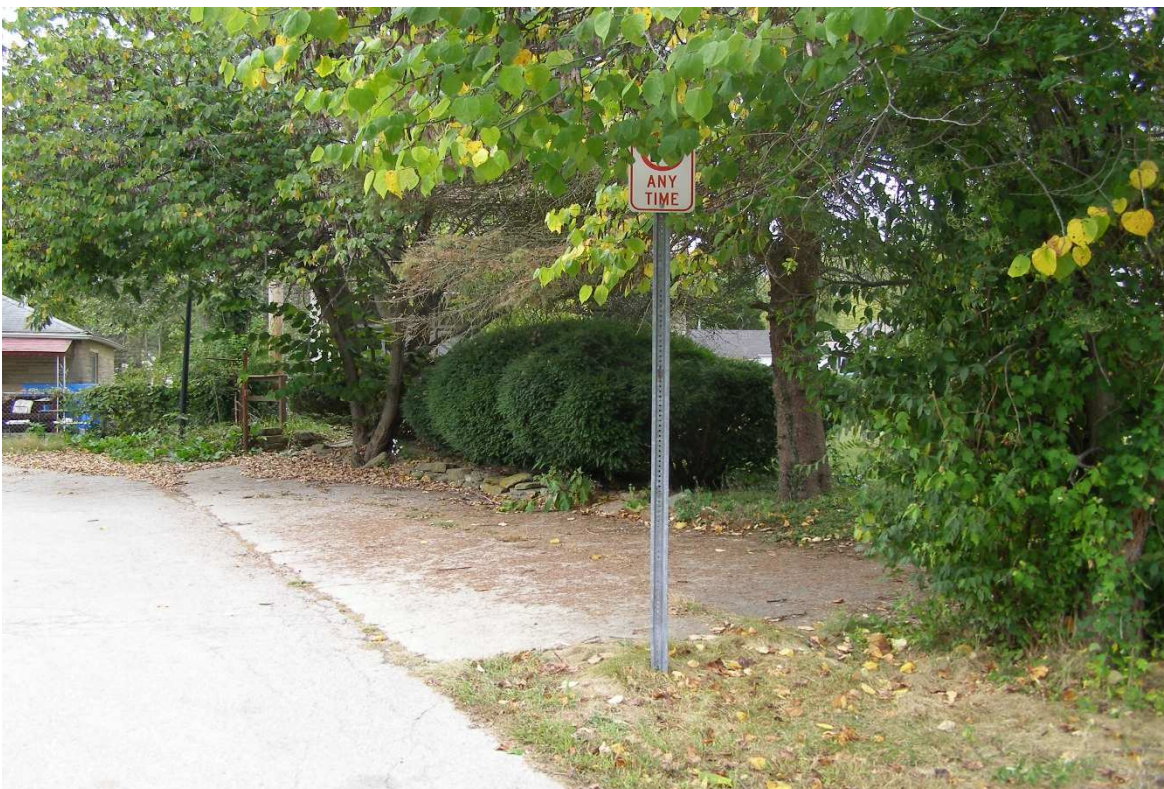
To accommodate this request, Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code would need to be amended. Specifically, Section 15.32.080, Schedule M – No Parking Zones would need to be revised. The no parking zone on E. 4th Street would be changed to No Parking, Any Time, on Both Sides of Street, from Roosevelt Street to Clark Street and from approximately 280' west of Hillsdale Drive to Hillsdale Drive. Upon review, staff determined that 2401 E. 4th Street is already eligible for inclusion in Chapter 15.37 Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking and no amendments are necessary for that action. As a result, the paved pull-off area at 2401 E. 4th Street can have on-street parking per compliance with the Green Acres University Proximate Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking Zone (Zone 3) requirements.

If this revision is approved by the Traffic Commission, a detailed amendment will be prepared once this request is forwarded to the Common Council for their consideration.

Recommendation: Staff recommends amending Title 15.32.080, Schedule M – No Parking Zones for No Parking Zones, Any Time, Both Sides of Street from Roosevelt Street to Clark Street and approximately 280' west of Hillsdale Drive to Hillsdale Drive. Parking on the paved pull-off area at 2401 E. 4th Street would fall under the provisions of the Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking – Green Acres University Proximate Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking Zone (Zone 3). No additional code amendments would be necessary to complete the inclusion of this paved pull-off area into the neighborhood permit parking zone (Zone 3).



Looking towards the dead-end of E. 4th Street, with the pull-off at 2401 on the right.



A close-up view of the paved pull-off area located at 2401 E. 4th Street, with no parking signage.



MEMORANDUM

To: Traffic Commission
From: Nate Nickel, Senior Long Range Planner
Date: December 16, 2015
Re: Traffic Inquiries

Background

The Planning and Transportation Department has received several Traffic Inquiries from the public, which are outlined below. The nature of Traffic Inquiries vary, but are within the purview of the Traffic Commission. The intent of Traffic Inquiries is to hear citizen requests and then leverage both the advisory role of the Commission, as well as citizen input, before a request is formally considered. The Traffic Inquiries process also allows City staff to properly evaluate and prepare information for any potential future Traffic Inquiries to be heard by the Commission.

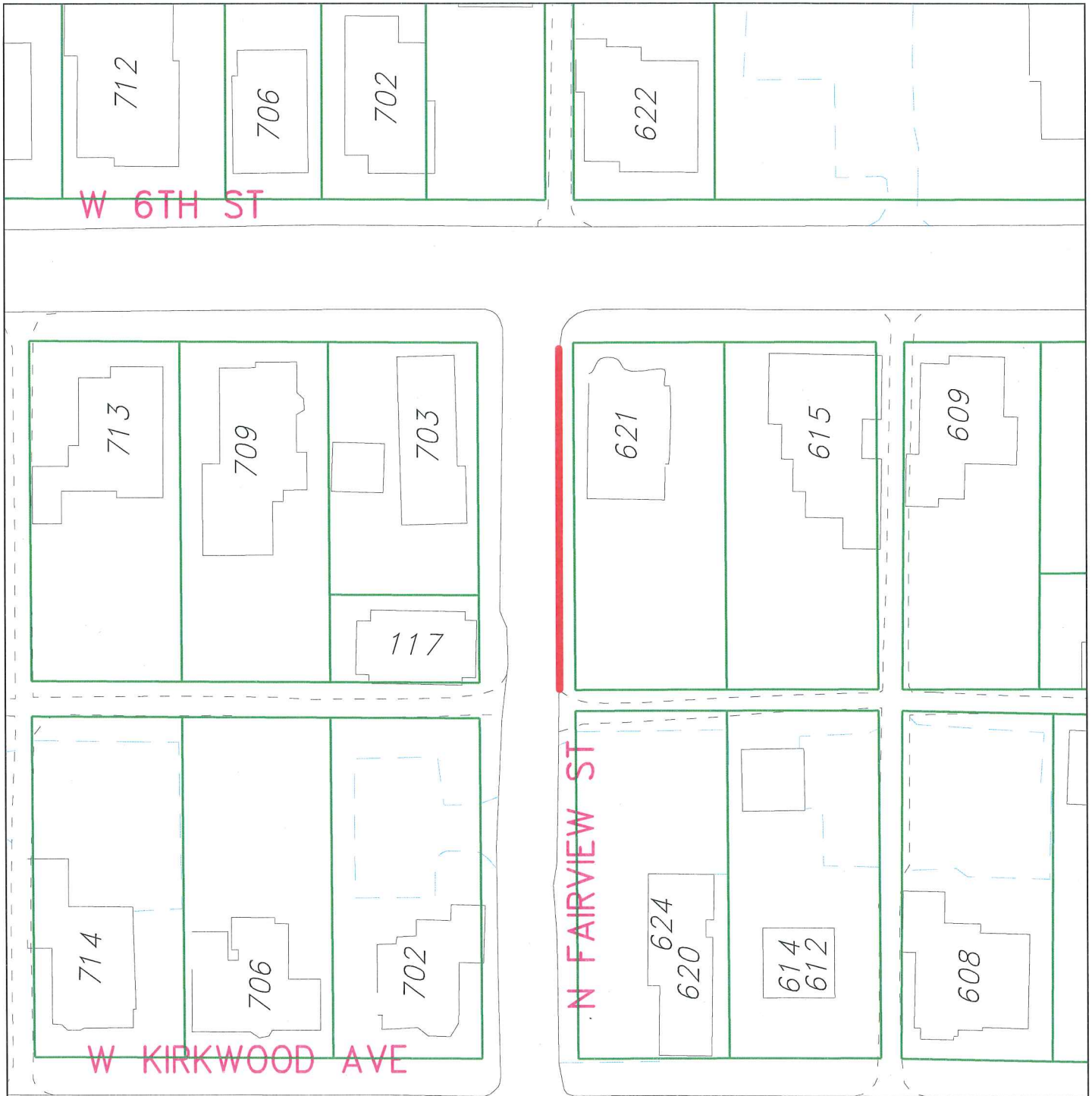
Basic information on Traffic Inquiries received by the Department are summarized below, as well as listed on the agenda. A respective map and site photos are also included for each Traffic Inquiry within the meeting packet for reference. Citizens that make Traffic Inquiries (either by phone, email, letter, U-Report, or in person) will be invited to attend the respective Traffic Commission meeting and given an opportunity to provide additional information.

Traffic Inquiries

- N. Fairview Street between W. 6th Street and east/west alley – add a no parking zone on the east-side of the street.
- Alley between W. 6th Street/W. Kirkwood Avenue and N. Jackson Street/N. Rogers Street - convert alley to a one way (northbound) traffic direction.

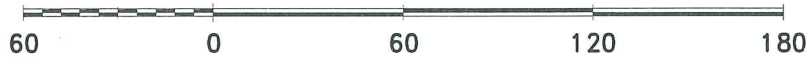
Recommendations

Staff requests that the Traffic Commission identify those Traffic Inquiries that will need further analysis before a future case can be heard. Specific types of information, as well as possible solutions to consider, are also requested by staff.

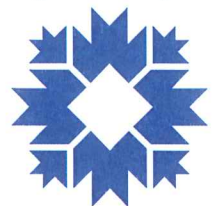


N. Fairview Street - No Parking Zone

By: nickeln
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For reference only; map information NOT warranted.



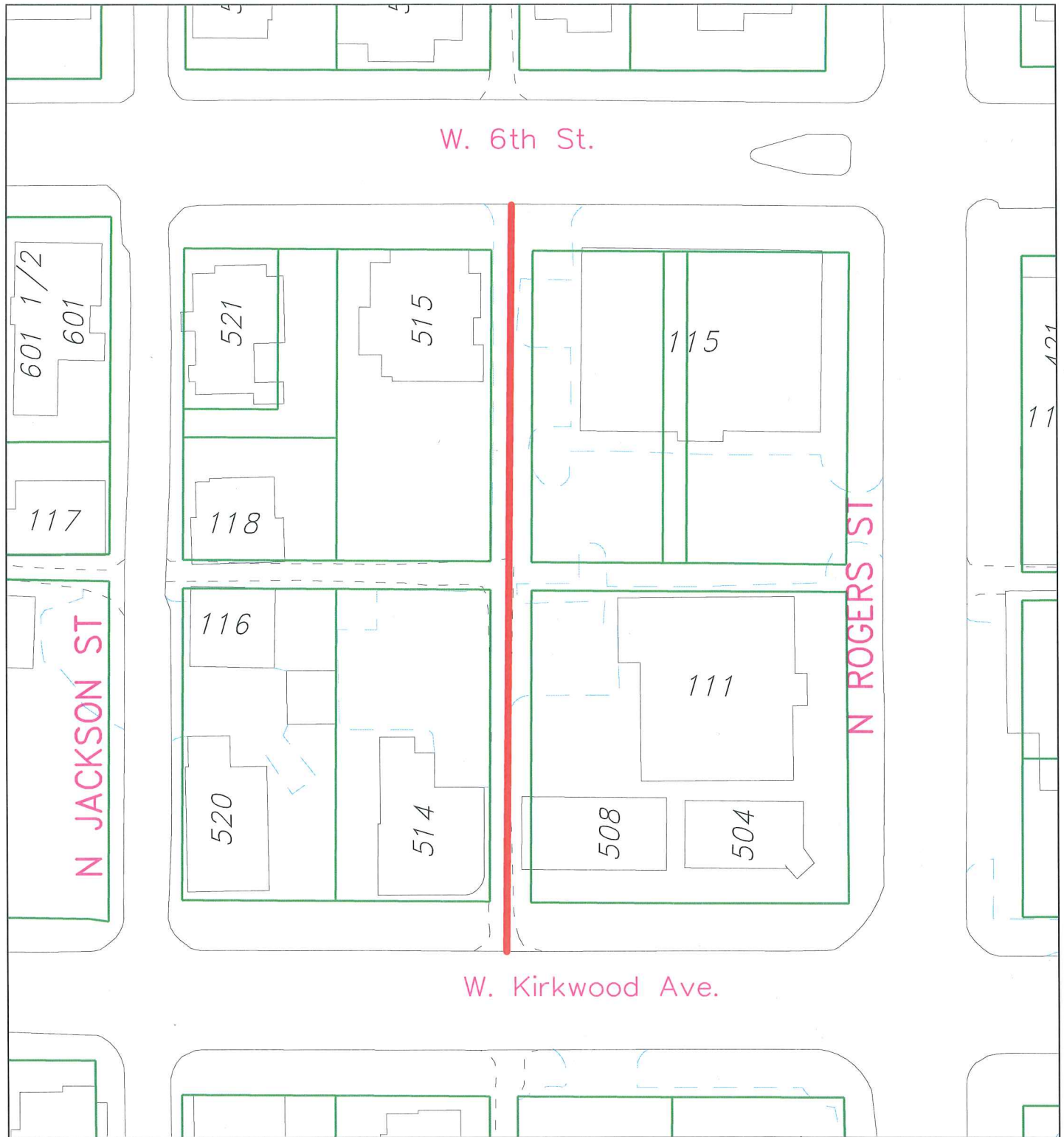
N. Fairview Street (~22') looking northbound towards W. 6h Street, viewed from the alley.



N. Fairview Street (~22') looking southbound towards alley and W. Kirkwood Avenue.



Gravel pull-off area along N. Fairview Street, looking northbound towards W. 6th Street.

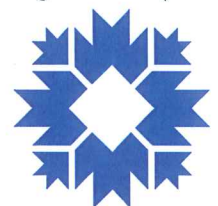


Change alley to one-way traffic direction (northbound)
 North/South alley between W. 6th Street (north) and W. Kirkwood Avenue (south)
 and N. Jackson Street (west) and N. Rogers Street (east)

By: nickeln
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Looking southbound down the alley from W. 6th Street (~18').



Looking northbound up the alley from W. Kirkwood Avenue (~18').



Looking south towards W. Kirkwood Avenue from the Salvation Army building (~18').



Looking north towards W. 6th Street from the Salvation Army building (~18').