

Title: Evening No Parking Tow Away Zone – Bur Oak Circle
Meeting Date: July 1, 2025
Meeting Type: City Council Meeting - First Tuesday - Afternoon & Evening Sessions
Department: Transportation
Sponsor: Charles Howard

Agenda Content:

Charles Howard, Transportation

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It is recommended that a No Parking Tow Away Zone from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. be established along both sides of Bur Oak Circle.

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Transportation staff recently received concerns from both local business owners and the Raleigh Police Department regarding ongoing safety issues on Bur Oak Circle during evening hours. These concerns center around the repeated on-street storage of business vehicles, which creates safety hazards and limits access.

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When these concerns were first brought to the City's attention in late 2024, Transportation staff contacted the business owner responsible for the vehicles. During that discussion, staff outlined the issues observed and provided information regarding applicable City Code violations related to illegal parking behaviors. Staff also recommended that the business explore off-site storage options for their fleet to help alleviate the issue. The business owner was advised that if conditions did not improve, formal parking restrictions could be considered.

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Since that time, staff has continued to monitor the area and maintain communication with nearby business owners. Unfortunately, the situation has not improved, and the continued vehicle storage during the evening hours remains a concern. As a result, staff is recommending the implementation of a No Parking Tow-Away Zone during evening hours to discourage the ongoing misuse of on-street parking.

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Similar restrictions were successfully implemented by City Council on Brewton Place in December 2017 and on Coke Street in November 2021. Both measures effectively addressed comparable issues and improved overall safety. Staff and Raleigh Police believe that a similar approach on Bur Oak Circle will yield the same positive outcome.

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All affected property owners were duly notified of this proposed change and provided two weeks to respond with any concerns, and one response was received. The received response was from the owner of the previously described commercial vehicles who had concerns that the proposed restrictions would negatively impact their business. Staff reminded the owner of our discussion several months ago and explained that staff has continued to monitor the area but seen no improvement. Unfortunately, despite staff's best efforts, a positive resolution with the business owner could not be reached.

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The proposed parking restriction would result in the loss of approximately twenty-six (26) evening parking spaces along Bur Oak Circle. The proposed parking restriction would be in affect Monday to Sunday from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and will remain unrestricted all other times. The proposed restriction will enhance safety along this corridor and ensure adequate access for daytime employees and guests of the adjacent businesses.

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Upon approval, the Traffic Schedule should be amended effective seven days after Council action.

Recommended Action: Authorize the changes in the Traffic Schedule included with the agenda materials.