

RACINE ART GUILD
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Dept of Public Works

Mayor Gary Becker and Racine Common Council
730 Washington Avenue
Racine WI 53403

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council,

Each year, on the first Sunday of August, the Racine Art Guild, Inc. sponsors the **STARVING ARTISTS OUTDOOR ART FAIR** on the grounds of East Park, between 10th and 11th streets, east of South Main Street. This fair is known to draw large numbers of people and the potential for serious traffic problems exist.

In order to minimize the possible congestion, I have asked the City of Racine Traffic Engineer for use of "TEMPORARY NO PARKING" signs to be used on the east side of South Main Street, between 10th and 11th Streets. This restriction would be for the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the day, Sunday, August 5, only. We have used this method in the past and have been successful in keeping that portion of the street cleared of parked vehicles during the fair. I have also contacted a representative of the Racine Police Department to ensure that traffic control is available at both intersections, 10th and South Main Street, and 11th and South Main Street. It is my understanding that this is a billable service. Requests for the above services are being processed at this time by the appropriate city departments and I foresee no problems in either case.

Now, for my specific request.

Both 10th and 11th Streets east of South Main Street are posted with "NO PARKING AT ANY TIME" signs. I am requesting that this specific parking restriction be waved for the daylight hours prior to 9:00 a.m. and for a period not to exceed "1" hour from 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 5. The times indicated are to allow the artists to park their vehicles, to unload and reload the displays and works of art that will be displayed and sold at the fair. For the time period from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. no parking should be allowed either on the north side of 11th Street, east of South Main Street, or on the south side of 10th Street, east of South Main.

I am available for any questions that you or any committee member might have concerning this request. The intent of this request is to minimize traffic congestion and provide appropriate access for the artists participating in the fair.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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