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Parking and Traffic Commission

This letter concerns the 900 block of Marquette Street and a long standing 1 hour parking zone on the East side of the street.

I recently noticed that the posted signs indicating the 1 hour parking zone had been removed. Upon contacting the DPW to report their removal, my thinking that they had been maliciously removed, I was informed that the sign department had been ordered to remove them. They were either reluctant or unable to tell me who had ordered the removal. This defeats the enforcement of this limited parking zone.

I contacted my then Alderperson, Jim Kaplan. He was unaware of the removal and told me that the ordinance had not been amended and your commission had not been approached regarding this issue.

This ordinance was initially enacted to help prevent business operators on State Street from monopolizing parking in this residential block, to avoid feeding parking meters. More recently it has been valuable in enforcing street storage violations. There is ample off street parking available in the Municipal lot abutting the alley for longer periods of parking.

I am requesting that the signs be re-installed according to the standing ordinance, **Sec. 94-143.** - **Limited parking zones, schedule G.** (8)

Dennis Montey

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CC. Alderperson Tracy Larrin