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SUBJECT: North College Circle Parking Restrictions
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North College Circle is classified as a Minor Collector in the City's Transportation Plan (formerly, Master Thoroughfare Plan) and has a roadway width of 36 feet from face-of-curb to face-of-curb. While this width is sufficient for two-way traffic under normal conditions, it does not adequately support unobstructed two-way traffic when extensive on-street parking occurs on both sides of the street. Additionally, the curved section of North College Circle between Ross Road and Terry Drive, which fronts an apartment complex, presents further safety challenges for both vehicles and pedestrians.

In May 2024, the City of North Richland Hills Traffic Division conducted several traffic studies along the entire length of North College Circle. These studies assessed daily traffic volumes, speeds, and roadway usage. The findings highlighted several safety concerns:

- Vehicles parked along the northern curbline create sight obstructions, reducing visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.
- The combination of parked vehicles and roadway curvature increases the potential for conflicts between vehicles traveling in opposite directions.
- Pedestrian safety is compromised, particularly at crossing points along this section of the roadway.

For these reasons, it is recommended that a no-parking ordinance along the north side of North College Circle, from Ross Road to Terry Drive, be implemented. The restriction should prohibit stopping, standing, and parking, as the presence of stationary vehicles (whether occupied or not) contributes to the identified safety hazards.