

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: Public Works

DATE: December 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance No. 3833, amending Chapter 54, Article IV, Section 54-166 of the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances to restrict parking on Town Walk Drive and Chase Street.

PRESENTER: Caroline Waggoner, Assistant City Manager

SUMMARY:

The City Council is being asked to approve an ordinance that restricts parking, stopping and standing at the intersection of Town Walk Drive and Chase Street.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Town Walk Drive and Chase Street are east-west and north-south residential roadways respectively in the Town Walk Chase subdivision. Each of the two streets intersects Amundson Drive, and they intersect with each other within the small subdivision.



The intersection of Town Walk Drive and Chase Street includes a circular landscaped island which channelizes traffic flow around that feature. As residential roadways on the City's Transportation Plan (formerly Master Thoroughfare Plan) both streets are 30-feet in width from face of curb to face of curb. With the 30-foot width, there is insufficient room to support both unobstructed two-way traffic and extensive on-street parking on both

sides of the street. Although limited on-street parking is anticipated in most residential neighborhoods, consistent or extensive parking is not the norm, and can have a negative impact on individual ingress/egress from driveways, traffic flow, and emergency response.

Within the intersection, on-street parking around the interior landscape island poses a problem for fire trucks in particular because the path available for travel does not accommodate the maneuvering geometry of their equipment. Based on a number of recent site visits (including an emergency response call) two or more cars have been found parked around the interior island, confirming that this parking behavior is happening on a regular basis, and is a real cause for concern with regard to emergency ingress/egress.



For this reason, after an investigation, the City Engineer recommends limiting the availability of on-street parking around the interior landscape island at the intersection of Town Walk Drive and Chase Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 3833.