



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: Public Works **DATE:** September 10, 2018
SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance No. 3532 restricting parking on portions of Hawk Avenue.
PRESENTER: Caroline Waggoner, City Engineer

SUMMARY:

The City Council is being asked to approve an Ordinance restricting parking on portions of Hawk Avenue.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Hawk Avenue is located along the eastern periphery of the Hometown section of North Richland Hills. The roadway bears multiple classifications per the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan and the Hometown Regulating Plan, none of which provide designated on-street parking spaces.

Hawk Avenue is an important collector roadway supporting access to Birdville High School, Walker Creek Elementary, the NRH Centre, NYTEX, and nearby Hometown residences. It also provides a connection between Mid-Cities and Boulevard 26. While the majority of the traffic using Hawk is in route to a nearby destination, events at the nearby sports fields and hockey rink sometimes result in demand for on-street parking along Hawk. The intent of this ordinance is to restrict parking in the areas of Hawk where it cannot be safely accommodated.

The portion of Hawk from the south side of Walker Creek Elementary to Mid-Cities Boulevard transitions from a C2U Minor Collector (Unnamed Alley to Cardinal) to a C4U Major Collector (Cardinal to Mid-Cities). The portion of Hawk from the unnamed alley to Cardinal Lane is classified as a C2U (Minor Collector). As a minor collector with a width of 40-feet, the roadway can accommodate two or three lanes. In order to better accommodate queuing traffic at Walker Creek Elementary, Hawk Avenue will be restriped to a new three-lane configuration: one travel lane in each direction and a center turn lane. With this modification, on street parking can no longer be accommodated in this section. Although on-street parking is not permitted on C4U roadways with four striped travel lanes, the northern portion of Hawk Avenue is not currently striped as a four lane roadway. The prohibition against on street parking in this section of the roadway is needed to ensure that traffic flow into and out of the signalized intersection is not negatively impacted, whether from a safety or capacity standpoint.



If this ordinance is approved, "No Parking" signs will be installed to clearly identify areas where parking is prohibited.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 3532