



Office of the City Administrator

To: Mayor Welch, Common Council Members
From: Al Hulick, City Administrator
Date: August 20, 2019
Subject: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Ordinance #468 Regulating Parking Along Merchant Row

Summary

In 2016 the City of Milton added an additional 34 public parking stalls along the north end of Merchant Row. Specifically concerning “on-street parking,” when reviewing the ordinances regarding parking along Merchant Row it became clear that the ordinance language was inconsistent with how enforcement was being performed in the area regarding overnight parking. Therefore, in consultation with the Milton Police Department and Public Works Department, the City Administration drafted Ordinance #468 which regulates on street parking along the east and west sides of Merchant Row.

Analysis

Currently, the Ordinance indicates that on-street parking along the east and west side of Merchant Row is restricted from 2:30 to 4:30am. The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent individuals from parking their cars during peak day time business hours or multiple days in prime spots in front of businesses who rely on quick and easy access to their businesses.

However, since the creation of the new northern parking along Merchant Row, this restriction has not been enforced along the west side of Merchant Row. In discussions with the Milton Police Department and Milton Area Chamber of Commerce, it was agreed that this restriction is really only desired on the portion of Merchant Row and has not been enforced on the west side of Merchant Row for some time.

Therefore, in order to match policy with practice, Ordinance #468 cleans up the language regarding parking along Merchant Row to bring those to concepts in line with one another. Parking along the east side of Merchant Row will still be restricted from 2:30am to 4:30am. The attached map shows the proposed parking durations as outlined in Ordinance #468.

At the August 6, 2019 Common Council meeting, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #468.

Recommendation

The City Administration recommends the Common Council adopt Ordinance #468 regulating parking along Merchant Row.