



**CITY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE**

**WILL MEET ON**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

**6:00 P.M.**

**LACONIA CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 200A**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**AVA DOYLE, CHAIRPERSON**  
**DAVID BOWNES**  
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**AGENDA**

- (1) REQUESTS FOR "NO PARKING" ZONES TO BE ESTABLISHED ON CENTENARY AVENUE AND HAVEN AVENUE**
- (2) AND ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**



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## **MEMO**

**TO:** Government Operations & Ordinances Committee  
Councilor Ava Doyle, Chair

**FROM:** Scott Myers, City Manager

**DATE:** September 26, 2016

**RE:** Parking on Centenary Avenue and Haven Avenue

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This memo serves as staff follow-up to the recent Government Operations & Ordinances Committee meeting regarding parking on Centenary Ave. and Haven Ave. The Committee requested that there be a full assessment of like streets in the immediate area.

In the week following the Committee meeting (summer conditions) Assistant DPW Director Luke Powell and City Manager Scott Myers traveled all of the streets by vehicle, going to the end of each street, and turning around. While certainly not scientific in nature, the following observations are offered.

Anecdotal evidence supports the fact that Centenary Ave. is already No Parking on both sides. The comment of "wheels off the pavement" made during the Committee meeting seems to be an appropriate way to enforce. There was no public opposition at the meeting to making both sides No Parking. Concerns were raised about delivery trucks being parked for a period of time. This will need to be closely monitored to ensure that the road remains passable. It was confirmed that the speed limit is posted at 25 MPH.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Review the current signage and supplement where necessary to post both sides of Centenary Ave. as No Parking.**

Simpson, Kingsley, Baker, Allan, Morris, Thompson, Janes & Haven Avenues (off of Centenary) were all traveled by staff to the end of the street. The only street that was not traveled was Fiske Ave. All of these streets are narrow and have varying widths. Several were signed Dead

End and one was signed Resident Parking. While narrow in nature, we were able to travel down to the end of each street and turn around. It appears that neighbors work with each other to ensure access.

Logically, since all of the streets are similar in nature, they should be treated in a similar fashion. If only Haven Ave. was to be designated No Parking, those in need of on-street parking because of limited lot size or visitor needs would be forced to go to another area and this could cause issues on adjacent streets. There have not been any issues raised by Laconia public safety departments regarding access.

Similar types of tight developments, that are typically seasonal in nature, can be found in cottages, camps and cabins all over New England. Road and lot layouts may be smaller than would be designed/approved/desired by today's standards, but communities find a way to make them work.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Make no changes to limit on-street parking on any of the above named streets. Monitor any public safety issues with regard to access by various City departments and report out any concerns or issues.**