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DATE: Tuesday, July 26, 2011

TO: Community Development Committee

FROM: Chris Cooper, Interim Code Enforcement Manager 

SUBJECT: Legislative Item # 100668 - Vehicle Parking in Multi-Family Residential Zoning Districts within the University Context Area Update

At the Community Development Committee meeting of April 26, 2011, the Committee approved the following motion:

Motion: 1) direct staff to develop a draft ordinance that would apply parking regulations for multi-family properties in all the University Context Areas, 2) approach UF to discuss the applicability of the campus development plan to the parking situation and their enforcement thereof, 3) encourage Code Enforcement, GPD, and Public Works staff to develop an enhanced enforcement plan for this area which includes an initial notification/communication process to encourage behavior change of illegal parking and provides a window for compliance and increases in enforcement, 4) request that staff provide an inventory of existing buildings where this is a problem, and 5) direct staff to report back on a procedure for placing barriers to parking where appropriate.

Please see the updates on each portion of the motion below.

1. Develop a draft ordinance – Expand existing parking regulation for single-family zoning districts within the University Context Area to other residential zoning districts in the University Context Area (sec. 30.56). Require a driveway plan for residential properties currently not covered by the University Context Area parking regulations (RMF-5, RMF-6, RMF-7, RMF-8, RH-1, RH-2, UMU-1, and UMU-2)
2. Staff has contacted UF regarding this issue but has not received a firm response.
3. If driveway plan requirements are approved Code Enforcement will begin enforcement on subject properties likely beginning with a public awareness campaign. The issue of “curb jumping” was raised due to the number of vehicles that appear to have been driven over the curb to park and the question was asked how to enforce the violation. GPD indicated that they need to witness the act in order to enforce the violation.
4. The issue is most prevalent in portions of the University Park and University Heights areas. Specifically properties that are not in a single-family zoning district (RC, RSF-1, RSF-2, RSF-3, and RSF-4). The attached map indicates the location of the subject areas.
5. Staff is still working on developing a procedure for the placement of parking barriers.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cooperce@cityofgainesville.org or (352) 393-8477.

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