CITY OF PLANO
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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☐ Consent ☐ Regular ☐ Statutory	
Council Meeting Date:	2/27/2012
Department:	Public Works
Department Head	Gerald Cosgrove
Agenda Coordinator (include phone #):	**Irene Pegues (7198)**

CAPTION

An ordinance of the City of Plano, Texas amending section 12-101 of Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano, Texas to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking of motor vehicles on certain sections of Bishop Road, Dickens Drive, Gifford Drive, Infinity Avenue, and Wedgegate Drive within the city limits of the City of Plano; declaring it unlawful and a misdemeanor to park motor vehicles upon such sections of such roadway within the limits herein defined; and providing a penalty clause, a repealer clause, a severability clause, a savings clause, a publication clause, and an effective date.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

☐ NOT APPLICABLE ☐ OPERATING EXPENSE ☒ REVENUE ☐ CIP

FISCAL YEAR: **2011-12**	**Prior Year (CIP Only)**	**Current Year**	**Future Years**	**TOTALS**
Budget	0	0	0	**0**
Encumbered/Expended Amount	0	0	0	**0**
This Item	0	0	0	**0**
BALANCE	0	0	0	**0**

FUND(S): GENERAL FUND

COMMENTS: Any revenue received is undeterminable at this time.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Amending the Code of Ordinances relates to the City's Goal of Financially Strong City with Service Excellence.

SUMMARY OF ITEM

The purpose of this proposed ordinance is to prohibit the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles to improve traffic flow along five short street segments where on-street parking impedes the free movement of vehicular traffic.

- Along Bishop Road and Infinity Avenue, the limits of the on-street parking areas are delineated by curb extensions. Unfortunately, motorists have also begun parking in the travel way adjacent to the curb extensions effectively narrowing the travel way to one-way flow.

  Prohibiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles adjacent to selected curb extensions should restore the travel way to two-way flow.

- Along Dickens Drive and Wedgegate Drive, on-street parking, combined with a right-angle turn in the roadway, and the evolution of longer and wider Fire Department apparatus has also resulted in the effective narrowing of the travel way to a point where Fire Department apparatus cannot travel around

the turn when cars are parked on both sides of the street.

Prohibiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles along the inside of the turn will impact the least number of residents while opening up sufficient street width to accommodate the movement of Fire Department apparatus down the street.

- Finally, along Gifford Drive, the prohibition of parking next to Fire Station 10 will improve the Fire Department's ability to access McDermott Road when leaving the station.

The Transportation Engineering Division (TED) has prepared the attached ordinance for City Council consideration. The TED recommends approval of this ordinance.

List of Supporting Documents:	Other Departments, Boards, Commissions or Agencies
Location Maps	N/A

Proposed No Stopping, Standing, or Parking Zone on Infinity Avenue

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Proposed No Stopping, Standing, or Parking Zone on Gifford Drive

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Proposed No Stopping, Standing, or Parking Zone on Bishop Road

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Proposed No Stopping, Standing, or Parking Zone on Wedgegate Drive and Dickens Drive

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WHEREAS, Bishop Road in the Shops of Legacy Town Center is a collector-width street constructed with curb extensions to delineate the parking lanes from the travel way; and

WHEREAS, a curb extension along the east side of Bishop Road extends from Tennyson Parkway to a point approximately 85 feet to the north; and

WHEREAS, motorists view the travel way adjacent to this curb extension as a convenient place to park; and

WHEREAS, on-street parking adjacent to this curb extension was not intended, and results in traffic congestion in the Bishop Road/Tennyson Parkway intersection; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of stopping, standing, or parking along the curb extension on the east side of Bishop Road north of the Tennyson Parkway intersection will reduce the traffic congestion that occurs in the Bishop Road/Tennyson Parkway intersection; and

WHEREAS, Gifford Drive, a collector street of the City of Plano, serves not only residential and neighborhood school traffic, but also provides access to Plano Fire Station No. 10, Russell Creek Park, and McDermott Road Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, on-street parking occurs on Gifford Drive adjacent to Plano Fire Station No. 10 during times when the park and/or the church are at peak utilization; and

WHEREAS, on-street parking on Gifford Drive adjacent to Plano Fire Station No. 10 impedes the response of emergency response apparatus from the Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of stopping, standing, or parking along the northbound (east) curb of Gifford Drive between the driveway for Plano Fire Station No. 10 and McDermott Road will remove any impedance to the response of emergency response apparatus from the Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, Infinity Avenue in the Shops of Legacy Town Center is a collector-width street constructed with curb extensions to delineate the parking lanes from the travel way; and

WHEREAS, a curb extension along the north side of Infinity Avenue extends from Ruthie Road to a point approximately 136 feet to the west; and

WHEREAS, this curb extension extends through the Infinity Avenue/Bishop Road intersection; and

WHEREAS, motorists view the travel way adjacent to this curb extension as a convenient place to park; and

WHEREAS, on-street parking adjacent to this curb extension was not intended, and results in traffic congestion in the Infinity Avenue/Bishop Road and Infinity Avenue/Ruthie Road intersections; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of stopping, standing, or parking along the curb extension on the north side of Infinity Avenue west of the Ruthie Road intersection will reduce the traffic congestion that occurs in the Infinity Avenue/Bishop Road and Infinity Avenue/Ruthie Road intersections; and

WHEREAS, Wedgegate Drive is a 26-foot wide local residential street of the City of Plano; and

WHEREAS, Wedgegate Drive intersects and continues on as Dickens Drive in a smooth right angle turn with an inside radius of approximately 37 feet; and

WHEREAS, on-street parking on residential streets is generally allowed so long as ten feet of street is available as a travel way for vehicles, and

WHEREAS, Plano Fire Department apparatus can be up to 50 feet long and 9-feet 8-inches wide; and

WHEREAS, Plano Fire Department apparatus responding to a call on Wedgegate Drive has been impeded by on-street parking in the turn at the intersection of Wedgegate Drive and Dickens Drive; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of stopping, standing, or parking along the south curb of Wedgegate Drive and west curb of Dickens Drive adjacent to 700 Wedgegate Drive should open up the travel way through the turn to improve Fire Department response vehicle accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Plano finds it necessary to prohibit the stopping, standing or parking at any time of motor vehicles along and upon certain sections of Bishop Road, Dickens Drive, Gifford Drive, Infinity Avenue, and Wedgegate Drive within the city limits of the City of Plano in order to provide for the safety of the general public within the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section I. It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand, or park a motor vehicle along the sections of Bishop Road, Dickens Drive, Gifford Drive, Infinity Avenue, and Wedgegate Drive described herein, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or directions of a police officer.

Section II. Section 12-101 of Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the City of Plano Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

"*Bishop Road*, along the east side of Bishop Road from its intersection with Tennyson Parkway to a point eighty-five (85) feet north of its intersection with Tennyson Parkway.

"*Dickens Drive*, along the west side of Dickens Drive from its intersection with Wedgegate Drive to a point two hundred thirty-five (235) feet north of its intersection with Kipling Drive."

"*Gifford Drive*, along the east side of Gifford Drive from its intersection with McDermott Road to a point one hundred sixty-four (164) feet south of its intersection with McDermott Road."

"*Infinity Avenue*, along the north side of Infinity Avenue from its intersection with Ruthie Road to a point one hundred thirty-six (136) feet west of its intersection with Ruthie Road."

"*Wedgegate Drive*, along the south side of Wedgegate Drive from its intersection with Dickens Drive to a point five hundred ten (510) feet east of its intersection with Lookout Trail."

Section III. The Traffic Engineer of Plano is hereby authorized and directed to cause placement of traffic control signs at each approach to the portions of the roadways described herein, and such sign shall give notice to all persons of the prohibition against stopping, standing, or parking in this area.

Section IV. All provisions of the ordinances of the City of Plano, codified or uncodified, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Plano, codified or uncodified, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section V. It is the intention of the City Council that this Ordinance, and every provision hereof, shall be considered severable, and the invalidity or unconstitutionality of any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section VI. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction in the Municipal Court, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed TWO HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS ($200.00) for each offense. Each and every violation shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

Section VII. The repeal of any ordinance or part of an ordinance affectuated by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the municipality under any section or provisions of any ordinances at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

Section VIII. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of February, 2012.

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Phil Dyer, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Diane Zucco, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Diane C. Wetherbee, CITY ATTORNEY