



**MEMORANDUM**  
**City of Beaverton**  
**Public Works**  
**Transportation Engineering Section**

**To:** Traffic Commission  
**From:** Jabra Khasho, City Transportation Engineer *JK.*  
**Date:** October 23, 2018  
**Subject:** TC 785 Parking Revisions for the Street Seats Pilot Program in the Downtown Area.

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The City Traffic Engineer's report on this issue was prepared to address the parking revisions on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street east of Watson Avenue and on SW Angel Avenue south of Farmington Road. The report was prepared prior to the final evaluation of the two applications for street seats on those streets.

After final review of the applications, the decision was not to install street seats on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street at this time. Therefore the Traffic Commission will only consider the parking revisions on SW Angel Avenue south of Farmington Road. The draft final written order was prepared accordingly.

# **CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER'S REPORT**

## **ISSUE NO. TC 785**

### **Parking Revisions for the Street Seats Pilot Program in the Downtown Area**

**October 14, 2018**

#### **Background Information**

The City is working to create a more vibrant downtown Beaverton as prioritized by the city's Community Vision. One of the tools that in recent years have been used to improve the street scape and contribute to a walkable vibrant downtown by many cities in the United States and abroad is street seats. Street seats are temporary platforms installed in the public right-of-way in the space of approximately 2 parking spaces. It provides outdoor seating and other elements such as planters, bike racks and artwork that creates a sense of place and encourages people to gather.

The City has adopted a new pilot street seat program and is focusing on the Restaurant Row area which includes the 4-block area between Farmington Road and 2nd Street and between Angel Avenue and Washington Avenue. Currently the City received two applications for the installation of street seats. One is on the south side of SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue east of Watson Avenue, and the second one is on the west side of SW Angel Avenue south of Farmington Road. To accommodate the street seats, it would require eliminating two parking stalls on 1st Avenue and one parking stall on Angel Avenue. These two locations were strategically selected to insure the safety of the users and that the platform does not interfere with pedestrians crossing the street and vehicles turning at the intersection.

Staff is proposing remove the first two parking stalls on the south side of SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street east of Watson Avenue and the first parking stall on the west side of SW Angel Avenue north of Farmington Road.

Although the demand for on-street parking in the downtown area is moderately high, removing these parking stalls will have a minor impact on the overall parking need in the downtown area. The benefit gained by the downtown businesses and the community from the installation of the street seats and improving the vibrancy and walkability of the downtown area would outweigh the minor inconveniences created from removing the parking stalls. It will make downtown Beaverton area a destination in the region.

#### **Applicable Criteria**

The applicable criterion from Beaverton Code 6.02.060A is:

- 1a (provide for safe vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian movements);

- 1b (help ensure orderly and predictable movement of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians);
- 1d (accommodate the parking needs of residents and businesses in a safe and equitable fashion).

**Conclusions:**

- The two location selected for the street seats were strategically selected to insure the safety of the users and that the platforms does not interfere with pedestrian crossing the street and vehicles turning at the intersection, therefore Criteria 1a and 1b is satisfied.
- Although the demand for on-street parking in the downtown area is moderately high, removing these parking spaces will have a minor impact on the overall parking need in the downtown. Businesses in the downtown area and the community will benefit from the installation of the street seats, therefore Criterion 1d is satisfied.

**Recommendation:**

- Remove the first two parking stalls on the south side of SW 1st Street east of Watson Avenue and the first parking stall on the west side of SW Angel Avenue south of Farmington Road.

## TC 785 Parking Revisions for the Street Seats Pilot Program in the Downtown Area



Location of the two spaces to be removed on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street east of Watson Avenue



Location of the one parking stall to be removed on SW Angel Avenue  
south of Farmington Road



### Why a street seat?

The addition of outdoor seating at this location has the potential of enhancing business and improving pedestrian traffic.

- ▶ **Creates a more pedestrian-friendly downtown by extending and activating the sidewalk**
- ▶ **Encourages visitors to gather in a memorable attraction with artistic flair**
- ▶ **Provides visual cue that this area is our Restaurant Row**

**i** **Street Seat potentially expected at this location: May 2019 - October 2019**

### Hello Neighbor!

The city is committed to creating a more vibrant Downtown Beaverton and your area may receive an exciting new addition: a street seat! A street seat is a temporary platform in the on-street parking lane consisting of outdoor seating and creative design elements. Street seats are known to attract visitors and increase area vitality.

**MILK+T** has applied for a pilot program with the City of Beaverton to install a temporary street seat along the west side of Angel Street just south of Farmington. Please see area indicated below.



# DO YOU LIKE THIS PROJECT?

▶ Let us know you support a temporary street seat here!

YES, I support this installation of a temporary street seat at the following location: West side of Angel Street just south of Farmington

The street seat will be maintained daily by MILK+T.

Your Name: Jeffrey Wiseman / Rose city moderate

Address: 17675 SW 1st Street  
Beaverton, OR 97005

Affiliation at this address:

Business Owner  Property Owner  Resident

Other comments:

Support 100%

# THANK YOU!

Please forward your letter to:

**Mail:**

City of Beaverton  
c/o Economic Development  
PO Box 4755  
Beaverton, OR 97076-4755

**Email:**

eats@BeavertonOregon.gov

Please include your full name and a postal mailing address.

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