



## **CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

### **Public Safety Committee Agenda Communication**

**Meeting Date:** January 21, 2020

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**Agenda Item:** Square Parking Lot Parking Restriction Consideration

**Explanation:** The City of Washington purchased the parking lot at 104 S. High Street in December 2016. As part of that purchase, the western 75' of the lot remained under the ownership of Gross Enterprises, which also owns the Danforth Building at 128 Washington Square. The entire lot was reconstructed in 2017 to allow for public parking on the City's portion. An aerial photo depicting the parking lot is attached.

The original intention was to add to the supply of public parking for visitors to the Square. However, the lot appears to be heavily utilized most days by customers and employees of the Post Office, which reduces the number of available spaces to be utilized by other business visitors. Their building is located immediately to the south at 106 S. High. The US Postal Service leases the building from Generational Investments, LLC. The building does not have any parking on its site other than limited space on the west side of the lot for some of its delivery vehicles.

Consideration should be given to establishing time limits on parking in the lot. Doing so would ideally make it easier for visitors to the Square to find parking spaces. Staff has been seeking options for dedicated parking for the USPS and Generational Investments and will continue to find a long-term solution for them. Another desire in the consideration of time limits is to improve the chances of redeveloping the southeast side of the Square, including the Danforth Building, to help ensure an increased supply of parking.

**Fiscal Impact:** To be determined depending on any signage, equipment, and labor to enforce possible parking restrictions. Occupying the Danforth Building should likely increase the City's sales tax revenue.

**Action Requested:** Staff requests feedback on the consideration of any parking restrictions. If there was interest in pursuing this, an ordinance would need to be approved at an upcoming City Council meeting.



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**LOCATION MAP**



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