

Parking Amendments - Knox Avenue

Date: August 30, 2023

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 14, Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending the approval of parking for a maximum period of one hour, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue. The proposed amendment will discourage long-term daytime parking and increase parking turnover on Knox Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of one hour, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of residents of Knox Avenue, requested that parking be limited to a maximum period of one hour, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue. The requested changes are intended to discourage long-term parking and promote parking turnover on Knox Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a single-lane, north-south, roadway that is classified as a local roadway
- It operates one-way southbound traffic on a pavement width of approximately 7.3 metres
- The daily one-way traffic volume is approximately 900 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks provided on both sides of the street
- There is a contraflow bike lane on the east side of the street
- Traffic calming is present in the form of speed humps

The parking regulations on Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, are as follows:

East side

- No stopping anytime

West side

- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times

Proposed Changes

In an effort to improve the current parking arrangements on Knox Avenue, residents have submitted a petition to the Ward Councillor's office, requesting that parking be limited to a maximum period of one hour, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue. The proposed parking for a maximum period of one hour will discourage long-term parking, and increase parking turnover on Knox Avenue.

On-street permit parking holders will be exempted from the one-hour parking limit regulation. The maximum one-hour parking limit will impact residents' visitors, including guests, caretakers, service people, etc. As the residents have been advised of the impacts, Transportation Services has no objections to parking for a maximum period of one hour, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendment is included in Attachment 1.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

CONTACT

Dan Clement, CET, Manager Traffic Operations (Area 1), Transportation Services
416-397-5021, Dan.Clement@toronto.ca

SIGNATURE

Roger Browne, M.A.Sc., P. Eng.
Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Knox Avenue

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Knox Avenue

