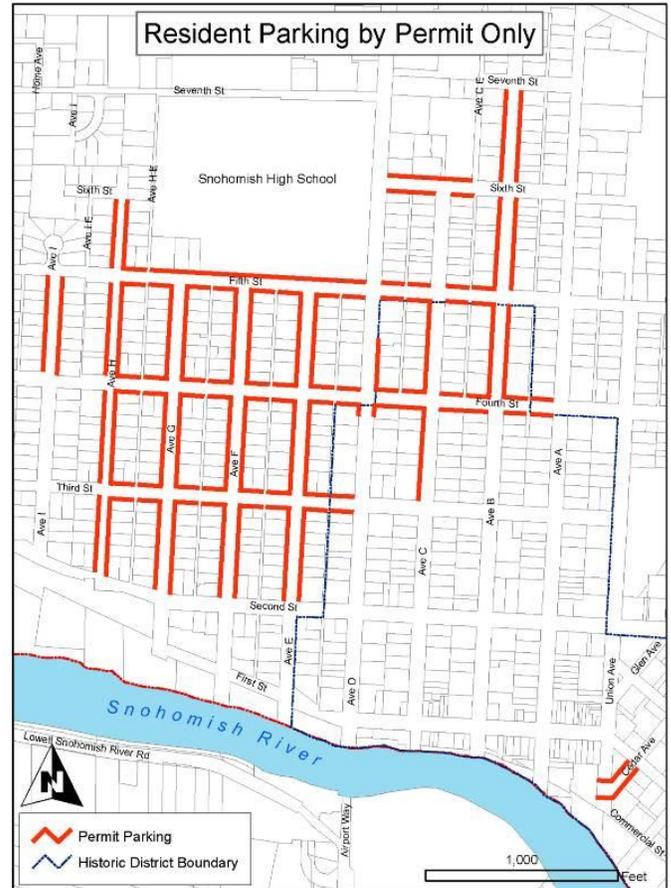


Permit Parking Update

About 25 years ago, the City instituted a permit parking program to address issues of student parking in the neighborhoods surrounding the high school. Responding to property owner requests, the permit parking zone has expanded incrementally to its current area extent, shown on the accompanying map. A second permit parking area on Cedar Avenue south of First Street was established in 2011. As the affected area has grown, the cost to the City to administer the program has also increased. In 2012, a \$20 fee for parking permits was instituted to offset City costs associated with the administration of the program. Responding to questions raised by residents of the affected areas on the fee and the ongoing need for the permit parking zones in the vicinity of the high school, the City Council has taken a fresh look at the program, its costs, and its value to the community.

The transfer of a portion of the Snohomish High School student body to Glacier Peak High School in 2009 and the completion of the student parking lot expansion on the Snohomish High School campus in 2010 created a perception that permit parking may no longer be necessary in this area. However, the fee charged to students to use the High School parking lot maintains the incentive for students to park off-campus. Accordingly, it is the City's assessment that the permit parking program continues to be necessary to preserve resident parking in the surrounding neighborhoods. Therefore, no temporary or permanent suspension of parking restrictions is currently envisioned.

However, the City Council has determined that the \$20 permit fee should be removed. As the fee is established by ordinance, another ordinance is necessary to eliminate it. Adoption of the new ordinance is anticipated to occur this fall. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to postpone application for a new or renewed parking permit until the new ordinance is in effect and the fee is no longer required.



Resolution 1286, 4/17/12

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

August 20:

- **Discussion** of finances, strategic plan initiatives and setting of 2014 budget priorities and City Council Annual Goals for 2014.

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Congratulations !



Jonathan Wessel came to work for the City of Snohomish July 31st of last year. Jon has been studying for and has passed the Water Distribution Manager 1 Water Exam from the Washington State

Department of Health. Applicants must meet specific experience, education, and examination requirements in order to qualify for certification. The general knowledge test consisted of questions in the following content areas: administrative duties, DOH regulations, equipment maintenance, disinfection, math, system design, security, and safety procedures. A competent certified operator must be able to perform duties without endangering public health. Operators must also have the necessary skills, ability, and judgment to properly operate and maintain the facilities and infrastructure. Some of Jon's daily duties include water main and service installation and repairs, hydrant flushing, and taking water sample chlorine residuals. Having qualified and well trained water staff plays a vital role in keeping our water systems well maintained, operational, and ensure we are supplying our customers with safe and reliable drinking water.

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