

July 15, 2014

# Street Parking Update

# History

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- In response to on street parking complaints, Council directed City Administration to develop plan for addressing street parking at the neighborhood level.
- In April of 2014 the following plan was reviewed with City Council.

# General Procedure

## Parking Issue

- City Council, Resident, City Department...

## Review Street Segment Data

- Fire Department Maps, Street Parking Map, Police Data

## Questionnaire and/or Neighborhood Meeting

- Explain Issue, Discuss Possible Solutions

## Report Results From Neighborhood Input

- Report to City Council, Receive Direction from City Council

## Draft Ordinance to address specific issue.

- Placed on City Council agenda for consideration.



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City of Farmers Branch  
13000 William Dodson Parkway  
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234  
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Date:

Dear Resident,

Recently the City Council has received numerous complaints regarding on-street parking in neighborhoods. To that extent the City Council has directed City Administration to develop a program to address specific parking issues as the residents bring them forward. It is very important to the City Council that the residents be involved in determining if there is a problem and coming up with a solution.

The process starts with a resident expressing a concern about parking in their neighborhood and requesting that action be taken. The City will follow that up with a questionnaire to the residents of that neighborhood. Once the results of questionnaires are compiled, City Administration will present the findings to the City Council. City Council can then determine if further action is warranted, if a neighborhood meeting needs to be called or if no further action is necessary.

This letter is being sent to the residents on your street because a resident has started the process by expressing a concern about parking. You will find the questionnaire and a stamped return envelope included with this letter. Please take a few moments to complete the questionnaire and drop it back in the mail to us. We really need your input to determine if a problem exists and what to do about if a parking problem does exist.

Please feel free to call me or email me should you have any additional questions. My phone number is 972-919-2533 and my email address is [jim.olk@farmersbranchtx.gov](mailto:jim.olk@farmersbranchtx.gov).

Sincerely,

Jim Olk  
Director of Community Services / Building Official  
City of Farmers Branch



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## Neighborhood Parking Questionnaire

Recently it has been brought to the attention of the City that there may be a parking problem on your street. We want to be sure your voice is heard before the City takes any action to limit or restrict on-street parking on your street. Please complete the following questionnaire and return it to our office in the pre-addressed envelope provided.

**Do you feel that there is a parking problem on your street?**

- ☐ No – I do not think there is an issue with vehicles parked in the street on my block.
- ☐ Sometimes – There are times when I am concerned with vehicles parked in the street on my block.
- ☐ Yes – I do think there is a parking problem on my street.

**If you answered either “Yes” or “Sometimes” – Please answer these questions:**

**Please select one or more of the following issues that you feel occurs on your street.**

- ☐ Too many vehicles are parked in the street.
- ☐ Vehicles are parked for days without being moved.
- ☐ Vehicles are parked overnight in the street.
- ☐ Vehicles are parked in the wrong direction in the street.
- ☐ Vehicles are parked in front of other people’s property instead of in front of their own property.
- ☐ Vehicles are parked in front of a fire hydrant.
- ☐ Vehicles are parked too close to the street intersection.
- ☐ Vehicles are parked too close to driveway approaches.
- ☐ Vehicles are parked blocking the sidewalk.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Below are several options available to the City Council to address on-street parking issues.**

**Please select one or more options that you would be willing to accept on your street:**

- ☐ Prohibit parking on both sides of the street.
- ☐ Prohibit parking on one side of the street.
- ☐ Prohibit a vehicle from parking for more than 48 continuous hours in the street.
- ☐ Limit the number of vehicles that can be parked in the street for each house by issuing parking permits.
- ☐ Prohibit overnight parking in the street.
- ☐ Limit the number of vehicles that each house can have on the property or in the street.
- ☐ Prohibit parking in the wrong direction.
- ☐ Prohibit parking within 10 feet of a driveway approach.
- ☐ Prohibit parking within 50 feet of a street intersection.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# On Street Parking Complaints:

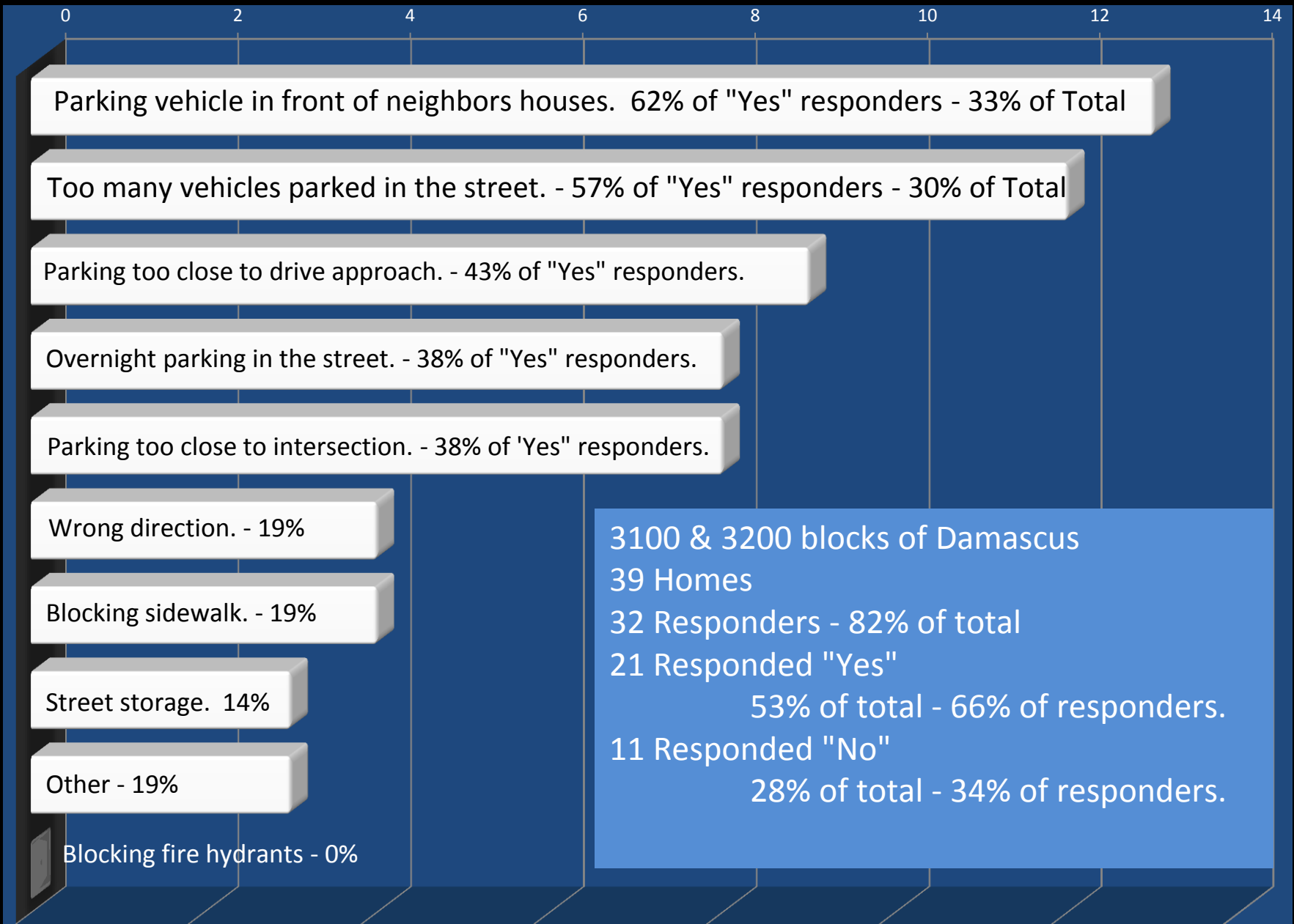
- 13800-13900 Heartside
  - Heavy traffic due to schools, rec. center and parks.
  - Vehicles parked in street cause site obstructions.
  - Vehicles parked in street for extended periods.
- 3100-3200 Damascus
  - Numbers of vehicles parked in the street make it difficult to navigate.
  - Commercial vehicles.

# 13800 & 13900 Heartside Survey

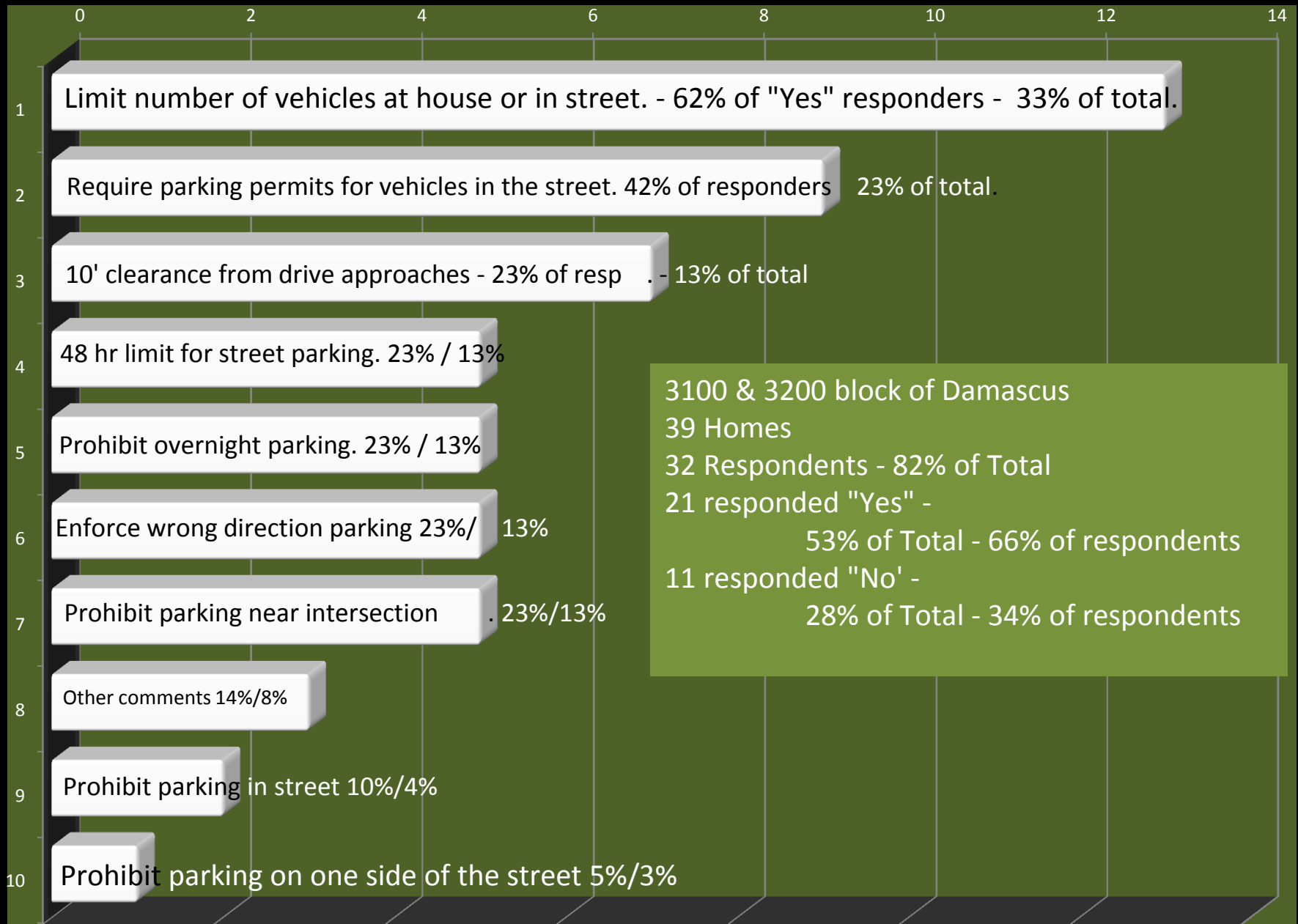
- 34 properties on this block. (Total)
- 28 surveys completed – 82% of Total.
  - 20 responded “No” parking problem – 71% of respondents / 59% of Total.
  - 8 responded “Yes or Sometimes” – 29% of respondents / 24% of Total.
    - 21% of responders felt there were too many cars in the street. (18% of Total)
- No suggested special parking prohibitions.

# 3100 & 3200 Damascus Survey

- 39 properties on this block. (Total)
- 32 surveys completed. 82% of Total
  - 21 responded "Yes or Sometimes" – 66% of respondents / 53% of Total
  - 11 responded "No" – 34% of respondents / 28 % of Total







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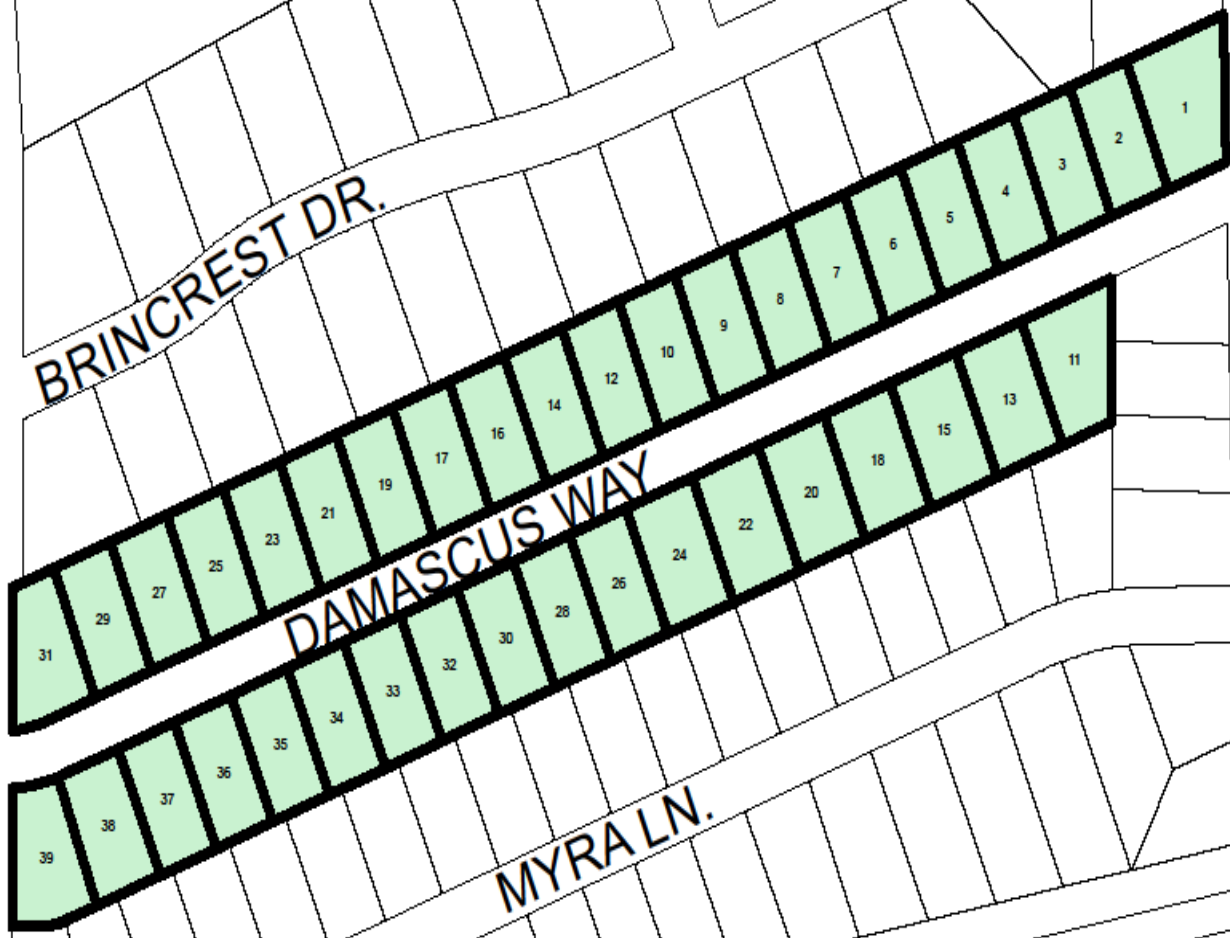
DAMASCUS WAY

MYRA LN.

NORTH

EUNICE ST.

BRISBANE AVE.



# Possible parking solutions:

- Prohibit parking within 150 or 200' of intersection of Webb Chapel.
  - Possible consideration for paved alleys in this area.
- Require parking permit for vehicles parked in the street.
  - Issuing only one or two permits per property.
- Further limit the number of vehicles per household on Damascus.