



Race and Equity Pocket Questions

Title: Consideration of Town Code Amendments Restricting Parking on Roberson Street

Purpose: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to consider amending the Town Code to restrict on-street parking on Roberson Street.

Department: Planning & Public Works

1. **What are the root causes of inequity in Carrboro and/or overall as it pertains to this subject area?**
 - Parking access is often needed most by community members with physical disabilities, those that need ADA accommodations, or those that must live far from Town or far from transit that allows them to access Downtown.
 - These often include service-sector employees and other members of low-income households where living along transit or in town is cost burdensome and/or prohibitive
2. **Who is experiencing community burden now? Who will experience community burden if this action is passed? Will others experience community burden if this action is NOT passed?**
 - Both South Orange Rescue Squad employees and travelers along Roberson Street are currently burdened by the potential for cars to park on Roberson Street
 - Long-time community members may expect to park on Roberson Street, as was allowed prior to the construction of the Drakeford Library Complex.
3. **Who is experiencing community benefit now? Who will experience community benefit if this action is passed? Will others experience community benefit if this action is NOT passed?**
 - Now that the sidewalk and resurfacing has been completed, and structured parking at the Drakeford Library is available, there is not enough space for street parking, nor a need.
 - Responders at South Orange Rescue Squad, as well as bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers will all benefit from this public safety improvement
4. **What might be the unintended consequences of this action or strategy?**
 - Visitors and residents who have lived or traveled to Downtown Carrboro for a long time might not realize parking on Roberson is now prohibited.



5. **What steps has your department taken to mitigate any burdens, inequities, and unintended consequences? What strategies might your department take to address these in the future?** *NOTE: This does not reflect a formal commitment by the Town of Carrboro.*

- This action addresses a public safety issue, now that the sidewalk and resurfacing has been completed. Few unintended consequences are anticipated due to the structured parking at the Drakeford Library Complex.
- This action was anticipated and communicated to the public by the Town and serves mostly as a final logistical step.
- The Town will continue to communicate with the public consider the installation of no parking signs to provide clarity to long-time visitors and residents.