

Honorable Chester J. Ray, City Councilman (cont'd)

times of emergency or unusual conditions, when the safety and convenience of the public may best be served, the power to establish

"temporary parking restrictions and/or one-way streets, to be fully effective as established for a period not to exceed six months, and no such temporary order may be renewed or extended beyond that time."

The right to make permanent one-way streets is specifically reserved to the Mayor and City Council. Hence, it appears from the language of the Ordinance that if the Director of Traffic does exercise his emergency powers as to one-way streets, and no confirming action is taken by the Council within a six month period, the street would have to be restored as it existed prior to the temporary order.

Further, the Ordinance provides:

"At any time after such an order is issued, the City Council, by a Resolution duly passed in that body, may direct that the Director of Traffic rescind the order concerning temporary parking restrictions and/or one-way streets."

There is nothing in the Ordinance which states that the Director of Traffic cannot act when the Council is actually in session or on matters already pending in the City Council, as long as there exist emergency or unusual conditions.

Very truly yours,

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