

**Harmony Lane, Leland St., Evergreen St., W. St Cloud St. and
General Area in Question, Fire Apparatus Access Safety
Concerns**

Comments:

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As asked by the Public Works Committee (Sam Kooiker) I conducted a drive around and through the area of streets listed above looking at safety concerns for the access of fire apparatus in this area. The following are the list of streets and accesses I observed with suggested changes that would improve the access not only for fire apparatus but for emergency vehicles in general.

- 1. Leland St. west to Evergreen St. Street wide enough for parking on both sides. Good access.**
- 2. Harmony Ln. very narrow street which allows parking on north side of street only, is signed for no parking on south side of street. Access very limited and should be done very slowly even in an emergency, even with parking on only one side of the street if traffic is coming from both directions one lane would have to wait for the other side to pass before proceeding. Access out onto 32nd street though not ideal and somewhat obscured can be done safely if done slowly and cautiously. Would recommend that there be no on street parking allowed.**
- 3. Ryther St. off Leland has fairly good access and is wide enough to allow for parking on one side of the street. However there was no signage to indicate that parking was not allowed on both sides of the street. Would recommend that on street parking be allowed on only one side of the street.**
- 4. Evergreen St. from Cottonwood St. to Canyon Lake Dr. is wide enough for on street parking on both sides and still allow for emergency vehicle access. Recommend on street parking on one side only to improve the access.**

5. Schamber @ Rushmore St is very narrow and should be signed no on street parking on both sides. Currently not signed at all reference parking.
6. 9th Av. and Cottonwood wide enough for parking on both sides of street, not signed at all reference parking. Would still recommend on street parking on one side only to improve access.
7. Dover st. is wide enough to allow on street parking on one side only but widens east of Ryther St. Recommend only to allow on street parking on one side only, not signed reference parking.
8. Stone Dr. is no more than an extended driveway, very narrow.
9. West St Cloud St. is wide enough to allow on street parking on both sides but would recommend only one side to improve access. However when turns into Harmony Lane becomes very narrow as stated above reference Harmony Lane.
10. Site triangles for Leland Lane, Harmony Lane and entrance to 1629 32nd are adequate to view traffic along 32nd st. However they are limited and need to be approached cautiously and slowly. Recommend eliminating some shrubbery and small trees etc to improve the sight distances.
11. Aside from the narrow streets and on street parking I noted while observing such that the residents or patrons of the area do not observe posted traffic signs to include speed limits and stop signs. On several occasions I observed excessive speed and the running of stop signs. I would estimate a quarter of the cars observed did not obey traffic signs. So I feel that the neighborhood as far as traffic safety is concerned needs to improve the situation by simply obeying traffic signs.

This concludes the study to this point unless given additional direction from Council... to further look into the matter.

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