

STAFF REPORT

October 10, 2002

No. 02OA016 - Ordinance Amendment - Parking Regulations

ITEM 18

GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER	City of Rapid City
REQUEST	No. 02OA016 - An Ordinance Amendment to modify the parking regulations within the City of Rapid City to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act by amending Section 17.50.250 of the Rapid City Municipal Code
DATE OF APPLICATION	08/30/2002
REPORT BY	Trish Anderson

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Ordinance Amendment to incorporate provisions of the American with Disabilities Act to the Rapid City parking regulations be approved.

GENERAL COMMENTS: An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in November 2001 established a chapter for the uniform treatment of sight triangles. Unfortunately when this ordinance amendment was adopted, it was adopted with a codification error. The parking regulations that were cited were not the most current regulations. The 1998 ordinance that incorporated the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act was inadvertently omitted. The adoption and the publication of this ordinance will re-incorporate those provisions into the parking code.

Planning Commissioners may be aware that the City has experienced numerous difficulties with the company that prints the Rapid City Municipal Code. Errors in codification and extreme delays in publishing have led to subsequent errors when adopting new ordinances. The City is in the process of soliciting proposals from new firms so that this problem may be eliminated.

STAFF REVIEW: The 1998 parking ordinance amendment that incorporated provisions of the American with Disabilities Act into the City of Rapid City's parking ordinance eliminated the conflict that existed between local regulations and Federal Law. This ordinance amendment will re-incorporate those provisions once again, bringing the City code into agreement with the provisions of the federally mandated American with Disabilities Act. Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.