CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

February 6, 2006

PARKING RESTRICTIONS ROCHESTER INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION (Section 21)

Background

On December 7, 2005 we received a parking complaint from an employee of CRS Services Inc., located at 1986 Rochester Industrial Drive. The complaint was regarding vehicles parking along the west side of Rochester Industrial Drive, and too close to the CRS Services' driveways. The parking problems are of the same nature that we have experienced previously for Rochester Industrial Drive. They involve tenants of various buildings needing more parking spaces than are available on-site, and then having overflow-parking spill out into the public streets. Currently parking is prohibited along the east side of Rochester Industrial Drive from Hamlin Road northerly to its road terminus. The street is built to a width of 36' from curb to curb. Under normal circumstances, occasional on-street parking would not require that parking be prohibited on both sides of the street. This width of pavement should allow incidental parking on one side and still have enough room for two lanes of traffic. However, Rochester Industrial parking presents conflicts with other businesses' driveways and restricts the necessary safe sight distance.

During our site visits we observed extensive parking demands on the west side of Rochester Industrial Drive from Hamlin Road to Rochester Industrial Lane. We agree that the on-street parking demand does impede the necessary safe sight distance for business driveways along the west side of the street. In addition, we found that vehicles parked in close proximity to the intersection of Rochester Industrial Drive and Hamlin Road impeded ingress and truck traffic turning radius. The traffic volumes are relatively low for Rochester Industrial Drive, but a high percentage of the traffic is heavy trucks.

After further staff review and evaluation, parking needs to be restricted on the west side of the street of Rochester Industrial Drive, from Hamlin Road to Rochester Industrial Lane.

Action Requested

I request the Traffic and Safety Board support having the TCO No. PK-87 issued, and the Board recommends the City Council approve the TCO until rescinded or superseded.

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cc: Paul Shumejko, City Traffic Engineer

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