



STAFF REPORT  
WEST ALLIS PLAN COMMISSION  
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ROOM 128 – CITY HALL – 7525 W. GREENFIELD AVE.

6. Site and Landscaping Plan amendment for proposed site changes to Fire Station No. 1 located at 7332 W. National Ave. submitted by Chief Pooler, West Allis Fire Department (Tax Key No. 453-0222-000).

**Overview**

The West Allis Fire Department is proposing additional off-street parking On the west (S. 74 St.) side of station No. 1 within an 18-ft x 19-ft area. The paved surface would be constructed of concrete and remove some existing landscaping. The purpose of the parking is to park command vehicles in proximity to the building.



Existing parking on site	9 spaces (includes 1 ADA)
Existing WAFD parking (off-site) south of National Ave.	10 spaces
Existing street parking (public) W. National Ave.	5 spaces (post construction)
Existing angle street (public) parking S. 74 St.	5 spaces





**MASON J. POOLER**  
FIRE CHIEF



**CITY of WEST ALLIS**  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## **WEST ALLIS FIRE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PARKING SLAB PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Members of the Planning Commission;

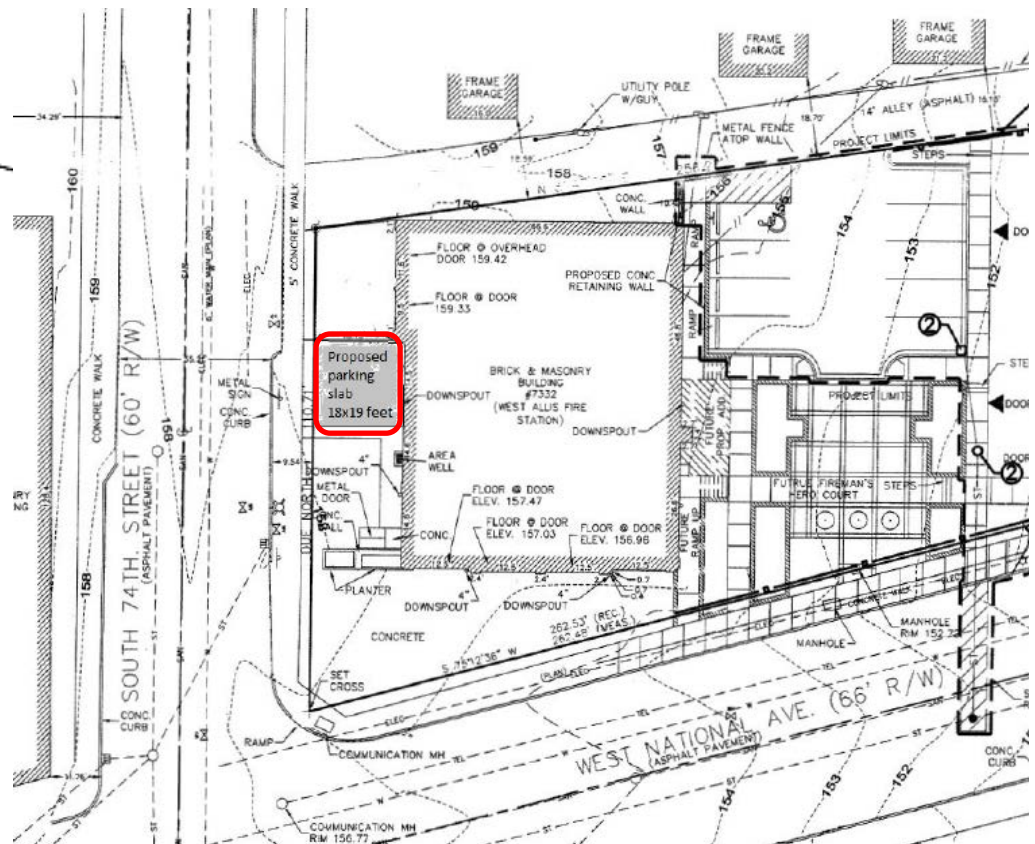
Parking at the Fire Administration building has always been difficult. Several recent changes have increased the problem. With the National Avenue reconstruction project, we stand to lose two parking spaces on National Avenue due to decorative streetscaping and the addition of a bike lane. In 2016, we added an eight hour personnel to run our Mobile Integrated Healthcare program. This additional person resulted in an additional vehicle being parked at the building during the work week. One final significant change has been the change in our command staff. As recently as four years ago, nearly each member of the command staff lived in West Allis and was allowed to take their work vehicle to and from work. In 2018, no members of the command staff live in the city and nearly all members drive their personal vehicle to and from work. Once these employees arrive at work, they then drive a vehicle outfitted for emergency response and leave their personal vehicle parked for the day. This has, in essence, doubled the number of vehicles on site during the work day.

In order to free up parking spaces on 74<sup>th</sup> street for local businesses and residents, I am proposing that we pave an approximate 18 foot by 19 foot area in between the angle parking on 74<sup>th</sup> Street and the Fire Administration building. The area is currently a flower bed. However, the plants in this area are primarily decorative grass and the area is often overcome with weeds. Additionally, the area suffers each spring due to sidewalk salt applied during the winter months. If allowed to pave this area, we can park two fire department vehicles on the slab, freeing up two street parking spots.

I have spoken to the DPW about this idea and they are supportive. We discussed the idea of using a permeable pavement to assist with rain water runoff, however, per DPW, this solution would be cost prohibitive. Additionally, the gas main for the building runs under the area discussed and installing permeable pavement requires digging much deeper than traditional pavement. The location of the gas main could be problematic if we attempted to dig that deep.

Respectfully,

Mason Pooler  
Fire Chief





A2- Furthermore, the City libraries off-street parking lot affords a surplus of parking that could be used by the Fire Department for overnight parking of personal vehicles. Command vehicles could then be parked within the angle stalls on S. 74 St. (if made permanent), and/or within the existing on-site parking lot north of heroes court for ease of access and charging.