

Development sparks Atchison parking changes

(KAIR)--Parking changes, as well as a series of new parking regulations in the area of Atchison's 9th and Commercial Streets, are approved by the Atchison City Commission.

Approval came Monday on a unanimous vote of 4-0, with Vice-Mayor Allen Reavis absent.

The Commission's ok means the placement of stripe angle parking spaces on the north side of Commercial Street, between 9th and 10th Streets, which the City says will result in somewhere between 10 and 12 new parking spaces.

Other changes, including traffic enforcement, included with the approved ordinance means no parking, at any time, on the east side of Ninth Street between Kansas Avenue and Main Street, no overnight parking in the first five parking spaces north of Main Street and the first three parking spaces south of Kansas avenue, with parking in those spaces to be restricted to no parking from 10 pm to 6 am.

A two hour parking area is also established, with the first five parking spaces north of Commercial Street and the first two spaces south of Commercial to be restricted to the two hour maximum.

Other spaces will require parking permits for residents of proposed apartments at 832 Commercial Street, with that future development the reason behind the changes.

The developer is Kansas City-based Old Town Development, which the City says is "looking to construct 41 apartment units in the 40,000 square foot building located at 832 Commercial," with the near \$8 million project calling for "about 20 nearby parking spaces that could be permitted for residential use." About 12 spaces are planned to be constructed on the private property for exclusive use by future apartment residents.

According to the City, the developer is "working on plans to invest approximately \$8 million in the construction of the 41-unit apartment project," with the building permit alone carrying a price tag of nearly \$25,000.

