



Police Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: James Gailey, *City Manager*

FROM: Lt. Frank Clark, *Acting Chief of Police*

DATE: 07/31/2014

SUBJECT: Order #13-14/15

As requested, I reviewed the above-referenced matter. The following is provided for awareness and consideration of potential safety issues:

1. Surfsite Rd. is a relatively low volume, cut-through street that hosts vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
2. Traffic data from MDOT shows no reportable traffic crashes on Surfsite Road since 2010.
3. SPPD crash data indicates the majority of crashes in that area are in the SMCC parking lots adjacent to Surfsite Rd.
4. The primary safety concern relates to the “first” curb cut (9 new spaces), proposed to be 25 feet from Benjamin Pickett St.
 - a. This would create an opposing parking situation with the parking lot of the Campus Bookstore, potentially increasing the likelihood of traffic crashes.
 - b. It may also increase the likelihood of vehicle/vehicle or vehicle/pedestrian impacts on Benjamin Pickett Street of Surfsite Rd.

To give additional space for visibility and driver reaction, I would recommend a longer set back from Benjamin Pickett Street.

5. These parking spaces will, by design, draw additional vehicular traffic onto Surfsite Road, making the clear designation of the crosswalk(s) to both motorists and pedestrians even more important.