

**THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: North Pope Street - Parking Prohibition

DATE: December 9, 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: To request that Mayor and Commission approve the prohibition of on-street parking on the west side of North Pope Street, from its intersection with West Broad Street to its intersection with Reese Street, for 395 feet.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:

EXPENSES:

OTHER: \$500 Material Costs

FUNDING SOURCE: Traffic Engineering FY26 Operating Budget

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: February 3, 2026

PURPOSE:

To request that Mayor and Commission:

- a. Approve the prohibition of on-street parking on the west side of North Pope Street, from its intersection with W Broad Street to its intersection with Reese Street, for 395 feet, as shown in **Attachment #1**; and
- b. Adopt the associated ordinance (**Attachment #2**).

HISTORY:

1. On October 29, 2025, Transportation & Public Works (TPW) received a work request from a resident to evaluate on-street parking on North Pope Street.
2. On November 12, 2025, TPW staff completed a field review of North Pope Street. It was noted that emergency vehicles would not be able to pass between two vehicles parked directly across from one another.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. North Pope Street is a two-lane residential roadway with a width of 20 feet.
2. Reese Pope Park is located on the east side of North Pope Street at the corner of Reese Street. The east side of North Pope Street has sidewalk along the property line of Reese Pope Park.

3. The west side of North Pope Street has limited Right of Way with a vertical hill that makes exiting a vehicle from passenger side impossible.
4. Reese Pope Park hosts the “Really Really Free Market” once a month.
5. Due to the width of North Pope Street, safe access for emergency vehicles and larger service vehicles would be impeded if vehicles are parked on both sides of the street.
6. TPW staff recommends the establishment of a no-parking zone on the west side of North Pope Street, from its intersection with W Broad Street to its intersection with Reese Street, for 395 feet, to improve accessibility, as shown in **Attachment #1**.
7. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy:
 - Goal Area 5: Safely Move Around Athens
 - Initiative 5.B.1: Supports Vision Zero by maintaining through access for emergency services on Athens-Clarke County roadways.

OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission:
 - a. Approve the prohibition of on-street parking on the west side of North Pope Street, from its intersection with W Broad Street to its intersection with Reese Street, for 395 feet, as shown in **Attachment #1**; and
 - b. Adopt the associated ordinance (**Attachment #2**)
2. Mayor and Commission do not approve the parking prohibition.
3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 a & b

DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Public Works

Prepared by: Tim Griffeth, Traffic Engineer



Stephen Bailey
Transportation and Public
Works Director

December 9, 2025

Date

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a & b



Bob Cowell, Manager

January 14, 2026

Date

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1: Proposed Parking Prohibition on North Pope Street Map

Attachment #2: Ordinance – *To Be Added Prior to Voting Meeting*



N Finley St

Reese St

N Pope St

395 ft.

N. Church St

Morton Aly

W Broad St



NOTICE:
The Department of Transportation and Public
Works does not warrant the accuracy of this
information. Information shown should be field
verified.

Legend

Proposed Yellow Curb

Map Prepared On:
November 19, 2025

0 85 170 340 Feet

**N. Pope St.
W. Broad St. to Reese St..**

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The United Government of Athens-Clarke County
Department of Transportation and Public Works
Traffic Engineering

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF YELLOW CURBING ON NORTH POPE
STREET BETWEEN THE INTERSECTIONS OF WEST BROAD STREET AND REESE
STREET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established 395 feet of yellow curbing on the western side of North Pope Street between the intersection of West Broad Street and Reese Street as shown on that certain map entitled "N. Pope St. W. Broad St. to Reese St," prepared November 19, 2025, and attached hereto as Attachment #1.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Section 3-3-5 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, said yellow curbing "shall indicate places where vehicles shall not park."

SECTION 3. The Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works Department is hereby authorized to paint the yellow curbing indicated herein and perform all other actions necessary and incidental to the establishment of the yellow curbing described herein.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Adopted the _____ day of

Approved the _____ day of

Clerk of Commission

Attachment #1



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N. Pope St.
W. Broad St. to Reese St..