



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Councilors
From: Rich Olson, City Manager
Date: May 23, 2013
Re: Consideration – Request to Remove “No Parking” Signs on Paxton St.

BACKGROUND:

During the City Council meeting held on May 13, 2013, Ms. Margaret Benavides of 801 Paxton Street appeared before the City Council to request that the “no parking” signs on Paxton Street just north of Roanoke Avenue be removed. The City Council originally approved the placement of these signs during the January 23, 2006 Council meeting.

ANALYSIS:

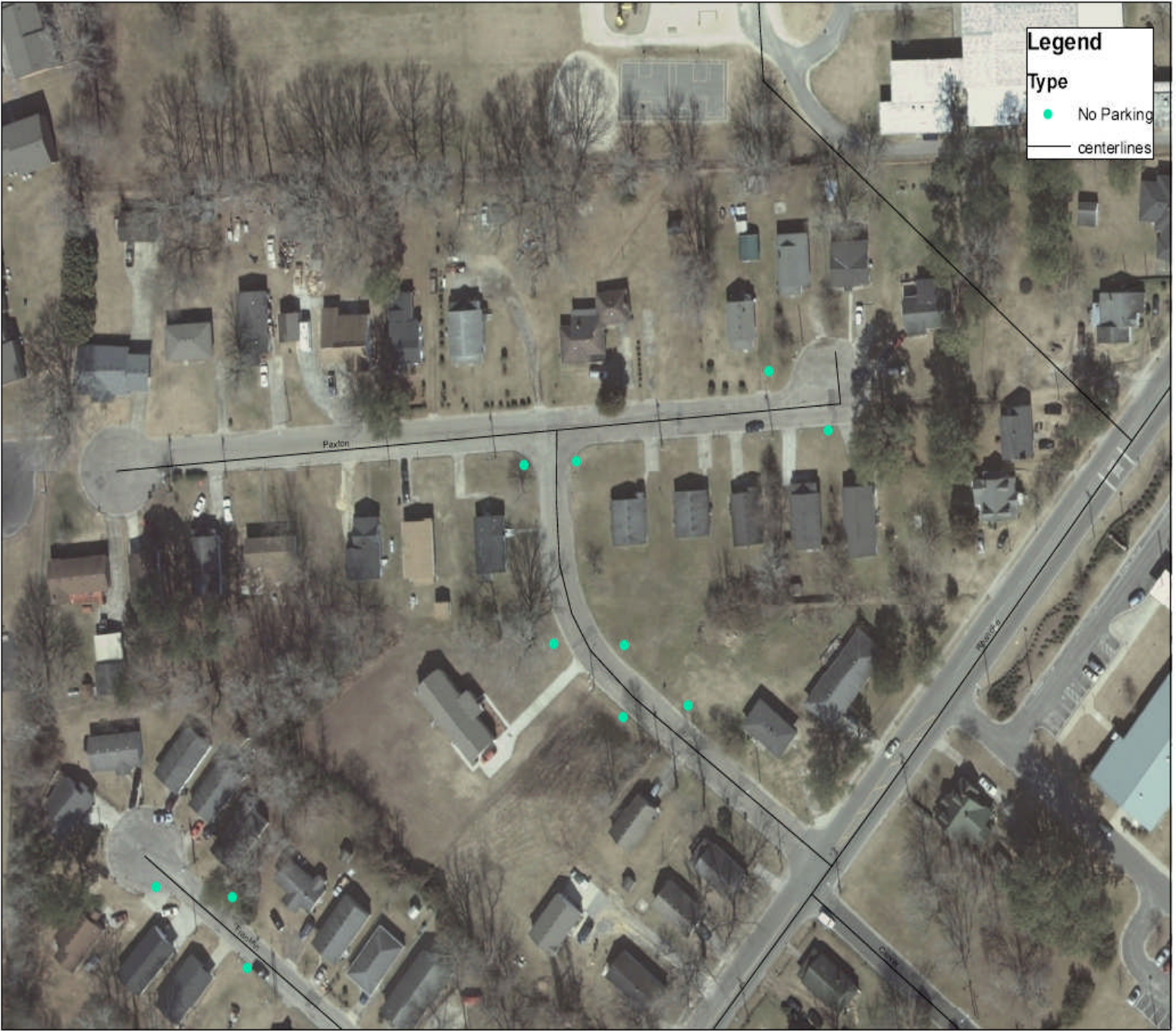
These signs were installed at the request of the property owners on Paxton Street to address drug activity that was occurring at the corner of Roanoke and Paxton Streets. Over the years, the Police Department had executed several search warrants at the corner house and multiple tenants were arrested for the sale and possession of drugs. The house, which was causing the problem, is presently vacant and the electric meter has been removed. The property is believed to be “heired” property with no clear owner.

Attached you will find a map showing the location of the existing “no parking” signs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

There is no engineering reason to take the signs down as there was no engineering reason to install the signs in 2006. The decision to erect the signs in 2006 was solely based on a method to reduce drugs and crime in the neighborhood. Staff recommends that the existing signage be left in place.

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