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**MEMORANDUM**

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To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
CC: Fran Donelson, Secretary  
FROM: Randy Hill, Public Works Director  
DATE: November 28, 2011  
RE: Council Action – Traffic Item

**INTRODUCTION:**

Several years ago the configuration of Second & Third Streets in the Central Business District were designated as one way streets (Third Street west and Second Street east). Since then Third Street became a two way street and Second Street a one way – west.

**BACKGROUND:**

When Second & Third Streets were one ways, the younger crowd would use this opportunity to socially meet by “cruising the ones”. Sometimes their youthful enthusiasm would migrate into the surrounding neighborhoods. After the street configurations were changed the “kids” would drive west on Second and proceed up Pine or Chestnut and then turn right on Third. Residents in the area complained of the noise and other disruptions and or distractions caused by this social behavior. In order to curb this activity the city installed “NO RIGHT TURN 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.” on the NE corners of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Pine and 3<sup>rd</sup> & Chestnut. This successfully stymied “cruising” in the CBD.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

At the request of a resident in the Second Street neighborhood, the city’s Traffic Committee reviewed the necessity of keeping the “NO RIGHT TURN . . . “ signs at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Pine and 3<sup>rd</sup> & Chestnut. The Police Department informs us the signs are not enforceable and serve no purpose. The Traffic Committee agrees and recommends the two signs be removed.

If you have any questions, please contact me.