

## STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM PARKING ENFORCEMENT-RELATED SUSPENSIONS & EXEMPTIONS POLICIES

Public Works Department

**Mobility and Infrastructure Committee**

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## BACKGROUND

1. In 2006, parking enforcement was added to the City's Street Sweeping Program (Program) in phases;
2. By 2011, the phasing in of parking enforcement was completed;
3. The Program continues to sweep areas with curb and gutter twice a month in most areas;



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## BACKGROUND

4. Sweeping operations are timed to limit impacts by sweeping when curb demand is lightest:
  - a. Daytime Residential sweeping
  - b. Commercial areas & schools next to residential areas swept in the early morning hours
5. Constituents expect streets to be cleaned regularly & enforcement is key in motivating drivers to move their vehicle.



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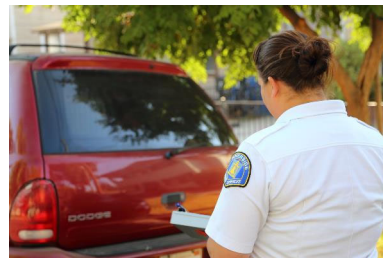
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## DISCUSSION: EXISTING PRACTICES

### *"Friendly Parking Enforcement" Business Practices*

1. Citation dismissal as first-time warnings through appeals process for:
  - a. Visitors & residents that forgot to move their car during street sweeping;
  - b. Landscape, pool maintenance or construction vehicles conducting business.

(Recommend continue)



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## DISCUSSION: EXISTING PRACTICES

*No Citations Issued –*

2. Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year weeks  
(Recommend continue)
3. Certain routine circumstances that include:
  - a. Curbs in front of businesses & perimeter of schools;
  - b. Vehicles displaying a valid disabled person parking placard; and
  - c. Areas where signs not clearly posted, missing or have been vandalized  
(Recommend issuing citations except item 3c following a 90-day warning period)
4. Resident request for funerals, parties, graduations or construction (804 received in 12 months)  
(Recommend continue)



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## DISCUSSION – PROPOSED POLICY ESTABLISHMENT

Public Works to establish a policy for the Temporary Suspension of Parking Enforcement requests.

1. Require submission of requests to Traffic Engineering to allow review & approval of eligibility;
2. Set a maximum event duration of 60 calendar days with one (1) option to extend up to 60 additional days;



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## DISCUSSION – PROPOSED POLICY ESTABLISHMENT

3. Set a maximum of one (1) event at the same physical location per calendar quarter; and
4. Requests for more than 120 days shall require Transportation Board review & will not be in effect until granted by City Council.

No consideration will be given to safety zones, such as red zones, fire hydrants, & areas posted as no stopping zones.



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## DISCUSSION – PROPOSED POLICY ESTABLISHMENT

1. Application form will be published on the City's website.
2. Application will be accepted digitally, in-person, or by phone via the 311 Call Center.
3. Public Works will work with 311 Call Center to ensure the public is advised of the new application process and policies.



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## DISCUSSION – UPDATES TO STAFF PROPOSAL

1. Only require completion of a written application form for requests exceeding 7 days
2. Eliminate the 5-day advanced notice requirement for formal written requests
3. Eliminate the previously proposed \$25 administrative fee



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## ELECTION PARKING

Staff received several complaints that metered parking fees may serve as a potential barrier to voting. Staff recommends amending the Riverside Municipal Code authorizing the City Manager to permit parking without imposition of the time limits or fees established when a need exists due to special events or meetings include "elections".



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## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



### Strategic Priority 2 – Community Well-Being

**Goal 2.3** - Strengthen neighborhood identities and improve community health and the physical environment through amenities and programs that foster an increased sense of community and enhanced feelings of pride and belonging citywide



### Strategic Priority 5 – High Performing Government

**Goal 5.3** – Enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making

### Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Mobility and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receive a report on the City's existing Street Sweeping Program enforcement suspensions and exemptions practices;
2. Consider the issuance of warnings and citations related to first-time violations, holiday weeks, school and business frontages, and disabled person parking placards;
3. Consider a Temporary Suspension of Parking Enforcement Request Policy; and



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Recommend that the City Council introduce and subsequently adopt an Ordinance to:
  - a. Add Chapter 10.08.050 to the Riverside Municipal Code authorizing the City Traffic Engineer, or designee, to suspend parking regulations or restrictions following the conditions set forth;
  - b. Amend the Riverside Municipal Code authorizing the City Manager to permit parking without imposition of the time limits or fees established when a need exists due to special events or meetings to include "elections" in Chapters 10.52.100 (B) applicable to municipal roadways and 10.60.010 (D) for any municipal parking facility.



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