

ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT SUSPENSION AND EXEMPTION POLICIES

Public Works Department

City Council
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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.



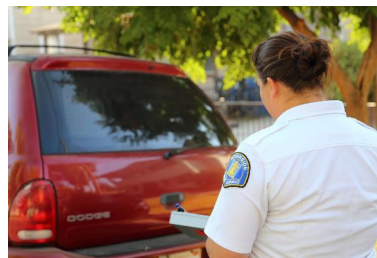
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DISCUSSION: PART 1 – EXISTING PRACTICES

“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. New Riverside residents; and
 - c. Landscape, pool maintenance or construction vehicles conducting business.



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DISCUSSION: PART 1 – EXISTING PRACTICES

No Citations Issued –

2. Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year weeks
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
 - a. Areas where signs not clearly posted, missing or have been vandalized.
4. Resident request for funerals, parties, graduations or construction (804 received in 12 months)



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“FRIENDLY PARKING ENFORCEMENT” EVALUATION

1. The Riverside Municipal Code was not revised to address “Friendly Parking Enforcement” practices since the inception of the Street Sweeping Program in 2011.
2. Street sweeping routes cannot be serviced properly & consistently due to non-enforcement around curb fronting businesses, schools & vehicles displaying disabled person placards.
3. Re-commencement of parking enforcement in accordance with the Riverside Municipal Code is necessary.
4. 90-day phase-in period to distribute flyers, update 311 Call Center, provide social media posts & website updates.



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DISCUSSION: PART 2 – PROPOSED POLICY ESTABLISHMENT

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

1. Require submission of request to Traffic Engineering 5-days before the start date of the event 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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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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POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

1. Application form will be published on the City's website.
2. Application will be accepted digitally, in-person, 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 & policies.
4. Public Works will provide a 90-day grace period during the transition & will accept requests with less than 5 days notice.
5. Due to high request volume & processing time a \$25 administration fee per new event will be required.



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ELECTION PARKING ACCOMMODATIONS

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 City Council:

1. Receive a report on the City's existing Street Sweeping Program parking enforcement-related suspensions and exemptions practices;
2. Establish a Temporary Suspension of Parking Enforcement Request Policy;


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RECOMMENDATIONS

3. 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; and



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RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Direct staff to re-commence routine issuance of citations related to first-time warnings, holiday weeks, school & business frontages and disabled person parking placards with a minimum 90-day warning period.



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Additional Information

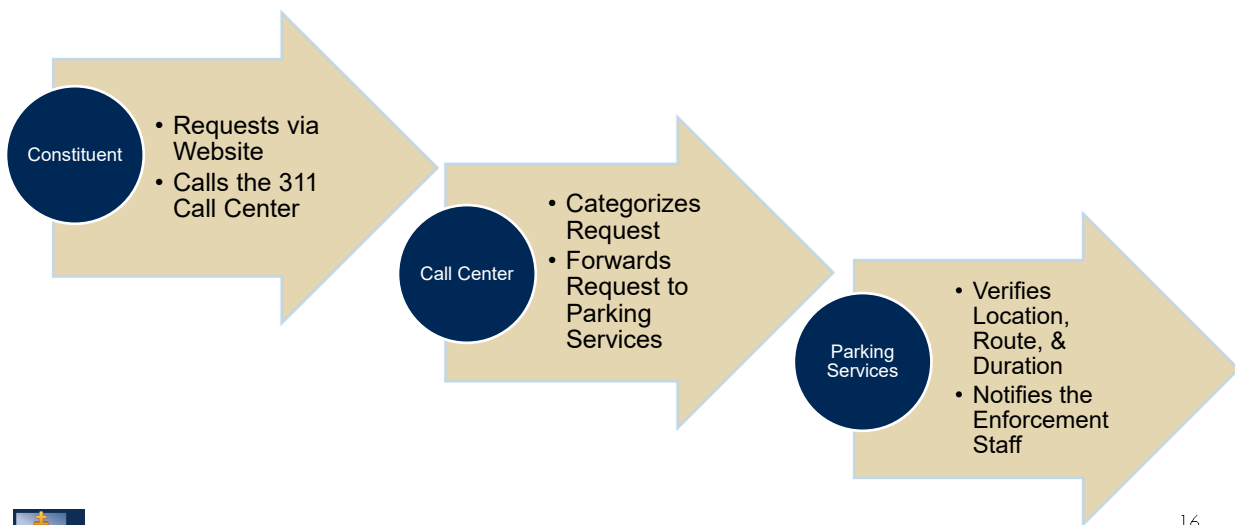


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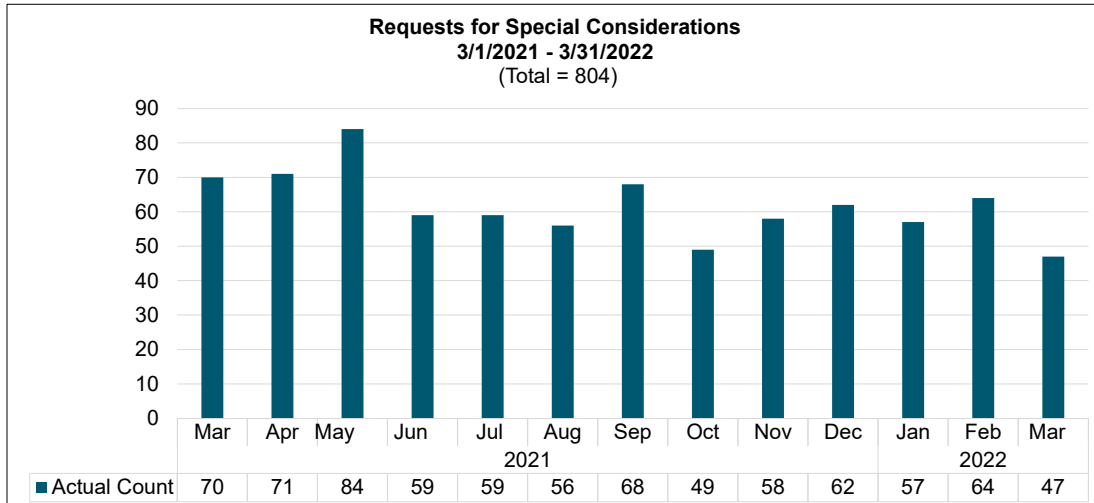


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