



AMEND STREET SWEEPING ENFORCEMENT AND ESTABLISH SUSPENSION 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 in phases;
2. By 2011, parking enforcement reached full implementation;
3. Residential streets are swept twice a month in most areas and high traffic areas like downtown are swept more frequently;



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BACKGROUND

4. Sweeping operations are scheduled to limit the impact to the community:
 - a. Residential streets have 4-hr blocks of time in the morning and afternoons
 - b. Commercial areas & schools next to residential areas are swept in the early morning hours
5. Constituents expect streets to be cleaned regularly & enforcement encourages drivers to move their vehicle.



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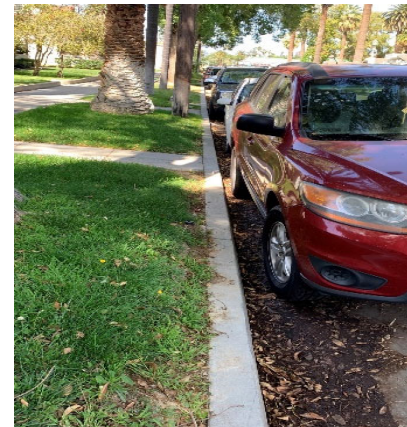
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BACKGROUND

The single largest impact to keeping the streets clean are parked vehicles.

1. One car will cause a minimum of three car lengths of curb space to be not swept.
2. The “friendly parking enforcement” practice allows cars with disabled person placards to park during street sweeping.
3. It's very common for these vehicles to be parked in the same location week over week so the debris and pollutants build up.



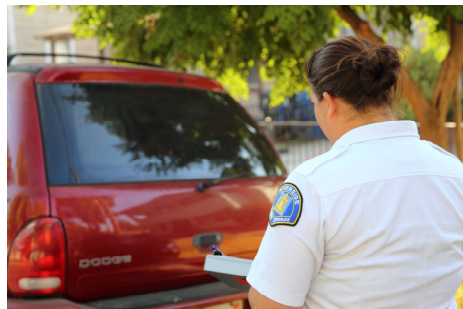
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DISCUSSION – STREET SWEEPING ENFORCEMENT

1. Street sweeping citation dismissal as first-time warnings through appeals process for:
 - a. Visitors & residents that forgot to move their car during street sweeping;
 - b. Residents new to Riverside;
 - c. Commercial vehicles including landscapers, pool maintenance and contractors conducting business; and
 - d. Vehicles with disabled person placards parked during street sweeping;
2. Cease street sweeping enforcement on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holiday weeks;



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DISCUSSION

3. Reinstate street sweeping enforcement for:
 - a. Vehicles parked along business frontages. (reinstated in 2022)
 - b. Vehicles parked along perimeter of schools. (reinstated in 2022)
 - c. Vehicles parked with a disabled person placard (reinstatement timeline below)

March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 (4 months)	Parking Services will begin conducting public outreach, distributing notification flyers with FAQs about the changes. Additional public notifications will be made through, but not limited to the 311 Call Center, City's social media posts and City's website.
July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 (3 months)	Parking Services will issue printed warnings from their handheld units for vehicles with disabled person placards. These warnings will be logged in the enforcement database for historical record. Notification flyers will continue to be handed out.
October 1, 2024	Parking Services will issue street sweeping parking citations to vehicles with disabled person placards. Citation dismissals as a first-time warning through the appeals process will go into effect.



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DISCUSSION – PROPOSED POLICY ESTABLISHMENT

Parking Services received on average 663 Special Consideration requests annually between January 2021 through December 2023 to suspend street sweeping enforcement.

1. Majority are same day requests (car battery/home repair)
2. Some are long term suspensions (remodeling/construction)
3. High volume of requests requires a better policy/process.

Staff recommends establishing the Temporary Suspension of Parking Enforcement Request policy.



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DISCUSSION – PROPOSED POLICY ESTABLISHMENT

1. Same day Special Consideration requests need to be made to 311 Call Center or Parking Services.
2. Special Consideration requests exceeding 7 days.
 1. Requests to be made through 311 Call Center or Traffic Engineering, requester will be directed to complete the Temporary Suspension of Parking Enforcement application form.
 2. Maximum duration is 60 days with one (1) option to extend up to 60 additional days.
 3. Maximum of one (1) suspension at the same physical location per quarter.
 4. Requests for more than 120 days shall require Transportation Board review and will not be in effect until granted by City Council.
 5. No administration fee for the application.



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DISCUSSION – PROPOSED POLICY ESTABLISHMENT

1. No consideration will be given to safety zones, such as red zones, fire hydrants, & areas posted as no stopping zones.
2. Application form will be published on the City's website.
3. Application will be accepted digitally, in-person, by mail, or by phone via the 311 Call Center.
4. Application must be received at least 5 days before the first suspension date.
5. Public Works will work with 311 Call Center and Communications team to ensure the public is advised of the new application process & policies.



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ELECTION PARKING

Staff has 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

Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan Priorities



Strategic Priority 2 - Community Well-Being




Strategic Priority 5 - High Performing Government


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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Receive a report on the City's existing Street Sweeping Program enforcement practices as it relates to first-time warnings, cease of enforcement; reinstating enforcement and temporary suspension of parking enforcement;
2. Authorize implementing first-time warnings through the appeals process for street sweeping violations as it relates to residents and visitors that inadvertently forget to move their vehicle, for new residents to Riverside that are unfamiliar to the regulations, for commercial vehicles conducting business on street sweeping days, and for vehicles displaying a disabled person placards and parked during street sweeping days;
3. Authorize ceasing street sweeping enforcement during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holiday weeks;


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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

4. Authorize reinstating street sweeping enforcement along business frontages, along school perimeters and vehicles displaying disabled person placards;
5. Establish a Temporary Suspension of Parking Enforcement Request Policy; and
6. Introduce and subsequently adopt the attached 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; and
 - 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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