

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. Residential areas are swept during daytime; and
 - b. Commercial areas & schools locations posted next to residential are swept in the early morning hours
5. Constituents expect streets to be cleaned regularly, and enforcement is key in motivating drivers to move their vehicle.



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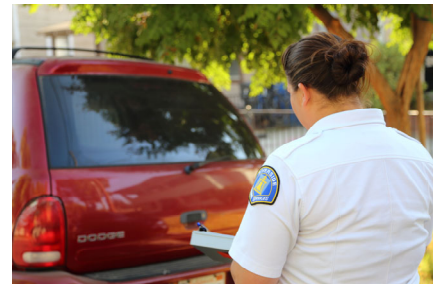


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DISCUSSION: PART 1 – PROGRAM PRACTICES

1. One-Time Citation Warnings – Through Appeal Process
 - a. Visitors and residents that forgot to move their car;
 - b. New Riverside residents; and
 - c. Landscape, pool maintenance, or construction vehicles conducting business.



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PROGRAM PRACTICES

No Enforcement Practices – No Citations Issued

2. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year weeks.
3. Certain routine circumstances that include:
 - a. Curbs in front of businesses and perimeter of schools;
 - b. Vehicles displaying a valid disabled person parking placard; and
 - c. Signs not clearly posted, are missing or have been vandalized.
4. Resident request for funerals, parties, graduations or construction (804 received in 12 months);



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PROGRAM PRACTICES

5. A consistent policy is needed for requests to temporarily suspend enforcement, should remain no-cost
6. Staff do not have the authority to exempt school & business frontages or vehicles with disabled person placards / license plates – an RMC amendment would be needed to change practices
7. Additional language is needed in the RMC to address polling places



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DISCUSSION: PART 2 – PROPOSED POLICY ESTABLISHMENT

Public Works proposes establishing a policy for 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 and 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: PART 2 – 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 and will not be in effect until granted by City Council.

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



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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 suspensions and exemptions practices;
2. Establish a Suspension of Parking Enforcement Request Policy;



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RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Introduce and subsequently adopt the attached Ordinance:

- a. Adding 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. 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 to include "elections" in Chapters 10.52.100 (B) for any municipal roadway and 10.60.010 (D) for any municipal parking facility; and



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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4. Direct staff to either commence routine issuance of citations related to first-time warnings, holiday weeks, school and business frontages, and disabled person parking placards, or return with the appropriate municipal code revisions to formally adopt exceptions for these categories of enforcement.



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Additional Information

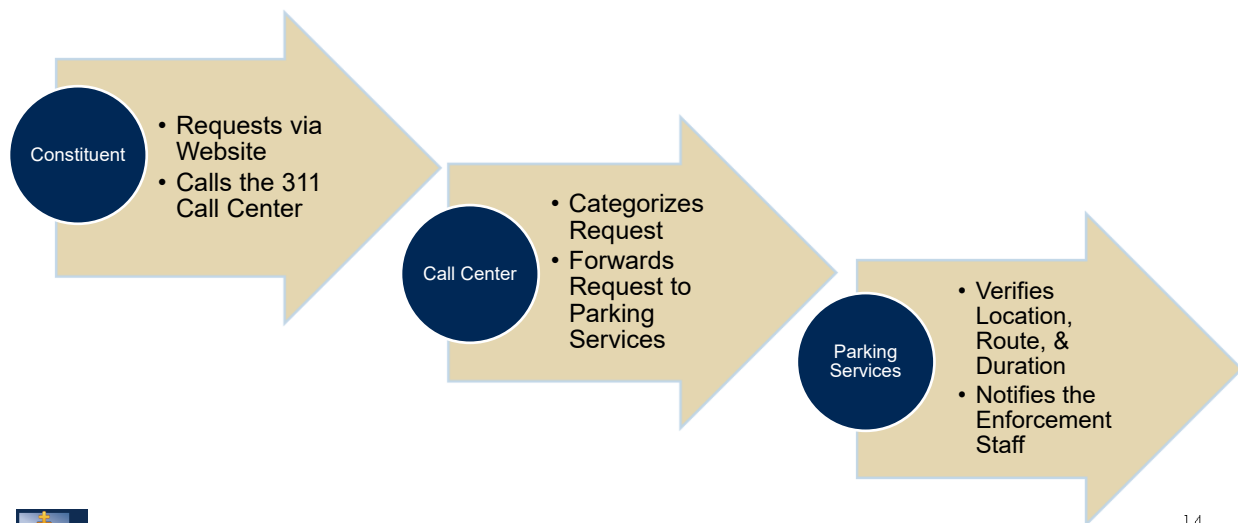


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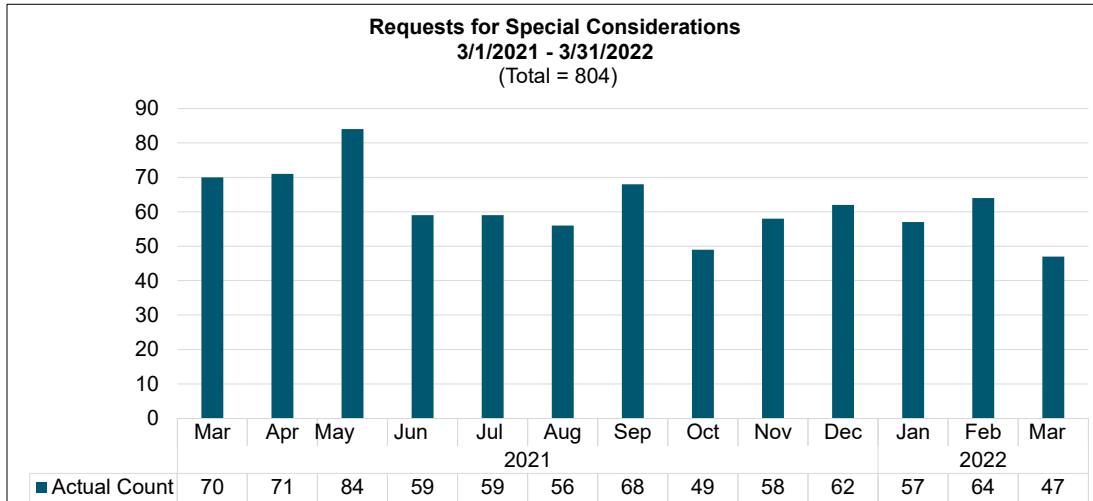


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