



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 5, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITION ON CORNELL DRIVE
BETWEEN WILSON STREET AND JOANN STREET

DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2003

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: WILLIAM J. MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution for the implementation of "Resident Only" parking restriction on Cornell Drive between Wilson Street and Joann Street (ATTACHMENT 1).

BACKGROUND:

A petition was recently received from residents of the 2200 block of Cornell Drive, between Wilson Street and Joann Street, requesting the implementation of a "resident only" parking restriction (ATTACHMENT 2). The petition represents 14 out of 14 households that may be directly affected by the parking restriction. The residents have cited concerns regarding reduced on-street parking availability and neighborhood safety.

ANALYSIS:

The petitioning residents of Cornell Drive have expressed concern with a parking intrusion by the residents of the Costa Mesa Mobile Estates at 323 Wilson Street and requested the implementation of "resident only" permit parking restriction. In 1997, the City Council adopted guidelines (ATTACHMENT 3) for consideration of installation or removal of "resident only" parking. According to these guidelines, neighborhood parking intrusions would be considered "significant" if 50% or more of the available on-street parking is utilized by vehicles unrelated to the neighborhood at any time, and/or 40% or more is utilized for more than a 24-hour period. In an effort to determine the level of intrusion, various license plate surveys were conducted along this street segment. These surveys revealed that during the most congested period (Friday at 8:45 PM), non-resident vehicles occupied 12 of the 23 spaces, or approximately 52% of the available parking spaces along Cornell Drive.

The Transportation Services staff has discussed the residents' concerns with the on-site manager of the mobile home park. Staff was informed that there has been a severe shortage of parking for the park residents for at least 15 years and that the configuration of the facility does not afford the ability to provide any additional spaces. The mobile home park maintains a strict permit-parking program to ensure that the available parking spaces are used by the park's residents. The units are each individually owned; therefore the management does not limit the number of tenants that reside in each unit.

Should a "resident only" permit parking restriction be authorized, signs will be posted restricting parking on the affected streets to vehicles displaying a valid permit. Affected households may obtain a permit for their legally registered vehicles upon providing proof of residence in the restricted area. Additionally, guest permits, valid for a 24-hour period, will be provided to residents for their visitors.

The implementation of a "resident only" permit parking restriction on the requested street segments may negatively impact adjacent streets. It is possible that Fordham Drive, Rutgers Drive, and perhaps Joann Street will become impacted by non-resident vehicles. Should this request be approved, staff would monitor the adjacent and interior streets to determine if the adjacent streets become negatively affected.

"Resident only" parking restrictions have been implemented on other streets within the City where non-resident parking intrusions have been identified. The majority of the streets are located near the Orange County Fairgrounds to address event parking. However, "resident only" parking restrictions have been implemented in other areas, including streets near the Paul Mitchell School, an automobile dealership, and adjacent to apartment communities.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

An alternative to the requested "resident only" parking restriction is to consider the implementation of an overnight parking restriction. An overnight parking restriction will prohibit the parking of **all** vehicles from midnight to 6:00 am. However, this restriction is not recommended, as the residents would also be prohibited from utilizing the street.

Another alternative would be to not approve "resident only" permit parking for Cornell Drive. However, this alternative would result in continued parking intrusion by non-residents.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The cost to manufacture and install signs for the implementation of a "resident only" parking restriction is approximately \$500.00. If authorized, funds are available through the existing traffic maintenance account for this purpose.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the attached resolution as to form and content.

CONCLUSION:

A petition was recently received from residents of the 2200 Block of Cornell Drive between Wilson Street and Joann Street requesting the implementation of a “resident only” parking restriction.

A staff survey has confirmed the continued use of this street segment by non-residents, and after considering all alternatives, recommends the implementation of a “resident only” parking restriction.

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