



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2006

ITEM NUMBER

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR “RESIDENT ONLY” PARKING RESTRICTION ON FORDHAM DRIVE BETWEEN FAIR DRIVE AND NASSAU ROAD

DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2006

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT – TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: PETER NAGHAVI, MANAGER, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the implementation of a “**Resident Only**” parking restriction on Fordham Drive between Fair Drive and Nassau Road.
2. Authorize the Transportation Services Manager to extend the “**resident only**” parking restriction a maximum of one mile as needed, provided a qualifying petition is received from affected residents.
3. Adopt the attached resolution (ATTACHMENT 1).

BACKGROUND:

In November 2005, a petition was received from residents of Fordham Drive, between Fair Drive and Nassau Road, requesting the implementation of a “**resident only**” parking restriction (ATTACHMENT 2). The petition represents 10 out of 10 households that would be directly affected by the requested parking restriction. These residents cited concerns regarding reduced on–street parking availability due to parking intrusion possibly by residents of the Mediterranean Village apartment complex, a large apartment complex located on Harbor Boulevard and Fair Drive. The petition also raised concerns for associated neighborhood safety issues.

In 1997, in response to similar concerns for parking intrusion on College Drive by residents and guests of Mediterranean Village apartments the City Council approved “**resident only**” permit parking on a portion of that street. College Drive is located one block west of Fordham Drive and is directly adjacent to the Mediterranean Village apartment complex. The attached map (ATTACHMENT 3) depicts the surrounding streets and the current parking restrictions.

ANALYSIS:

In 1997, the City Council adopted guidelines (ATTACHMENT 4) for consideration of installation or removal of “**resident only**” permit 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 parking intrusion on Fordham Drive, Transportation Services Division staff has conducted numerous license plate surveys. Initial surveys conducted during December 2005 and January 2006 revealed that the number of “non-resident” vehicles was less than the minimum number of vehicles necessary to meet the minimum threshold to qualify for parking restrictions in accordance with the guidelines.

As a result of residents continued concerns over an increase of non-resident vehicles parking on Fordham Drive, new surveys were conducted during August 2006. These latest surveys reveal that during the most congested periods on weekends, non-resident vehicles consistently occupied approximately 55% of the available parking spaces on Fordham Drive, between Fair Drive and Nassau Road, thereby meeting the guidelines for consideration of establishing “**resident only**” permit parking.

If a “**resident only**” permit parking restriction is authorized, signs will be posted restricting parking on the affected street 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.

If the implementation of a “**resident only**” permit parking restriction on the requested street segment negatively impacts adjacent streets, the resolution provides the Transportation Services Manager with the authority to extend the limits of the permit parking area up to one mile in radius as necessary to address continued resident concerns.

Notice of the City Council consideration of this item has been sent to all affected residents of Fordham drive between Fair Drive and Nassau Road as well as to management of the Mediterranean Village Apartments.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

An alternative to the requested “**resident only**” parking restriction is to consider the implementation of time restricted parking or an overnight parking restriction. However, a time restricted parking or overnight parking restriction will prohibit the parking of **all** vehicles during the effective time period, and thus will likely not be supported by residents.

Another alternative would be to not approve “**resident only**” permit parking. This alternative would leave the street without any parking control and, therefore, will result in continued resident concerns for 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 received from residents of Fordham Drive, between Fair Drive and Nassau Road, requesting the implementation of a “**resident only**” parking restriction on their street.

Staff has conducted a parking survey and has confirmed that the parking of vehicles on Fordham Drive unrelated to the neighborhood exceeds the minimum thresholds established in the Council approved guidelines for consideration of “**resident only**” permit parking. The petition and parking conditions are in conformance with guidelines adopted by City Council, therefore, after considering all alternatives, staff recommends the implementation of a “**resident only**” parking restriction on Fordham Drive between Fair Drive and Nassau Road.

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