



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: APRIL 3, 2007

ITEM NUMBER

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR “RESIDENT ONLY” PARKING RESTRICTION ON DAMASCUS CIRCLE AND VENETIAN DRIVE**

**DATE: MARCH 19, 2007**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT – TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve the implementation of a “**Resident Only**” parking restriction on Damascus Circle and Venetian Drive.
2. Authorize the Transportation Services Manager to extend the “**resident only**” parking restriction for a maximum of 1000’ as needed, provided a qualifying petition is received from affected residents.
3. Adopt the attached resolution (ATTACHMENT 1).

## **BACKGROUND:**

In January 2007, a petition was received from residents of Damascus Circle, Venetian Drive, and Cannonade Circle, requesting the implementation of a “**resident only**” parking restriction on their streets (ATTACHMENT 2). The petition represents 37 out of 40 households that would be directly affected by the requested parking restriction. These residents expressed concerns with on-street parking availability due to parking intrusion by residents of the nearby Woodside Village condominium complex. This is a large residential complex located on the north side of Sunflower Avenue in the City of Santa Ana. 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 the consideration of installation, or removal of “**resident only**” permit parking. According to these guidelines, neighborhood parking intrusions are 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 Damascus Circle, Venetian Drive, and Cannonade Circle, the Transportation Services Division staff has conducted a series of license plate surveys. These surveys reveal that during the most congested periods during evenings and on weekends, non-resident vehicles consistently occupied approximately 67% of the available parking spaces on Damascus Circle and Venetian Drive thereby meeting minimum requirements set by the guidelines for consideration of establishing “**resident only**” permit parking on those two streets.

Results of parking surveys on Cannonade Circle, however, show that the level of parking of vehicles unrelated to the neighborhood is only 31% during one survey and considerably less during the remainder of the surveys performed. Cannonade Circle is a greater walking distance within the neighborhood than Damascus Circle and Venetian Drive, resulting in a lesser degree of parking intrusions on this street.

If a “**resident only**” permit parking restriction is 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. Currently the City does not charge a fee for these permits.

If the City Council approves the implementation of a “**resident only**” permit parking restriction on Damascus Circle and Venetian Drive, it is possible that the effect of this restriction would shift some parking intrusion onto Cannonade Circle or other nearby streets. Therefore, the attached resolution provides the Transportation Services Manager with the authority to extend the limits of the permit parking area up to 1000’ 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 Damascus Circle, Venetian Drive, and Cannonaded Circle, as well as to management of the Woodside Village condominium complex.

## **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 for **all** vehicles during the effective time period, and thus will likely not be supported by residents. This type of parking restriction also places increased demands on the City’s Police services.

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 \$750.00. 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 Damascus Circle, Venetian Drive, and Cannonade Circle, requesting the implementation of a “**resident only**” parking restriction on these streets.

Staff has conducted a parking survey and has confirmed that the parking of vehicles on Damascus Circle and Venetian Drive unrelated to the neighborhood exceeds the minimum thresholds established in the Council approved guidelines for consideration of “**resident only**” permit parking. As walking distances are greater to Cannonade Circle, the parking survey reveals that this street falls well below the minimum threshold for “**resident only**” permit parking.

The petition and parking conditions on Damascus Circle and Venetian Drive 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 Damascus Circle and Venetian Drive and, that the Transportation Services Manager be authorized to extend the parking restriction for a maximum of 1,000 feet as needed, providing a qualifying petition is received from affected residents.

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