



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: JULY 2, 2013

ITEM NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT: ANAHEIM AVENUE PARKING RESTRICTION**

**DATE: JUNE 20, 2013**

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

**PRESENTATION BY: ERNESTO MUNOZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RAJA SETHURAMAN, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Transportation Services Manager to implement a “**Modified Resident Only**” parking restriction for on-street parking spaces on Anaheim Avenue adjacent to the Neighborhood Community Center complex.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Neighborhood Community Center (NCC) complex includes the NCC, Downtown Library, Lions Park, the Downtown Recreation Center, and the Costa Mesa Historical Society. The area is shown in Attachment 2. As shown in this exhibit, the right-of-way of the NCC complex extends into the on-street angled parking on Park Avenue, 18<sup>th</sup> Street, and Anaheim Avenue.

The City’s Police Department has observed overnight parking on the on-street angled parking spaces on Anaheim Avenue as well as illicit activities associated with parked vehicles at this location and requested installation of signage restricting overnight parking. The City’s municipal code provides for restriction of parking within City park facilities from dusk to dawn. However, prior to proceeding with the sign installation, notification was sent to all residents in the vicinity of the Neighborhood Community Center of the proposed restriction.

The City has received communication from residents of the “Vendome” condominium community on Anaheim Avenue relative to the impacts associated with this potential loss of on-street parking. They have indicated that the residents have relied on this parking for over the past 30 years and requested consideration of resident-only permit parking for this area. The City did not receive any similar concerns from affected residents on Park Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **ANALYSIS:**

In order to determine the current level of usage of angled parking spaces adjacent to the NCC complex on Anaheim Avenue, staff conducted license plate surveys during various time periods, including late at night. The results of these surveys revealed that approximately 64 percent of the angled parking spaces were occupied overnight. During other periods, the parking is used by visitors to the NCC complex.

As evidenced in many other parts of the City, the implementation of “**resident only**” permit parking has been a very effective tool to control parking and eliminate impacts related to conflicting uses that generate parking impacts in adjacent residential neighborhoods. In order to accommodate the varying demands of the on-street parking on Anaheim Avenue during the

day and evening hours and also the need to keep “park” parking from being used for illicit activities, staff recommends a “**modified resident only**” permit parking on Anaheim Avenue. The “**modified resident only**” permit parking would allow the on-street parking to be used by visitors and residents during the day and limited only to residents with permits between midnight and 5:00 a.m.

If the “**modified resident only**” permit parking restriction is authorized by the City Council, signs will be posted restricting overnight parking to only vehicles displaying a valid permit. Affected households may obtain a permit for their legally registered vehicles upon providing proof of residence in the subject street segment. Additionally, guest permits, valid for a 24-hour period, will be provided to residents for their visitors. The City does not charge a fee for these permits. Only residents of Anaheim Avenue immediately across from the NCC complex will be eligible to receive permits. Staff also requests City Council’s authorization for the Transportation Services Manager to extend the “**modified resident only**” permit parking to other affected residents adjacent to the NCC complex based on receiving such a request and verification of impacts.

A notice of City Council consideration of this item has been sent to all affected residents on Anaheim Avenue.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

An alternative would be to not approve “**modified resident only**” permit parking. This alternative would result in the loss of parking for several residents of the “Vendome” condominium community and may result in parking intrusion on other streets in the neighborhood.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

The cost to manufacture and install signs for the implementation of a “**modified resident only**” parking restriction on Anaheim Avenue 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:**

The angled on-street parking around the NCC complex on Park Avenue, 18<sup>th</sup> Street, and Anaheim Avenue is within the park’s right-of-way. Consequently, the on-street parking is subject to the City’s ordinance for an overnight parking restriction. The Police Department requested that signs be installed to notify the public of the overnight parking restriction, so that it may be enforced. The City has received communication from residents of Vendome condominium community of the impact the restriction could have on their ability to park on the street, as they have relied on this parking for over 30 years.

Based on the review of current parking operations, it was determined that approximately 64 percent of the subject on-street parking on Anaheim Avenue was occupied overnight. In order to ensure that parking is not used by those outside of the immediate vicinity, staff recommends City Council’s consideration of the implementation of a “**modified resident only**” permit parking on Anaheim Avenue. The modified permit parking will allow the residents to park overnight and have the parking open for visitor and resident parking during other periods. Staff also requests that the Transportation Services Manager be authorized to extend the “**modified resident only**” permit parking to other areas around the NCC complex based on resident request and verification of such need.

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RAJA SETHURAMAN  
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Public Services Director

ATTACHMENTS:    [1 - Resolution](#)  
                          [2 - Area Map](#)

DISTRIBUTION:    Chief Executive Officer  
                          Assistant Chief Executive Officer  
                          City Attorney  
                          City Clerk  
                          Staff

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING PERMIT PARKING ON ANAHEIM AVENUE ADJACENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Section 12-26 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code restricts overnight parking of vehicles in City parks; and

WHEREAS, Sections 10-221 through 10-224 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code provides for the designation of "resident only" parking areas by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that overnight "resident only" parking is needed on Anaheim Avenue adjacent to the Neighborhood Community Center Complex between 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Center Street (the "Designated Street(s)"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Transportation Services Division Manager should be authorized to extend and/or modify the limits of said prohibitions within a 1,000 foot radius of the above Designated Streets to serve the best interests of the neighborhood without further City Council action; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-82 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code sets forth provisions for enforcement and obedience to Code regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTS MESA that parking be, and at the same time is hereby prohibited on the Designated Streets between the hours of midnight and 5:00 a.m. excepting vehicles with a resident permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transportation Services Division Manager is hereby authorized to extend and/or modify the said "resident only" permit parking to 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue frontages of the Neighborhood Community Center complex, based on resident request and verified need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 10-82 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code, appropriate signs shall be posted to give warnings that vehicles parked in violation of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code shall be cited.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of July, 2013.

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James M. Righeimer, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Brenda Green, City Clerk

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Thomas P. Duarte, City Attorney

Attachment 2

