



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Measure AA Advisory Committee **Item No. _____**
FROM: City Administrator
SUBJECT: Allocate \$11,000 for Installation of NO OVERNIGHT PARKING Signs
MEETING DATE: July 10, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

Allocate \$11,000 for costs associated with the installation of NO OVERNIGHT PARKING signs along various streets throughout the City.

BACKGROUND:

Over the last several years, the City of Commerce (City) has experienced a systemic increase in the number of vehicles parking for an excessive period of time on certain streets adversely impacting the public safety and hygiene of those same streets and the overall neighborhood. The amount of trash and waste generated by these vehicles can also pose a serious public health hazard. There are also increased reports to the City of theft and burglaries in surrounding residential and commercial properties, immediately adjacent to the areas where excessive overnight parking is occurring. The amount of City resources required to continuously respond to and address this public nuisance has been extraordinary.

Community residents and business proprietors have voiced serious concerns with the conditions described above. Staff investigated the situation and now proposes the installation of NO OVERNIGHT PARKING signs at streets that are highly impacted in order to help alleviate the situation before it reaches a critical point.

In the subsequent "Analysis" section, Staff presents the installation of select NO OVERNIGHT PARKING signs at designated streets.

During its regularly scheduled meeting on June 5, 2018, the City Council approved the installation of these signs, but has tasked the Measure AA Advisory Committee to consider the approval of appropriating Measure AA funds to cover the costs for material and labor in the installation of these NO OVERNIGHT PARKING signs.

ANALYSIS:

Staff has conducted research and determined that certain streets in Commerce are highly impacted and susceptible to excessive parking. Those streets are listed in *Attachment 2*.

The City has authority to install traffic-related signs pursuant to Commerce Municipal Code Section 10.20.010(a), which states: “The city administrator shall have the power and duty to place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained official traffic control devices when and as required to make effective the provisions of [Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Commerce Municipal Code].”

Further, Commerce Municipal Code Section 10.44.170(b) and (c) provide the City with the authority to establish time limit parking restrictions. Said sections state in pertinent part:

(b) The city administrator shall place such signs or curb markings as may be necessary to give notice of the foregoing parking restrictions, or of any time limit parking restrictions which may hereinafter be approved and adopted by the city council.

(c) The city council may, by resolution, alter, amend or repeal any of the foregoing time-limit regulations, and may, by resolution, add additional time-limit parking regulations where such regulations are necessary in the opinion of the city council.

Consistent with the aforementioned, in the past, the City has taken action with respect to overnight parking, thus also establishing precedent for such actions. On September 5, 1985, the City Council approved overnight parking prohibitions for the residential streets in the community known as “The Village” that is adjacent to Rosewood Park School and is bounded by Harbor Street and Eastern Avenue (*see Attachment 1*). This action was precipitated by the need to restrict those who frequently park in The Village overnight, thereby impacting the “quality of life” of the community.



Currently installed signs inside “The Village” community

Therefore, in a similar move, Staff is proposing that the following NO OVERNIGHT PARKING signs be installed along these streets that prohibit parking between the hours of 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M., daily, in order to counteract the current excessive parking and public safety issues at the most impacted Commerce streets:

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING 2 AM TO 6 AM:

- Olympic Boulevard, between Goodrich Blvd. & Gerhart Ave.
(along both sides of Olympic Blvd.)
- Union Pacific Avenue, between Goodrich Blvd. & Gerhart Ave.
(along both sides of Union Pacific Ave.)
- Goodrich Boulevard, between Union Pacific Ave. & Whittier Blvd.
(along both sides of Goodrich Blvd.)
- East 61st Street, between Eastern Ave. & end of street
(along both sides of E. 61st St.)
- Elm Street, between Garfield Ave. & Vail Ave.
(along both sides of Elm St.)
- Sycamore Street, between Vail Ave. & city limit
(along both sides of Sycamore St.)
- Condor Street, between Vail Ave. & Supply Ave.
(along both sides of Condor St.)
- Tanager Avenue, between Sycamore St. & Condor St.
(along both sides of Tanager Ave.)
- Supply Avenue, between Sycamore St. & Condor St.
(along both sides of Supply Ave.)



The aforementioned streets, also listed in Attachment 2, which is attached and incorporated herein by this reference, represent the highest impact of excessive parking during both the day and evening hours. It is hoped that by restricting or prohibiting overnight parking, it will discourage the practice along these streets, of individuals habitually overstaying and discharging trash onto the City's public right-of-way.

The parking time restriction, in this case 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M., has been determined so as to allow parking during the evenings for both residents and businesses, but in addition to prevent vehicle owners from parking overnight and creating public safety and health hazards.

The installation of these signs will also better effectuate overall vehicular and pedestrian safety by removing excess vehicles from parking and to open up spaces to allow for better sight distance as vehicles are entering and exiting both the streets and driveways. Upon the installation of these signs, parking enforcement officers will have the discretion to cite or tow alleged violators.

Public Works staff will analyze and make certain that these signs are installed properly and that they conform to all rules and regulations pertaining to sign installation, such as the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices (CA MUTCD).

The overnight parking restrictions being proposed along the streets previously mentioned will not adversely impact the parking supply. The supply of parking will remain the same with the only exception of prohibiting parking between the overnight hours of 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. Outside of those hours, the public is allowed to park along those streets, unless restricted due to street sweeping.

Parking regulations and sign installations are guided by the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), the California Vehicle Code (CVC), and the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC).

FISCAL IMPACT

Direct costs include the fabrication of the proposed “NO OVERNIGHT PARKING – 2 AM TO 6 AM” signs with their appropriate dimensions. Also included are the installations of new sign poles. Furthermore, the installation of these signs can be made through a work order request to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (County).

Therefore, the *approximate* cost breakdown is as follows (*includes both material & labor*):

- Custom fabricate 100 “NO OVERNIGHT PARKING – 2 AM TO 6 AM” signs: \$5,000
- Order 100 sign poles including installation costs for both signs and poles: \$6,000

ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$11,000

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Staff Recommendation
2. Reject Staff Recommendation
3. Provide Staff with further direction

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Attachment 1: 1985 City Council Resolution Restricting Parking Times in “The Village”
2. Attachment 2: List of Heavily Impacted Streets per Public Safety Division