

Narrative

Palm Avenue Limited Parking for existing Parking Zones Between Goldenwest Street and Cherryhill Drive

The City of Huntington Beach is seeking a Coastal Development Permit to manage on-street parking along Palm Avenue where parking is currently allowed. Parking is currently prohibited along the vast majority of Palm Avenue, with the entire section from Cherryhill Drive to Seapoint Street designated as no parking at any time (red curb). The section of Palm Avenue between Goldenwest and Cherryhill Drive has a mix of treatments with significant portions of the area where parking is prohibited 24/7 (red curb) and some areas where parking is only restricted 2 days per month for street sweeping and a smaller zone where no restrictions are imposed. The latter portion is the area near Goldenwest Street.

Over the past several years, the existing parking areas have experienced a significant shift in usage with a high incidence of people parking/storing vehicles for several days (beyond 72 consecutive hours) and as temporary camping sites using a variety of different types of vehicles. Many residents have expressed concern about the activities taking place on the street and the impact that long-term parking is having to the immediate neighborhood, coastal and park area. By proposing time limitations/parking restrictions both during the day and overnight, the City believes that we can retain free public parking during the day for area residents and visitors to the coastal resources, and through the use of shorter time limit restrictions, manage any long-term/overnight use of the parking. To accomplish this goal, the City proposes the following time limit parking restrictions through the appropriate posting of parking signs on Palm Avenue, in addition to the existing street sweeping restrictions:

- **2-hour parking 6 am to 10 pm daily**
- **1-hour parking 10 pm to 6 am daily**

It is anticipated that the new restrictions will require approximately 27 new signs with 14 signs to be installed on new signposts and 13 signs to be added to existing signpost locations. The City of Huntington Beach will provide enforcement of the proposed restrictions through our existing Parking Enforcement staff within the Police Department.

Alternatives:

Staff evaluated other parking time limit options that could be effective in managing the identified issues. Retaining the requested 1-hour parking from 10 pm to 6 am is viewed as essential for minimizing parking abuses while providing enforcement steps that facilitate shortened parking enforcement return times. Alternative maximum time limits during the day could be considered and still be effective but are typically less time efficient for enforcement resources.