

Coastal Development Permit Application Beach Boulevard – West Side 175 ft North of Atlanta Avenue to 150 ft before Sunrise Drive

Time Limit Parking Restriction

The City of Huntington Beach is seeking a permit to manage on-street parking on the west side of Beach Boulevard beginning 175 feet South of Atlanta Avenue extending South to 150 feet before Sunrise Drive for a distance of approximately 895 feet. The existing area has been experiencing increased long-term use by campers and other vehicles impacting the availability of the parking for the public to use this free public parking resource for coastal access use. The long-term parking use is also impacting neighboring properties with increased littering and other refuse. The area is within 2,200 feet away from the Beach areas. By imposing time limit parking restrictions, the City believes we can retain the free public parking while effectively managing any long-term use of the parking. To accomplish this goal, the City proposes to impose the following time limit parking restrictions through the appropriate posting of parking signs on the streets:

2 hr parking 6 am to 10 pm 1 hr parking 10 pm to 6 am Daily

It is anticipated that a total of 6 signs will be installed on existing streetlight poles. The City of Huntington Beach will provide enforcement of the proposed restrictions through our existing Parking Enforcement staff within the Police Department.

Alternatives:

Parking Meters – The City considered the installation of parking meters within the area. However, this was viewed as a less desirable alternative requiring substantially more infrastructure investment in parking meters; likelihood that parking use would substantially drop in the zone; and likely increase in public parking for coastal use within nearby residential tracts and the associated with potential for other impacts.

Parking Prohibitions – Full parking prohibition was considered. Nearby replacement parking (1 for 1) would be required under current Coastal Act and Local Coastal Plan requirements. No suitable replacement parking could be identified making this alternative infeasible.

Alternative Time Limits – Staff evaluated a range of parking time limit restrictions to help address the issue while retaining viability for the public to use these valuable coastal resource parking spaces. Shorter time limits during the day would make enforcement marginally easier but might prove too restrictive for many people wishing to visit the coastal resource. Longer limits begin to get more difficult for enforcement as longer times require multiple visits and vehicle tracking. It is believed that there is less demand for longer reasonable parking periods after 10 pm and the shorter duration of 1 hour allows parking enforcement to be more efficient.