



City of Huntington Beach

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MEETING DATE: 6/15/2020

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Oliver Chi, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Tom Herbel, PE, Acting Director of Public Works

Subject:

Adopt Resolution No. 2020-18 establishing Permit Parking District "Z" affecting residents along the Heil Avenue frontage road between Goldenwest Street and Sabot Lane, and Sabot Lane between Heil Avenue and Sunlight Drive

Statement of Issue:

Residents along the Heil Avenue frontage road between Goldenwest Street and Sabot Lane, along with Sabot Lane between Heil Avenue and Sunlight Drive, have petitioned the City to establish a residential permit parking district, Permit Parking District "Z", in Huntington Beach.

Financial Impact:

The regulations of Huntington Beach Municipal Code Chapter 10.42 (Permit Parking Districts) require that the residents choosing to participate in a residential permit parking district pay a proportionate share of the cost to establish or amend the district, making the district cost neutral to the City. Typical costs include, but are not limited to, fabrication and installation of signs, curb markings, which are initially funded in the General Fund Signs and Marking business unit 10085302, and staff time to issue permits, which are funded in the General Fund Transportation Management business unit 10085301. The total cost for this parking district is estimated at \$825, or \$55 per address.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 2020-18, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Establishing Permit Parking District 'Z' Within the City of Huntington Beach."

Alternative Action(s):

Do not adopt Resolution No. 2020-18, and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

Residents along the Heil Avenue frontage road between Goldenwest Street and Sabot Lane, as well as Sabot Lane between Heil Avenue and Sunlight Drive, have petitioned the City requesting a permit parking district be created, due to commuter vehicle parking impacts and related issues. The neighborhood is located on the north side of Heil Avenue between Goldenwest Street and Gothard

Street, as shown in Attachment #2.

Including the commuter vehicle parking impacts, residents expressed their concerns with associated issues of late-night noise, littering, parking too close to driveways, and finding curbside areas to place trash bins on the street on collection day. The requested permit parking restrictions are 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day, including holidays.

Following procedures in Municipal Code Chapter 10.42 Permit Parking Districts, staff validated the petition, determined the concerns of the residents merit further consideration, and considered the proposed area to be reasonable.

Staff prepared and mailed letters to the affected properties explaining the permit parking district requirements, boundaries, and included ballots for voting on the permit parking district proposal. As stated in Chapter 10.42, a minimum of 75% of the property units must vote in favor of the parking district to move the request forward for further consideration. The voting results met the minimum criteria initiating the evaluation of the conditions on the requested permit parking area.

Following the procedures outlined in Chapter 10.42, staff investigated the conditions to examine the parking conditions and related concerns. Field observations and discussions with the residents demonstrated that the street experiences recurring parking impacts from commuter vehicles, with the most significant impacts occurring on the weekend. Although noise and trash bin moving issues were not observed by staff, these concerns were mentioned by several of the residents as frequent commuter vehicle parking related issues. Due to these conditions, staff determined that the unrestricted parking creates situations where the commuter vehicle parking regularly interferes with residents and their guest parking, and creates other concerns for the residents.

Prior to the original date when the City Council was set to consider the permit parking district request, notifications were sent to the surrounding area. As a result of these notifications, several residents on nearby streets expressed interest in being included in the permit parking district, and one resident communicated changing their original vote. In response to these comments, staff re-balloted the area, which included the Heil Avenue frontage road, Sabot Lane, and Sunlight Drive. The results showed the Heil Avenue frontage road between Goldenwest Street and Sabot Lane, and Sabot Lane between Heil Avenue and Sunlight Drive, both met the voting requirement to request establishing permit parking on those streets.

Based on the voting results, field surveys, and discussions with residents, staff believes findings can be made demonstrating that commuter vehicle parking unreasonably and regularly interferes with the use of available on-street parking for residents and guests, and causes other related disturbances. These findings are consistent with requirements of the Municipal Code as a basis for establishing permit parking.

The number of affected addresses that would comprise the permit parking district is 15 addresses, as shown in Attachment #3. Notices were sent to the affected properties, as well as properties within 500 feet of the proposed district boundaries, indicating the date and time of the City Council meeting.

Public Works Commission Action:

None required.

Environmental Status:

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and maintain infrastructure.

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 2020-18, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Establishing Permit Parking District 'Z' Within the City of Huntington Beach"
2. Vicinity Map
3. Parking District Z Map
4. Staff Evaluation