



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PUBLIC WORKS

File #: 19-684

Board Meeting Date: 7/9/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works
Subject: Countywide Residential Permit Parking Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

Introduction of an ordinance adding Section 7.34.030 to the San Mateo County Ordinance Code regulating residential permit parking and tow-away zones, and waive the reading of the ordinance in its entirety.

BACKGROUND:

Your Board has adopted similar ordinances designating parking restrictions.

Sections 22503 and 22507 et seq. of the California Vehicle Code and Sections 7.24 through 7.52 of the County Ordinance Code allows the Board of Supervisors to establish parking zones that prohibit or restrict the stopping, parking, or standing of vehicles.

Furthermore, Section 22507 et seq. of the California Vehicle Code specifically allows the Board of Supervisors to designate certain streets upon which parking privileges are provided to residents adjacent to the designated streets. A permit(s) may be issued to residents to allow residents and their guests preferential parking on the designated streets.

Parking on residential streets has become increasingly difficult for residents of some neighborhoods. Several factors have contributed to the lack of parking including multi-family residences; residents with commercial company cars; self-employed residents with commercial vehicles; spill-over parking from commercial businesses, and auto shops leaving vehicles on street for storage.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Public Works (Department) received several inquiries about the development or existence of a Residential Permit Parking Program to address specific local parking challenges. The

County Manager's Office has reached out to the Department and have requested the Department develop a program for a Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP). This memo recommends adopting a new ordinance to allow the establishment of a Countywide Residential Permit Parking Program.

The RPPP would restrict on-street parking during specific hours to residents with a parking permit. The Department reviewed more than 20 RPPP programs and developed a policy document upon consideration of best practices elsewhere and elements considered to be appropriate within the County's jurisdiction. The Program is described in Appendix A, attached hereto.

Staff has presented the North Fair Oaks Community Council with an outline of the program's elements and discussed enforcement with the Sheriff's Office; both are in support of the program.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the ordinance as to form.

Approval of this action contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Livable Community by allowing residents, business owners, and schools to help shape the neighborhood traffic controls in a way that best fits their collective needs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of implementing residential permit parking restrictions will depend largely on the number of neighborhoods that participate in the program.

Permit parking fees will partially offset the cost of program implementation and management. For a 1,000 foot length of street comprised of 20 parcels, one year's worth of program fees could be expected to fund roughly 40 percent of the regulatory sign installations. There would be no additional cost offset for the ongoing management of the program.

Presuming that the Sheriff's Office enforces the parking restrictions by reallocating its current resources, the sign costs would be funded through the FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget. There is no further impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Proposed Countywide Residential Parking Permit Program