

# **Ordinance Fact Sheet**

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE:

June 20, 2016

FROM:

**CITY ATTORNEY** 

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10:40 BY ADDING SECTION 10:40:035 TO ALLOW FOR THE IMMOBILIZATION OF PARKED CARS: AMENDING CHAPTER 10 SECTION 10.44.010 BY ADDING SUBSECTION "D" TO ALLOW FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITION: AND AMENDING CHAPTER 10.45, SECTION 10.45,100 TO CHANGE THE METER RATE IN THE OLD PASADENA PARKING METER ZONE

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#### **PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:**

The California Vehicle Code Section 22651.7 authorizes City parking enforcement staff to utilize an immobilization device in lieu of towing and impounding of vehicle with five or more delinquent parking violations. These immobilization devices are referred to as "boots." The booting approach would add a less impactful but effective method for the City to collect overdue parking fines. On April 18, 2016 the City Council directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to amend Chapter 10.40 of the Pasadena Municipal Code to allow for the immobilization (booting) of parked vehicles that have five or more delinquent parking violations.

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A ban on overnight parking on City streets has been in effect for many years. This ban however has a negative effect on certain businesses that are open to the public early in the morning and do not have off street parking. On March 14, 2016, the City Council directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to amend Chapter 10 to provide an exemption from the overnight parking prohibition for businesses with early morning hours in business districts.

In the Old Pasadena Parking Meter Zone, lower parking meter rates were established in the outer portions of the zone. The City Council previously approved raising the parking meter rate to the same level throughout the Zone, to \$1.25 per hour.

#### **REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:**

Parking regulations are codified within Title 10 of the Pasadena Municipal Code and an ordinance is required to amend Title 10.

### PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Parking Division of the Department of Transportation will have primary responsibility for enforcement utilizing the immobilization process (booting).

The Department of Transportation will work with the Public Works Department and the Police Department to determine if an exemption to the overnight parking prohibition will be approved.

The Department of Transportation will implement the change in the parking meter rate in the Old Pasadena Meter Zone.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The cost of the immobilization program (booting) will be offset by the collection of the Boot Fee. Staff time is already incorporated in the parking enforcement budget.

The cost of the administration of the exemption to the overnight parking prohibition will be recovered through the fees charged through the application process and fees charged for signage. Costs for street sweeping of the portion of street exempted from the overnight parking prohibition would vary, but is thought to be minimal.

The cost associated with changing the parking meter rate in the Old Pasadena Parking Meter Zone will be offset by the increased revenue.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

This ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Respectfully submitted,

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