

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** FEBRUARY 2, 1998

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Amendment of Pasadena Municipal Code Section 10.44.010 to allow the issuance of guest parking permits.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Section 10.44.010 of the Pasadena Municipal Code to allow the issuance of guest parking permits.

BACKGROUND:

The Pasadena Municipal Code Section 10.44.010 states that it is unlawful for the owner or driver of any vehicle to park on any street or alley in the City between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. without a permit. The purpose for the ordinance is two-fold: (1) security is enhanced and (2) sweeping of public streets is more efficiently and effectively conducted. Currently, annual permits can only be purchased by residents with vehicles registered to their address in the City of Pasadena provided the following conditions are met: (1) all vehicles are currently registered and drivable; (2) there is insufficient off-street parking for all vehicles registered to the applicant either at the residence or within 600 feet of the applicant's residence - paid or free; (3) less than 2 permits have been issued to the applicant; and (4) there are no outstanding citations issued to any vehicle registered at the residence.

Although annual permits can only be purchased for vehicles belonging to residents, 30-day permits can be purchased for visitors or residents with a temporary need for on-street parking. Renewal of temporary permits for an additional 30 days requires an investigation and approval of the Director of Public Works and Transportation and generally will not exceed a 120-day period.

Residents and visitors finding a need to park on-street less than five times during a six-month period can request an exemption from the ordinance by calling the Public Works and Transportation Department. Their vehicle information is then reported to Parking Enforcement staff who will not cite the exempted vehicle.

In May 1997, it was brought to staff's attention that the City's policy of issuing annual permits only to residents, limiting temporary permits to 30 days and limiting the number of exemptions for visitors to five times during a six-month period is a problem for some frequent visitors. Staff

has received numerous requests for additional exemptions from individuals. Additionally, approximately 20 applications have been received from those who are frequent visitors of Pasadena residents and would like a permit. In their applications, these individuals explain that they are caretakers of family members and friends, frequent visitors of friends or family or living with a Pasadena resident for a period of time in excess of 30 days and do not qualify for a temporary permit.

Staff recommends that City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Pasadena Municipal Code to allow for issuance of an annual guest parking permit to the head of household for Pasadena residents when a resident provides verification of residence and pays a required fee. Residents will then store their guest permits in their homes, give the permit to their guest to be used while parking on-street and retrieve the permit when the guest departs from their home. The preferential parking program uses this approach and has successfully been in operation for four years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

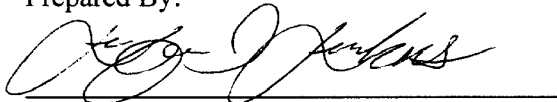
The current cost of annual and temporary permits has been set to pay for administrative fees, investigations and materials needed to provide permits. The fee for non-resident guest permits will be established at a value of 150 percent of the cost for residential vehicle permits. Therefore, staff does not foresee a revenue impact for issuance of guest permits to qualified residents.

Respectfully Submitted,



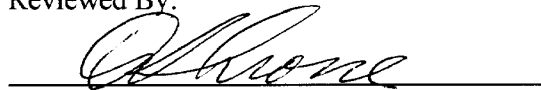
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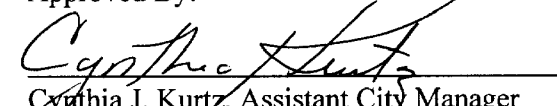
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