

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: December 8, 2014

To: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk , Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager
Department of Transportation

Subject: **ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 156 FOR THE EDGEWATER TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD OF SILVER LAKE**

RECOMMENDATION

1. FIND that the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 156, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (L.A.M.C.) Section 80.58.d, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. FIND that an adverse parking impact on Deane Street from Glendale Boulevard to Edgewater Terrace, Edgewater Terrace from Silver Lake Boulevard to the dead end south of Deane Street (2 blocks); Silver Lake Boulevard from Glendale Boulevard to Armstrong Avenue (2 blocks) caused by the visitors to and employees of the businesses on Glendale Boulevard from which the residents deserve immediate relief.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION establishing Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 156 pursuant to Section 80.58.d of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 156 will include both sides of the residential portions of the street segments listed in Recommendation No. 2, above.
4. AUTHORIZE use of "NO PARKING, 11 PM – 6 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 156 PERMITS EXEMPT" as the parking restriction for use on the residential portions of all streets in Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 156.
5. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 156, as specified in Section 80.58 of the LAMC.
6. DIRECT the LADOT to post the authorized parking restrictions on both sides of the residential portions of Deane Street from Glendale Boulevard to Edgewater Terrace, Edgewater Terrace from Silver Lake Boulevard to the dead end south of Deane Street (2 blocks), except for areas where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or public safety.
7. DIRECT the LADOT to post or remove the authorized parking restrictions on both sides of the residential portions of additional streets within this district upon receipt and verification of

petitions requesting the installation or removal of the approved parking restrictions on a street segment and containing signatures from residents that represent at least 67 percent of the dwelling units on the street segment, upon City Council action establishing the district.

DISCUSSION

In July 2008, the LADOT received a Letter of Interest to establish a Preferential Parking District for five residential streets near Glendale Boulevard in the Silver Lake area of Council District (CD) 13. However, the request was only for five blocks and efforts to obtain a sixth block were unsuccessful. The request remained dormant for some years. On November 18, 2013, the LADOT received a letter from Councilmember O'Farrell requesting establishment of this Temporary PPD because the neighborhood was experiencing parking problems due to patrons of nearby bars who urinate in yards and driveways. Residents also report side-view mirrors on vehicles have been knocked off of their vehicles. In order to provide relief to these residents, the Councilmember has requested that the streets listed in Recommendation No. 2 be posted with prohibiting parking between 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM except by permit.

The residents of Deane Street between Glendale Boulevard and Edgewater Terrace, and the residents of Edgewater Terrace between Silver Lake Boulevard and the dead end south of Deane Street submitted valid petitions to LADOT requesting "No Parking 11 PM to 6 AM, District No. 156 Permits Exempt" be posted. Upon adoption of the Resolution establishing this District, the LADOT will post signs on those blocks.

Background

The City Council has the authority, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d, to establish Temporary PPDs by resolution "to provide relief for residents who suffer an excessive parking impact ... as the result of any conditions which impact fewer than six blocks and which, in the judgment of the Councilmember of the district and after consultation with the parking administrator, deserve immediate relief until a permanent solution can be found". Temporary PPDs are limited in duration to a maximum of 12 months from the date of approval of the resolution. Temporary districts may be renewed on an annual basis by resolution until either a permanent solution is found or the problem ceases to exist.

In light of changes to the CEQA Guidelines, which became effective March 18, 2010, parking is subject to a Class 1 Categorical Exemption. Because parking is currently allowed in the area and the fact that this establishment "involves negligible or no expansion to existing use", the establishment of the district falls within the Class 1 Categorical exemption of section 15301(c) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines and of the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III, 1.a.3.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the additional cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing Temporary PPD No. 156. Additionally, violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in fines deposited to the General Fund.

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COORDINATION

On November 18, 2013, the Department received letters from Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, CD 13, requesting the establishment of Temporary PPD No. 156 and asking that a "No Parking, 11 PM to 6 AM; District No. 156 Permits Exempt" parking restriction be authorized for posting in this district to address the non-resident late night visitors to the restaurants and bars on Glendale Boulevard. The Councilmember and his staff, in consultation with the LADOT, have concluded that a Temporary PPD is the best solution available at this time to provide immediate relief to the residents of Temporary PPD No. 156.

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Attachments

Resolution

Map

Letter from Councilmember O'Farrell