

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT, and RESOLUTION relative to the establishment of Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 326 in the Runyon Canyon Neighborhood of Council District Four.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that:
  - a. The establishment of PPD No. 326, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.58.d, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under Article 111.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
  - b. The parking challenges created by non-residents, who park to hike the Canyon and others trying to avoid adjacent Parking Permit Districts, are causing adverse parking impacts on the adjacent residential blocks around the Runyon Canyon neighborhood from which the residents deserve immediate relief.
2. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION establishing the boundaries of PPD No. 326, pursuant to the City Council's November 6, 2018 "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts", to include both sides of the following streets (unless specified otherwise):
  - a. Fareholm Drive between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Orange Grove Avenue (4 segments)
  - b. Fareholm Court between Fareholm Drive and the cul de sac
  - c. Floral Avenue between Fareholm Drive and the cul de sac
  - d. Granito Drive between Orange Grove Avenue and 7846 Granito Drive (2 segments)
  - e. Binkley Drive between Granito Drive and the cul de sac
  - f. Nichols Canyon Road between Hollywood Boulevard and 1875 Nichols Canyon Road (3 segments)
  - g. Courtney Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Nichols Canyon Road (3 segments)
  - h. Courtney Terrace between Courtney Avenue and the cul de sac
  - i. Stanley Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and the cul de sac

- j. Curson Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Wattles Drive (4 segments)
  - k. Wattles Drive between the 1900 block of Wattles Drive and Curson Avenue (2 segments)
  - l. Curson Place between Curson Avenue (south intersection) and Curson Avenue (north intersection)
  - m. Curson Terrace between Curson Avenue and the cul de sac
  - n. North side of Hollywood Boulevard between Curson Avenue and Laurel Canyon Boulevard (9 segments)
  - o. Ogden Drive between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
  - p. Hillside Avenue between the cul de sac west of Fairfax Avenue and Ogden Drive (4 segments)
  - q. Orange Grove Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Fareholm Drive (2 segments)
  - r. Fairfax Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Hillside Avenue
  - s. Fairfax Avenue between Hillside Avenue and Fareholm Drive
  - t. Hiller Place between Hollywood Boulevard and Hemet Place
  - u. Hemet Place between the cul de sac east of Hiller Place and Fareholm Drive (2 segments)
  - v. Laurel Canyon Boulevard between Hollywood Boulevard and Fareholm Drive
3. AUTHORIZE the following parking restrictions for use on the residential portions of all streets in PPD No. 326:
- a. 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
  - b. NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
  - c. NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
  - d. NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT

- e. NO PARKING 10 PM TO 6 AM; 4 HOUR PARKING 6 AM TO 10 PM; VEHICLE WITH DISTRICT NO. 326 PERMITS EXEMPT
- 4. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within PPD No. 326, as specified in LAMC Section 80.58.
- 5. DIRECT the LADOT to:
  - a. Post or remove the authorized parking restrictions on the residential portions of the street segments enumerated in Recommendation No. 2, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited in the interest of traffic flow or public safety.
  - b. Post or remove the authorized parking restrictions upon receipt and validation of petitions containing signatures from at least 75 percent of the dwelling units covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a street segment requesting installation or removal of the parking restrictions set forth in Recommendation No. 3, after establishment of this PPD, without further action by the City Council.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Transportation Commissioners (Board) reports that revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing PPD No. 326. Violations of the posted restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On January 17, 2024, your Committee considered a January 14, 2024 Board report and Resolution relative to the establishment of PPD No. 326. The Preferential Parking Program is set forth in LAMC Section 80.58. It provides for the establishment of a PPD by Resolution of the City Council, upon recommendation by LADOT, and authorizes the LADOT to promulgate rules and procedures to implement the City's Preferential Parking Program, which must be approved by the City Council. The establishment of a PPD is initiated by a request from a representative of the affected neighborhood group or by the area's Councilmember. However, the area must meet the criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" adopted by the City Council before establishment or expansion may be allowed. The "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" approved by the City Council on November 6, 2018 allows the LADOT to recommend a PPD provided all the following conditions are met:

- a) Submittal and verification of petitions requesting such action signed by the residents living in at least 75 percent of the dwelling units, comprising more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a minimum of six blocks.

- b) Determination by LADOT that at least 85 percent of the legal on-street parking spaces are occupied on a minimum of four blocks.
- c) The Board of Transportation Commissioners conducts a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the preliminary findings and recommendation of LADOT.

Residents of the area designated as a PPD may purchase special parking permits. Vehicles bearing such permits are exempt from the preferential parking restrictions posted within the district for which the permit was issued. The exemption only applies to the preferential parking regulations on those signs, not to regulations of a general nature that may have been installed for traffic movement or street cleaning purposes.

Parking is currently allowed in this area, and the establishment of this PPD involves negligible or no expansion to existing use; therefore, the establishment of this PPD falls within the Class 1 categorical exemption of section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article 111.1.a.3.

On January 31, 2022, LADOT received the attached letter from Councilmember Nithya Raman requesting permit parking for neighborhoods near Runyon Canyon in CD 4. The letter indicated that parking challenges were caused by non-residents hiking Runyon Canyon and using the neighborhood to avoid the restrictions of the adjacent PPD leaving few spaces for residents. Councilmember Raman, LADOT, and the residents of the neighborhood believe the establishment of PPD No. 326 will address ongoing and increasing parking concerns in the area. The residents provided signed petitions from the blocks listed below. A block is defined as a street segment between two intersecting streets. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Recommendations contained in the Board report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Transportation Committee

**COUNCILMEMBER VOTE**

HUTT: YES

PARK: YES

HERNANDEZ: YES

RAMAN: YES

YAROSLAVSKY: ABSENT

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