




**City Council Meeting**  
Item No. 10 – 23-145  
Discussion and Follow Up on a Written Petition (Council Policy 030) Submitted by Kirk Vartan Related to Permit Parking Zones  
April 18, 2023

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**Agenda**

- Background – October 11, 2022 Written Petition
- Two types of Parking Zones
- Two types of Permit Parking Programs
- Permit Parking & Covid-19
- Return of Permit Parking Enforcement
- Alternatives
- Recommendation

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## Background

- 10/11/22: City receives Written Petition from Mr. Kirk Vartan regarding “*the new parking permit ordinance and rules.*”
- 11/01/22: Council discusses petition and directs staff to return at a future Council meeting
- 01/10/23: Staff provides informational report to Council related to the existing parking zones from the petition.

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## Two Types of Parking Zones

- Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering create/modify parking zones in the City
- **Two** main types of Parking Zones:
  1. Time-Limited & Restricted Parking Zones
  2. Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP) Zones
- Both zones are implemented based on resident/property owner request and have differing outreach processes

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## Time-Limited & Restricted Parking Zones

- Time-Limited:
  - 1-hour, 2-hour, during specific times of the day and week
- Restricted Permit Parking Zones
  - White, yellow, green, blue, and red curb zones
- Outreach to directly adjacent properties.
- Neighborhood vote not required



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## Residential Permit Parking Program Zones

- 2003 – Council approves Ordinance 10.40 creating Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP)
- Establish zones in residential neighborhoods where street parking is allowed “*by permit only*”
- Guidelines to establish RPPP zones (6 steps)
 

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|----------------------------------|--|
| 1) property owner RPPP request   | 4) permit parking needs analysis       |
| 2) initial City coordination     | 5) final property owner ballot         |
| 3) initial property owner ballot | 6) City Council final review/approval. |



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## Two Types of Permit Parking Programs

- Police Department administers permit parking in Santa Clara
- Two types of permit parking (correlate to parking zones):
  1. Preferential On-Street Parking Permits
  2. Residential Parking Permits
- To simplify public information and outreach both programs were combined under the title "*Residential Permit Parking*"

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## Preferential On-Street Parking Permits

- August 1990 - Council adopts Resolution 5544 authorizing the Police Department to issue parking permits to residents who reside on Preferential Parking Streets
- Preferential Parking Streets – time limited parking zones on residential streets
- Permits allow residents to park outside of specified time allotments on these streets

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## Residential Parking Permits

- 2003 – Council approves Ordinance 10.40 creating Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP)
- If RPPP zone is established, Police can issue parking permits to residents to park in RPPP zones

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## Permit Parking Programs & Covid-19 Pandemic

- During Covid-19 Pandemic, Police Department enforcement of Permit parking programs was dormant
- Oct thru Dec 2022 – Police Department begins outreach regarding return of permit parking enforcement on January 1, 2023
- Outreach tools - City publications, Police Department website, Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, Nixle, Twitter, A-frame signs messages on the affected streets

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## **Return of Permit Parking Program**

- Return on January 1, 2023
- New third-party parking permit vendor providing:
  - virtual, contactless application
  - Payment and permit management
  - 24 hours/day & 365 days a year
- Vehicles license plates registered with parking permit system replaces parking stickers/hang tags.

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## **Alternatives**

1. Note and file the staff report.
2. Provide other direction to staff.

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## Recommendation

1. Note and file the staff report.



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