



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2025

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: STEPHEN BISE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

PREPARED BY: MICHAEL PLOTNIK, CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER

SUBJECT: SOUTH EDGAR AVENUE EARLY MORNING PARKING RESTRICTION

SUMMARY

Consideration of a Transportation and Circulation Commission (TCC) recommendation to rescind the overnight parking restriction exemption on South Edgar Avenue.

PROPOSED MOTION

Approve request to rescind overnight parking restriction exemption and reinstate overnight parking restriction on both sides of South Edgar Avenue from Sudene Avenue south to terminus.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Reject the Proposed Motion
- Other options brought by City Council

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

None.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Year 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes costs associated with sign removal and maintenance including staff time, as well as various requests recommended by the TCC within the Public Works operating budget.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Staff received a petition from Mr. Vathana Tea, the property owner at 205 South Edgar Avenue, requesting that the exemption from the 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. parking prohibition on both sides of South Edgar Avenue be rescinded.

On December 16, 1980, Council adopted Resolution No. 6733 which declared that both sides of South Edgar Avenue from Sudene Avenue south to terminus were to be exempt from the overnight parking restriction.

The residents along South Edgar Avenue are now requesting that the overnight parking restriction be reinstated by rescinding the exemption. Residents have voiced their concerns to staff regarding vehicles from residents, non-residents, and/or guests not residing on South Edgar Avenue being parked and unattended for multiple days, and also vehicles from residents, non-residents, and/or guests not residing on South Edgar Avenue being parking (for the night) and then the driver of that parked vehicle being picked up by another vehicle in order to avoid getting cited due to not have an early morning parking permit.

South Edgar Avenue is a 30-foot wide, north/south residential street with a prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour. On-street parking is permitted on both sides of the street and also currently includes an overnight (2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.) parking permitted along both sides of the street. No other streets along Sudene Avenue between Raymond Avenue to Harrington Drive have overnight parking to be permitted, which makes South Edgar Avenue especially attractive for those without an early morning parking permit who are looking for a place to park their vehicle overnight without risk of receiving a citation.

South Edgar Avenue is comprised of single-family residential properties with two-car garages and standard driveways. Upon researching the accident history at this location it was indicated that there were no reported accidents along South Edgar Avenue or at the intersection of Sudene Avenue and South Edgar Avenue within the past twelve months.

Staff explained to the applicant, Mr. Tea, that if the overnight parking restriction exemption were to be rescinded that the same residents would have to then apply for an Early Morning Parking Permit. Staff also explained that this parking permit is a pilot program which is set to end on December 31, 2025, unless Council decides to extend or make the program permanent. Staff further explained that if the pilot program were to end, most likely the residents would not qualify for an overnight parking restriction exemption in the future. Mr. Tea insisted that staff move forward with the request and acknowledged that him and his neighbors were aware of the consequences and understood the risks.

Section 8.44.080 of the Fullerton Municipal Code, which provides for overnight parking exceptions, states that with a majority of property owners on both sides of the street in-favor, “exemptions may be granted for an area having an off-street parking deficiency.” The same policy applies to rescinding an exemption after it has been in place for a minimum of twelve months. The map is shown in Exhibit “B” (Attachment 2).

Based on majority support to rescind the exemption from the adjacent residents, staff supports this request.

TCC considered this item at the October 6, 2025 meeting and voted unanimously to concur with the City Traffic Engineer’s recommendation and recommends for City Council to rescind the exemption from both sides of South Edgar Avenue from Sudene Avenue south to terminus.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – PowerPoint Presentation
- Attachment 2 – TCC Agenda Report

cc: Interim City Manager Eddie Manfro