



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JULY 20, 2021

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: STEVE DANLEY, ACTING CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: EARLY MORNING PARKING RESTRICTIONS REPEAL-
FERN DRIVE

SUMMARY

Consideration of a public request to repeal the 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. "Early Morning Parking" restriction on the south side of Fern Drive between Casa Blanca Drive and Barris Drive.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2021-XX.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING THE "EARLY MORNING PARKING" RESTRICTION ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FERN DRIVE BETWEEN CASA BLANCA DRIVE AND BARRIS DRIVE

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement/s:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimal costs associated with the installation of necessary signage.

DISCUSSION

Staff received a petition from property owners in the 700 and 800 block of Fern Drive requesting an exemption from the 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Early Morning Parking restriction on the south side of Fern Drive between Casa Blanca Drive and Barris Drive.

The residents requested the exemption due to limited on-site parking to accommodate larger families.

Fullerton Municipal Code Section 8.44.080 provides for early morning parking exemptions, providing a majority (51%) of the property owners on both sides of the street support an exemption and the City considers the area off-street parking deficient. In this case, 100% of the property owners on the south side of the street and 77% of the property owners on the north side of the street signed a petition in support of the exemption.

Fern Drive is an east / west residential collector street with a prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour. This segment of roadway has a curb-to-curb street width of 36 feet with one lane of traffic in each direction. The city permits on-street parking on both sides of the street and prohibits early morning parking between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on both sides of the street.

Single-family homes with two-car garages and standard-to-long driveways comprise the north side of the street, sufficient for off-street parking needs and would not qualify as parking deficient. Single-family homes comprise the south side of the street as well. However, off-street parking on the south side is only available from the alley at the rear. Parking in the alley consists primarily of smaller two-car garages or parking setbacks and no available driveway parking. The width of the alley makes utilizing the garages to park two cars difficult when trying to pull in or back out. Staff considers the south side parking deficient by today's zoning requirement of a two-car garage for a single-family parcel. Many families in this area have stated that they have more than two drivers at home with no availability to park on-site.

Based on the significant majority support from both the north and south sides of the street and City Council's authority to grant a select street exemption of its own option under Fullerton Municipal Code Section 8.44.080, staff found cause to proceed with a recommendation.

The property owners on the opposite side of the alley, fronting Barris Drive to the south, requested and received an exemption on May 15, 2018, citing the same off-street parking deficiencies and difficulties associated with parking off the alley.

The City notified all property owners by mail of the City Council meeting. At the time of this report, staff had received no opposition to this proposal. The applicant has paid the non-refundable \$523 fee to process this request .

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Resolution No. 2021-XX
- Attachment 2 – Fullerton Municipal Code Section 8.44.080