



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: RESCIND EARLY MORNING PARKING FULLERTON - WHITING AVENUE AND MALDEN AVENUE

SUMMARY

Consideration of a staff recommendation to repeal the 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. "Early Morning Parking" restriction on both sides of Whiting Avenue, between Malden Avenue and Harbor Boulevard and both sides of Malden Avenue between Wilshire Avenue and Whiting Avenue.

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 BOTH SIDES OF WHITING AVENUE BETWEEN MALDEN AVENUE AND HARBOR BOULEVARD AND ON BOTH SIDES OF MALDEN AVENUE BETWEEN WILSHIRE AVENUE AND WHITING AVENUE

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement/s:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

Installation of necessary signage incurs minimal cost.

DISCUSSION

On October 18, 2016, City Council directed staff to investigate and implement feasible measures that may increase on-street parking availability between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. within certain neighborhoods where the Early Morning Parking restriction has created a hardship for residents. Since that time, City Council has approved the exemption of over twenty additional segments of street from the Early Morning Parking prohibition. This request continues that effort, addressing two more streets where City Council, the Police Department and Public Works staff continue to receive complaints. These complaints increased with the recent introduction of additional enforcement of the Early Morning Parking restriction and time restricted parking within the adjacent public lots.

This staff request is unique in that a great majority of residents within the immediate area reside in the multi-family Wilshire Promenade Development at 141 West Wilshire Avenue or the Wilshire Court Development at 201 West Wilshire Avenue, which comply with off-street parking as defined by Fullerton Municipal Code zoning requirements. However, several older and smaller multi-family and single-family homes, within the same area, have no off-street parking and are parking deficient. Attachment 1 shows support by petition for the exemption.

Parking District #1 encompasses all of the aforementioned parking deficient properties, which since the inception of the Parking District, qualify for Downtown parking permits. These permits allow a resident to park in any Downtown Parking District lot without limit to the various posted time restrictions, provided the permit holder parks within a “yellow” marked parking stall designated as permit parking. Residents encounter challenges with only a few available yellow spaces, as well as many if not all white parking spaces, routinely occupied by patrons of the local Downtown businesses. This is especially true in the evening and weekends. The City prohibits on-street parking on both Wilshire Avenue and Malden Avenue, as well as within the adjacent public parking lots, between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., compounding the parking deficiency. The nearby lots also convert to paid parking on Thursday through Sunday. This leads residents to risk citation or park blocks away from their homes.

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 favor an exemption and the City considers the area off-street parking deficient. Although residents did not submit a petition, staff found significant cause to proceed with a recommendation, with consideration given to City Council’s authority to grant a select street exemption of its own option under Fullerton Municipal Code Section 8.44.080. The Police Department’s Traffic Bureau also supports this staff recommendation.

Staff proposes the following streets for exemption, shown in the map included as an exhibit to the draft resolution:

- Whiting Avenue, between Malden Avenue and Harbor Boulevard: this is a 40-foot wide east / west collector street with a prima facie speed limit of 25-miles per hour and one lane of travel in each direction. Office and retail properties, a single-family home and Bank of America comprise the north side of Whiting Avenue. A large

multi-family property, two older and smaller multi-family properties and Farmers & Merchants Bank comprise the south side of the street.

- Malden Avenue, between Wilshire Avenue and Whiting Avenue: this is a 40-foot wide north/south collector street with a prima facie speed limit of 25-miles per hour and one lane of travel in each direction. A larger multi-family property and two single-family properties comprise the west side of Malden Avenue. A large multi-family development entirely comprises the east side of the street.

The City permits on-street parking on both sides of both streets except for various segments of red curb, the Early Morning Parking restriction between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., a small segment of 20-minute parking and a small segment of 2-hour parking. This request would not affect the time restricted parking.

If approved, this proposal would provide Early Morning Parking relief for approximately 33 vehicles on Whiting Avenue and 18 vehicles on Malden Avenue. Staff believes that the combined 51 spaces would provide the needed relief for the residents as requested, indirectly freeing up public parking in the lots previously used by residents.

Staff notified all property owners were notified by mail of this City Council meeting. At the time of this report, staff had not received recorded opposition and the applicant had paid the \$523 non-refundable fee to process the request.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Resolution No. 2021-XX
- Attachment 2: Existing Parking Restrictions
- Attachment 3: Fullerton Municipal Code 8.44.080