

July 17, 2017

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Ordinance related to a residential parking zone; repealing Ordinance Nos. 6026, 6104, and 6267; establishing Residential Permit Parking Zone 2; and delegating authority to the City Manager or designee to establish time-limited parking or time of day restrictions for vehicles without a Zone 2 permit on an as needed basis on various streets surrounding Interlake High School.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated cost includes the installation and maintenance of 10 signs costing approximately \$1,500. In addition, the cost for decals and guest permits is approximately \$100, bringing the total cost to \$1,600 for expansion of the zone. Sufficient funding exists in the Transportation Department Operating Budget to complete implementation of this parking zone.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Policy TR-149 of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan states that the City will “Minimize spillover parking into residential neighborhoods through residential parking zones and other measures.” Residential Parking Zone restrictions exist around every high school in Bellevue to address spillover student parking into adjacent neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND

Over the past 26 years, Transportation has been working with residents living near Interlake High School to address student parking through implementation of a Residential Permit Parking Zone (RPZ). Since then, the zone has been revised a number of times to include “No Parking 7am to 4pm, Except Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday, Except by Zone 2 Permit” on a number of streets surrounding the High School. Residents and their guests receive parking permits that exempt them from these parking restrictions.

Due to an increase in Interlake High School student population, the zone was expanded in 2012 to address spillover parking just south of the school, in 2013 to address spillover parking east of the school, and in 2016 to address spillover parking north of the school. Since these modifications, spillover parking has relocated to another street north of the school and we have heard from residents who feel the zone needs to be extended once again. Transportation polled 14 area households asking if they would support expanding the RPZ along 161st Ave NE between NE 24th St and NE 26th St. Of the 11 respondents, all 11 supported expanding the zone and implementing “No Parking 7am to 4pm, Except Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday, Except by Zone 2 Permit” parking restrictions, which is greater than the 65 percent support required.

Council approval of extending the existing boundaries would immediately create additional parking restrictions on the streets listed in the Ordinance.

In addition, the Ordinance approves a larger RPZ area should the need to establish additional parking restrictions and where existing guidelines and community support are met. This will expedite the installation of parking signs and issuance of permits that exempt residents and their guests from the parking restrictions. Seeking Council approval before concerns occur allows staff to be more responsive and expeditious in responding to spillover parking concerns when they do actually occur. The streets in the larger RPZ area are within approximately ¼ mile of Interlake High School and the streets most likely to experience spillover parking. Staff would continue to monitor neighborhood streets to determine if spillover parking is occurring. If so, community outreach would be conducted to ensure the residents support potential parking restrictions and requirements are met. If supported, the parking restrictions would be signed and thus become enforceable. As with any other zoned parking area in the City, residents and their guests receive free parking permits that exempt them from the parking restrictions. Enforcement occurs on a complaint basis or at an officer's discretion.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Ordinance becomes effective on August 19, 2017.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the Ordinance related to a residential parking zone; repealing Ordinance Nos. 6026, 6104, and 6267; establishing Residential Permit Parking Zone 2; and delegating authority to the City Manager or designee to establish time-limited parking or time of day restrictions for vehicles without a Zone 2 permit on an as needed basis on various streets surrounding Interlake High School.
2. Do not approve the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to approve Ordinance No. 6357 related to a residential parking zone; repealing Ordinance Nos. 6026, 6104, and 6267; establishing Residential Permit Parking Zone 2; and delegating authority to the City Manager or designee to establish time-limited parking or time of day restrictions for vehicles without a Zone 2 permit on an as needed basis on various streets surrounding Interlake High School.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Vicinity Map

Proposed Ordinance No. 6357

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N/A