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AGENDA



Thursday, May 24, 2007

Public Hearings and Possible Actions **Item No. 62**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance authorizing the addition of new neighborhoods to the Restricted Parking Area Map in accordance with Section 12-5-29 of the City Code.

For More Information: Mark Walters, 974-7695; Sylvia Arzola, 974-6448

Prior Council Action: 8/29/02 - The City Council approved an ordinance establishing restrictions on parking in the front or side yard of a residential property and created a civil penalty for violations to these parking restrictions. The ordinance applied to those neighborhood associations identified in the Restricted parking Area Map (Ordinance 020829-58).

7/17/03 - The City Council approved an ordinance amending the Restricted Parking Area map and created criteria for the application form filed by neighborhood associations requesting that the parking restrictions apply to their area (Ordinance 030717-131).

3/25/04 - The City Council approved an ordinance pertaining to adopted neighborhood planning areas and the front yard parking restrictions (Ordinance 040325-Z-I).

10/27/05 - The City Council approved an ordinance that simplified the front yard parking restrictions to state that a person may not park a motor vehicle in the front yard or side yard of a residential property, except in a driveway or paved parking space depicted on an approved site plan (Ordinance 051027-010).

The restrictions on parking in the front or side yard of residential properties were established in August 2002 and have been amended several times to add new neighborhoods. The parking restrictions prohibit a person from parking a motor vehicle in the front or side yard of a residential property except in a driveway or a paved parking space depicted on an approved plan. This ordinance applies only in those areas as shown on the Restricted Parking Area Map.

There are two ways a neighborhood association may request that these parking restrictions apply to their area: (1) during the neighborhood planning process; or; (2) submit an application during the open filing period in February.

The following neighborhood organizations have requested that the restrictions on parking in the front or side yard of a residential property apply to their respective area:

Gracywoods Neighborhood Association
Legend Oaks Owners Association
Balcones Village/Spicewood Homeowners Association Castlewood-Oak Valley Neighborhood Association
Summit Oaks Neighborhood Association
Cherry Creek on Brodie Lane Neighborhood Association
St. John Neighborhood Association
North Acres Homeowners Association
North Austin Civic Association
Deer Park at Maple Run Owners Association
River Oaks Neighborhood Association

Westview Canyon Home Owners Association
Walnut Crossing Neighborhood Association
Balcones Woods Neighborhood Association
Rosedale Neighborhood Association

These groups have filed an application and satisfactorily met the notice and voting requirements as established by Ordinance 030717-131.

The Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department (NPZD) recommends that the Restricted Parking Area Map be amended to include the above mentioned neighborhood associations.