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AGENDA



Thursday, May 15, 2008

Public Hearings and Possible Actions **Item No. 29**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance authorizing the addition of new neighborhoods to the Restricted Parking Area Map (Front and Side Yard Parking) in accordance with Section 12-5-29 of the City Code

For More Information: Kathleen Fox, 974-7877; Sylvia Arzola, 974-6448.

Boards and Commission Action: (Recommended by Planning Commission.)

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).

01/31/08 - The City Council deleted April as the required time that they would consider these restricted parking area map applications and instead permitted these requests to be reviewed on an annual basis. They also allowed planning area contact teams to submit an application (Ordinance 20080131-133.) The Restricted Parking Area Map applications received in 2007 and 2008 have been combined into one case for Council's consideration.

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 submitted applications in 2007 and 2008 requesting that the restrictions on parking in the front or side yard of a residential property apply to their respective areas:

Allandale Neighborhood Association
Balcones Village/Spicewood Homeowners Association Castlewood-Oak Valley Neighborhood Association
Central Austin Combined Neighborhoods

Cherry Creek on Brodie Lane Neighborhood Association
Courtyard Homeowners Association Inc.
Deer Park at Maple Run Owners Association
Gracywoods Neighborhood Association
Heritage Hills/Woodbridge Neighborhood Association
Legend Oaks Owners Association
North Acres Homeowners Association
North Park Estates Neighborhood Association
North University Neighborhood Association
Northwood Neighborhood Association
River Oaks Neighborhood Association
Rosedale Neighborhood Association
South Boggy Creek Neighborhood Association
Spicewood at Bullcreek Homeowners Association
St. John Neighborhood Association
Summit Oaks II Neighborhood Association
Tanglewood Forest Neighborhood Association
Walnut Crossing Neighborhood Association
Westview Canyon Home Owners 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.