

AGENDA



Thursday, April 30, 2009

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Item No. 36

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20020829-58 authorizing the addition of new neighborhoods to the Restricted Parking Area Map in accordance with Section 12-5-29 of the City Code. (Suggested date and time: May 21, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

For More Information: Maureen Meredith, 974-2695; Sylvia Arzola, 974-6448

Prior Council Action: August 29, 2002 - 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).

July 17, 2003 - 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).

March 25, 2004 - The City Council approved an ordinance pertaining to adopted neighborhood planning areas and the front yard parking restrictions (Ordinance 040325-Z-I).

October 27, 2005 - 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).

January 31, 2008 - The City Council deleted April as the required time that they would review 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 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 February 2009 requesting that the restrictions on parking in the front or side yard of a residential property apply to their respective areas:

Los Arboles Homeowners' Association
 Great Hills Homeowners' Association Sections IX and X
 Cat Mountain Homeowners' Association

Los Cielos Homeowners' Association Inc.
Berdoll/Meadows at Berdoll Community
North Acres Homeowners' 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.