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IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE: T-3

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIR AVENUE PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT AND RELATED PERMIT FEE AND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 15.64 (PREFERENTIAL PARKING) (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to establish, by ordinance, a preferential parking district on Fir Avenue in the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone. The parking restrictions are intended to alleviate increased street parking from multi-unit dwellings.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Find that the proposed ordinance is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

2. Introduce, waive reading, and place the ordinance on the subsequent agenda for adoption.

3. Approve the ordinance amending Los Angeles County Code Title 15: Vehicles and Traffic, to add Sections 15.64.1100, 15.64.1101, 15.64.1102, 15.64.1103, and 15.64.1104 which establish the Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District in the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone and imposes a preferential permit fee in the amount of $120 per household.

4. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to issue parking permits, post, and maintain permit parking signs for the Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District at the time the recommended ordinance becomes effective.

5. Request the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to enforce the preferential parking district restrictions when effective.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to alleviate increased street parking in the area stemming from single-family residences that were recently converted to multi-unit dwellings. A petition was submitted to the Department of Public Works signed by 100 percent of the residents living within the boundaries of the proposed ordinance requesting the establishment of a preferential parking district. This number of signatures exceeds the threshold required under Section 15.64.610 of the County Code.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Adoption of this preferential parking district will enhance the quality of life in the affected community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. Parking permits will be issued to each household in the District upon payment of a $120 permit fee. The revenue from the fee will be placed in the Preferential Parking District Fund (CM9). The permit must be renewed every 3 years, and the fees will be sufficient to cover all County costs associated with the adoption and administration of the District.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Vehicle Code Section 22507 authorizes local authorities, by ordinance or resolution, to designate certain streets upon which preferential parking privileges may be given to residents and merchants adjacent to such streets for their use and the use of their guests. These residents may be issued a permit or permits which exempt them from the prohibition or restriction of such ordinance or resolution.

The attached ordinance adds Sections 1100, 1001, 1102, 1103, and 1104 to Title 15.64, and prohibits the parking of vehicles on the streets within the District, unless the vehicle displays a parking permit. Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, a public hearing must be held by the local authority prior to the adoption of a new fee or increase of existing fees and a notice of public hearing shall be published pursuant to Government Code 6062a. In addition, a notice will be mailed to the affected residents on Fir Avenue with this information.

The analysis of this ordinance approved by County Counsel is attached.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed ordinance establishing the District is categorically exempt under Class I-(x)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board. This exemption includes establishing limitations on the use of County highways.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Implementation of the preferential parking district is intended to be revenue neutral.

CONCLUSION

Please return two copies of the adopted ordinance and two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,

for William H. Hizley

DEAN D. EFSTATHIOU
Acting Director of Public Works

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel (Adrienne Byers)
Sheriff's Department (Century Station)

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Part 5 of Chapter 15.64 of Title 15 - Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code to establish the Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District. The ordinance provides that a preferential parking permit may be issued to each dwelling unit within the District upon the payment of a $120 permit fee every three years.

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By
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Principal Deputy County Counsel
Public Works Division

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07/30/08 (requested)

08/15/08 (revised)

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 15 - Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code to establish the Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15.64.1100 is hereby added to read as follows:

15.64.1100 Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District -- Purpose.

The purpose of the Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District is to reduce noise, litter, blockage of residential driveways, and to equitably allocate parking for residents living within the boundaries of the District.

SECTION 2. Section 15.64.1101 is hereby added to read as follows:

15.64.1101 Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District -- Boundary description.

The following area shall be designated the Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District: Both sides of the Fir Avenue cul-de-sac (North) from Fir Avenue to the easterly terminus of the Fir Avenue cul-de-sac (North).

SECTION 3. Section 15.64.1102 is hereby added to read as follows:

15.64.1102 Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District -- Parking restrictions.

Parking without a resident permit is prohibited in the Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District as follows: Days and hours -- Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, including holidays.

SECTION 4. Section 15.64.1103 is hereby added to read as follows:

15.64.1103 Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District -- Permit types.

The following types of permits will be issued in the Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District: Each dwelling unit may receive one hanger resident permit renewable once every three years. Each dwelling unit within the Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District may receive visitor permits by contacting the Department of Public Works or the Century Sheriff's Station. Visitor permits shall be valid for one day only and on the date specified on the permit.

SECTION 5. Section 15.64.1104 is hereby added to read as follows:

15.64.1104 Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District -- Fees.

The resident permit specified in Section 15.64.1103 shall be issued to any dwelling unit within the Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District upon payment of a fee of $120 per dwelling unit for each three-year renewal period. There will be no charge for visitor permits.

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INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

TO: Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

FROM: Department of Public Works
Traffic and Lighting Division

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE FOR
FIR AVENUE PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT

California Vehicle Code Section 22507 authorizes local authorities, by ordinance or resolution, to designate certain streets upon which preferential parking privileges may be given to residents adjacent to such streets for their use and the use of their guests. Such residents may be issued a permit or permits that exempt them from the prohibition or restriction of such ordinance or resolution. Government Code Section 66018 requires a public hearing prior to the adoption of an ordinance that would approve a new fee. The Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors is requested to give notice of the public hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 6062a. Attached is a notice of the public hearing to be published for 10 days in newspapers at least 10 days prior to the September 23, 2008, public hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact James Chon of Traffic and Lighting Division, Traffic Investigations Section, at (626) 300-4708.

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Attach.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE
FIR AVENUE PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors regarding the Fir Avenue Preferential Parking District (District). The District establishes permit parking for the unincorporated County of Los Angeles area on the both sides of the Fir Avenue cul-de-sac (North) from Fir Avenue to the easterly terminus of the Fir Avenue cul-de-sac (North) to discourage spillover parking from single-family residences that have been converted to multi-unit dwellings and a church. Parking without a permit is proposed to be prohibited at all times. The County proposes to charge a permit fee to cover the County's costs of issuing parking permits, fabrication, and installation of permit parking signs, and administration of the District for a 3-year period. The proposed fee is $120 per household within the District to be renewed every 3 years.

Said hearing will be held on September 23, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue), Room 381, Los Angeles, California 90012. The Board of Supervisors will consider and may adopt the fee schedule. Further, notice is given that the Board of Supervisors may continue this hearing from time to time. Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors at the above address. If you do not understand this notice or need more information, please call James Chon at (626) 300-4708.

Upon 72 hours notice, the Department can provide program information and publications in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities. In addition, program documents are available at our main office in Alhambra (900 South Fremont Avenue), which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations ONLY, or for more Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) information, please contact our Department ADA Coordinator at (626) 458-4081 or TDD (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Si no entiende esta noticia o necesita mas informacion, favor de llamar Alan Nino al numero (626) 300-4780.

Con 72 horas de aviso, el Departamento puede proveerle información y publicaciones del programa en formatos alternativos o hacer acomodaciones para incapacitados. Además, documentos del programa están disponibles en nuestra oficina principal en la ciudad de Alhambra (900 South Fremont Avenue), la cual es accesible para individuos con incapacidades. Para solicitar acomodaciones SOLAMENTE, o para mas información sobre la Ley Para Personas con Discapacidades (ADA) póngase en contacto con nuestro coordinador de ADA del Departamento al (626) 458-4081 o TDD (626) 282-7829, de Lunes a Jueves de las 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.