



**Date:** September 6, 2016

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District *SP*  
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**Subject:** Parking in Coastal Communities

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**INTRODUCTION:**

With summertime upon us and recreational activities along our coastline at an all-time high, coastal community residents frequently contact City Council offices regarding a lack of available on street parking due to the influx of visitors. The peak parking periods tend to be weekends and holidays, particularly in the summer months. Beyond the impact on the parking supply surrounding our coastline, residents state that late night visitors leaving restaurants and bars within the coastal zone and parking in their neighborhood affect the quiet enjoyment of their properties by increasing noise, traffic, safety concerns, and property damage. We understand that the California Coastal Commission has major concerns with any parking programs that would impact the supply of visitor parking and overall beach access. However, in the past cities such as Seal Beach<sup>1</sup> have implemented time restricted parking within the coastal zones and cities such as Santa Monica<sup>2</sup> and Santa Cruz<sup>3</sup> have adopted parking districts within the coastal zone that prohibit parking by non-residents. The possibility of permitted parking districts, during evening hours specifically seems possible because beach access is treated as a daytime issue and night permits would not impact this. This type of parking restriction could be helpful to address residential parking concerns as well as quality of life issues raised by residents near business districts and entertainment venues.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council is requesting that the City Manager report back within 60 days researching how other cities with similar environments address coastal parking challenges as well as reviewed the feasibility of residential parking permit programs to address the problem of non-residents parking in residential neighborhoods near our coastline.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no immediate financial impact as a result of the recommended action.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.sealbeachca.gov/Departments/Finance/Parking-Permits>  
<sup>2</sup> <http://gismap.santa-monica.org/GISMaps/pdf/prefpark.pdf>  
<sup>3</sup> <http://cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=8432>