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June 10, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to declare ordinance amending Section 10.22.120 of the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to temporary parking restrictions read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to your request on March 6, 2007, this ordinance has been prepared and is submitted for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By

Amy R. Burton
Deputy City Attorney



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Date: March 6, 2007

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Mayor and Councilmember, First District *BL*
Suja Lowenthal, Councilmember, Second District *SL*

Subject: **Sufficient Information on Street and Parking Signs**

Many neighborhoods in the City of Long Beach are parking and traffic impacted. Any parking spaces or public right of ways that are taken from residents and businesses for temporary projects should contain sufficient information on the temporary signs to allow individuals to understand the project and contact the lead agency.

When sufficient information is placed on signs regarding the type of project, duration of the project, lead agency, contact name and contact number, individuals affected by the removal of parking spaces or public right of ways have an opportunity to better understand the benefits arising from the inconvenience, have an outlet to voice their concern, and make suggestions regarding reducing the impact of the inconvenience.

Recommendation:

Request that the City Attorney draft an ordinance requiring temporary signs affecting public parking spaces and right of ways to include information regarding the purpose of the project, duration of the project, lead agency, contact name and contact number.

REDLINED VERSION

10.22.120 Temporary parking restrictions.

A. Any other limitation on, or regulation concerning, parking contained in this title to the contrary notwithstanding, no operator of any vehicle shall park or stand the same on any portion of any street, during the period commencing with the time indicated on signs containing the words "NO PARKING" which signs have been placed on such portion pursuant to the provisions of this section, and ending with the authorized removal of such signs. The eChief of pPolice and City tTraffic eEngineer, or their designees, are authorized and directed to place and erect temporarily, or cause to be so placed and erected, such signs on any such portion of any street when, and for so long as, the use of such portion is necessary for repair, construction, the installation of underground utilities, or where the use of the street, or any portion thereof, has lawfully been authorized for a purpose other than the normal flow of traffic, or for the movement of equipment, articles or structures of unusual size. Such signs shall not be placed, however, unless the parking of a vehicle on such portion would prohibit or interfere with such use or movement. Any vehicle parking in violation of this section may be removed, as provided in Section 10.22.010.C, if such signs have been erected or placed at such portion of such street at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such removal.

B. Such signs shall be posted at the beginning and end of such portion of such street where parking is to be restricted and every 40 feet therein. Such signs shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: the date(s) and time(s) parking will be restricted in the area, the city department authorizing the parking restrictions, the name and phone number of the individual to contact with questions or concerns, the internet

1 address, if applicable, of the city department or company performing the
2 work or using the portion of the street where parking is restricted, and a
3 description of the project or other use for which parking is restricted. Such
4 signs shall be affixed to sign poles, saw horses, traffic control barrels,
5 telephone poles, or light poles using tape, twine, or rope. Such signs shall
6 not be affixed to any of the foregoing objects with nails and shall not be
7 affixed to trees. Such signs shall be erected or placed as indicated herein
8 no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time parking will first be
9 restricted on such street.

10 BC. The provisions of this section prohibiting or restricting the
11 parking of vehicles shall be inapplicable to any portion of a street
12 constituting a portion of a state highway six months after receipt by the
13 council of written notice from the department of public works of the state of
14 the withdrawal by the department of its approval or such prohibition or
15 restriction as to any such portion of a state highway.
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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH
MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 10.22.120,
RELATING TO TEMPORARY PARKING RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, many neighborhoods in the City of Long Beach are parking
and traffic impacted; and

WHEREAS, to the extent any parking spaces or public rights-of-way are
removed from the use of residents and businesses for temporary projects, the
temporary "no parking" signs should contain sufficient information to allow individuals to
understand the project and contact the lead agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains
as follows:

Section 1. Section 10.22.120 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is
amended to read as follows:

10.22.120 Temporary parking restrictions.

A. Any other limitation on, or regulation concerning, parking
contained in this title to the contrary notwithstanding, no operator of any
vehicle shall park or stand the same on any portion of any street, during the
period commencing with the time indicated on signs containing the words
"NO PARKING" which signs have been placed on such portion pursuant to
the provisions of this section, and ending with the authorized removal of
such signs. The Chief of Police and Traffic Engineer, or their designees,
are authorized and directed to place and erect temporarily, or cause to be
so placed and erected, such signs on any such portion of any street when,

1 and for so long as, the use of such portion is necessary for repair,
2 construction, the installation of underground utilities, or where the use of the
3 street, or any portion thereof, has lawfully been authorized for a purpose
4 other than the normal flow of traffic, or for the movement of equipment,
5 articles or structures of unusual size. Such signs shall not be placed,
6 however, unless the parking of a vehicle on such portion would prohibit or
7 interfere with such use or movement. Any vehicle parking in violation of this
8 section may be removed, as provided in Section 10.22.010.C, if such signs
9 have been erected or placed at such portion of such street at least twenty-
10 four (24) hours prior to such removal.

11 B. Such signs shall be posted at the beginning and end of such
12 portion of such street where parking is to be restricted and every 40 feet
13 therein. Such signs shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:
14 the date(s) and time(s) parking will be restricted in the area, the city
15 department authorizing the parking restrictions, the name and phone
16 number of the individual to contact with questions or concerns, the internet
17 address, if applicable, of the city department or company performing the
18 work or using the portion of the street where parking is restricted, and a
19 description of the project or other use for which parking is restricted. Such
20 signs shall be affixed to sign poles, saw horses, traffic control barrels,
21 telephone poles, or light poles using tape, twine or rope. Such signs shall
22 not be affixed to any of the foregoing objects with nails and shall not be
23 affixed to trees. Such signs shall be erected or placed as indicated herein
24 no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time parking will first be
25 restricted on such street.

26 C. The provisions of this section prohibiting or restricting the
27 parking of vehicles shall be inapplicable to any portion of a street
28 constituting a portion of a state highway six months after receipt by the

1 council of written notice from the department of public works of the state of
2 the withdrawal by the department of its approval or such prohibition or
3 restriction as to any such portion of a state highway.
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5 Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by
6 the City Council and cause it to be posted in three conspicuous places in the City of Long
7 Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first day after it is approved by the Mayor.
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9 I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City
10 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2008, by the
11 following vote:

12 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____
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16 Noes: Councilmembers: _____
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19 Absent: Councilmembers: _____
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22 City Clerk

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24 Approved: _____
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26 Mayor
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