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Date: October 15, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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From: Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce, Second District Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, Fifth District Sm.

Subject: Driveway Parking Permit

RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Manager to work with appropriate staff and report back to City Council in 60 days on the potential of drafting an ordinance allowing for driveway parking permits Citywide.

INTRODUCTION:

Parking in Long Beach can be a difficult issue. There are historic neighborhoods with limited parking, there are areas where residences are next to business corridors leading to parking impacts for residents and businesses, and there are parts of the City where there is simply less space available for parking than the number of cars trying to park there. The City has undergone studies and added parking throughout the various neighborhoods to try and improve this situation, but more continues to need to be done.

One way of better managing our available street parking would be to allow a resident to park on the street in front of their own driveway. If residents were allowed to apply for a permit to parallel park at the curb in front of their own driveway, this could create additional spaces and relieve some parking issues in many of our Long Beach neighborhoods.

Currently, the City allows residents to apply for a permit and park blocking their own driveway only in designated parking impacted neighborhoods. However, this permit process could be a benefit to neighborhoods throughout the City that are not already designated as parking impacted, but may still have issues related to available street parking.

Moving forward with allowing Long Beach residents to park in front of their own driveway in order to create additional parking spaces could be a significant help for residents struggling daily with parking impacts.



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This matter has been reviewed by Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon on May 14, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This recommendation requests the City Manager to work with appropriate staff and report back to City Council in 60 days on the potential of drafting an ordinance allowing for driveway parking permits citywide. The implementation of this recommendation is expected to have a minimal impact on staff time and a minimal impact on existing City priorities.