

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the establishment of Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 317 in the North Hills East area.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that:
 - a. The adjacent nursing and rehabilitation facility and nearby auto mechanic shops are having an adverse impact on the availability of on-street parking on the adjacent residential blocks from which the residents deserve immediate relief.
 - b. The establishment of PPD No. 317, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.58.d, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying Resolution establishing the boundaries of PPD No. 317, pursuant to the City Council's November 6, 2018, "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts," to include all blocks within the residential area bounded by the blocks indicated below:
 - a. Both sides of Lassen Street between Orion Avenue and Columbus Avenue
 - b. Columbus Avenue between Plummer Street and the cul de sac north of Plummer Street
 - c. Both sides of Plummer Street between Columbus Avenue and Orion Avenue
 - d. Both sides of Orion Avenue between Plummer Street and Superior Street
 - e. Superior Street between Orion Avenue and the dead end west of Orion Avenue
 - f. Both sides of Orion Avenue between Superior Street and Lassen Street
3. AUTHORIZE the following parking restrictions for use on the residential portions of all blocks in PPD No. 317:
 - a. NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM, 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 317 PERMITS EXEMPT

- b. NO PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 317 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - c. 2 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 6 PM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 317 PERMITS EXEMPT
 - d. NO PARKING 6 PM TO 8 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 317 PERMITS EXEMPT
- 4. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within PPD No. 317, as specified in LAMC Section 80.58.
- 5. DIRECT the LADOT to:
 - a. Post or remove the authorized parking restrictions on the residential portions of all blocks within the block segments enumerated in Recommendation No. 3, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited in the interest of traffic flow or public safety.
 - b. Post or remove the authorized parking restrictions upon receipt and validation of petitions containing signatures from at least 75 percent of the dwelling units, covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a street segment requesting installation or removal of the parking restrictions set forth in Recommendation No. 4, without further action by the City Council.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Transportation Commissioners (Board) reports that Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing PPD No. 317. Violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in citation fines deposited into the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On September 21, 2021, your Committee considered an August 12, 2021 Board report and Resolution relative to the establishment of PPD No. 317 in the North Hills East area. According to the Board, the PPD Program is set forth in LAMC Section 80.58 and it provides for the establishment of a PPD by Resolution of the City Council, upon recommendation by LADOT, and authorizes the LADOT to promulgate rules and procedures to implement the City's PPD Program, which must be approved by the City Council. A request from a representative of the affected neighborhood group or by the area's Councilmember initiates the establishment of a PPD. However, the area must meet the criteria set forth in the "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" adopted by the City Council before establishment or expansion may be allowed.

The "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" approved by Council on November 6, 2018, allows LADOT to recommend a PPD provided all the following conditions are met:

- a) Submittal and verification of petitions requesting such action signed by the residents of at least 75 percent of the dwelling units, covering more than 50 percent of the developed frontage on a minimum of six blocks.
- b) Occupancy of at least 85 percent of the legal on-street parking spaces on a minimum of four blocks as determined by LADOT.
- c) Board of Transportation Commissioners conducts a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the preliminary findings and recommendations of LADOT.

Residents of the area designated as a PPD may purchase special parking permits. Vehicles bearing such permits are exempt from the preferential parking restrictions posted within the district for which the permit was issued. The exemption only applies to the preferential parking regulations on those signs, not to regulations of a general nature installed for traffic movement or street cleaning purposes. Parking is currently allowed in the area, and the establishment of this PPD involves negligible or no expansion to existing use; therefore, the establishment of this PPD falls within the Class 1 Categorical exemption of Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III.1.a.3.

On January 23, 2019, LADOT staff met with CD 7 staff and residents of this North Hills East neighborhood in CD 7 to discuss the parking issues affecting the area. The residents sought relief and a solution to the lack of available parking on their blocks due to the employees of the Country Villa Sheraton Nursing and Rehabilitation facility who park their vehicles in the neighborhood. Also, employees of the nearby auto repair shops store vehicles in the neighborhood. On September 26, 2019, LADOT received the attached letter from Councilmember Monica Rodriguez requesting the establishment of PPD No. 317. Councilmember Rodriguez, LADOT, and the residents of this North Hills East community believe the establishment of PPD No. 317 will provide parking relief to the residents of the area. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the Board report, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee



COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

KORETZ: YES

BUSCAINO: YES

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