

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: January 4, 2017

To: The Honorable City Council, City of Los Angeles  
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall  
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds,  General Manager  
Department of Transportation

Subject: **AMENDMENT TO BOUNDARIES OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 550 IN ST. ANDREWS SQUARE IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 (COUNCIL FILE 14-0577)**

**SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recommends the amendment to the boundaries of Overnight Parking District (OPD) No. 550 for St. Andrews Square in Council District 4.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. FIND that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) should have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of the authorized overnight parking restriction in OPD No. 550, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement, since the reported problems involve criminal activity.
2. FIND that the amendment of this OPD is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class I Categorical Exemption under III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines.
3. FIND that based on testimony presented by residents of St. Andrews Square at a meeting held by Council District 4, the streets proposed for inclusion within the amended boundaries of OPD No. 550 are experiencing on-going crime problems associated with parked vehicles which have created a public nuisance.
4. ADOPT the attached Resolution amending the boundaries of OPD No. 550, pursuant to Section 80.54 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), to include both sides of the following street segment in Council District 4.
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue
5. AUTHORIZE permit sales to all residents of OPD No. 550 where posted signs allow parking by permit.
6. AUTHORIZE posting or removal of "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM; District No. 550 Permits Exempt" parking restriction on all residential street segments within OPD No. 550 where parking is not already prohibited in the interest of safety or traffic flow, upon receiving a written request from the Councilmember for the affected street segment in the OPD.

7. INSTRUCT the LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures to prepare, issue, and collect payments for Overnight Parking Permits from the residents of OPD No. 550 in accordance with Section 80.54 of the LAMC, and to issue permits subject to the following permit limits:
  - a. Maximum of three Resident Permits per dwelling unit at \$15 each per year
  - b. Maximum of two Visitor Permits per dwelling unit at \$10 each per four months
  - c. Maximum of 25 Guest Permits per dwelling unit per day at \$1 each per day
  - d. Sales of Guest Permits in excess of 25 per dwelling unit per day require written approval of the Council Office.
  
8. DIRECT the LADOT to post or remove the authorized OPD No. 550 parking restrictions for any of the street segments within OPD No. 550 in accordance with the criteria set forth in the above recommendations, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or safety, upon written instructions from the council office representing the specific street segment requesting the posting or removal of such signs following City Council action establishing the District.

## DISCUSSION

On June 6, 2014, the City Council authorized an Overnight Parking District No. 550 for the residents of St. Andrews Square. On August 12, 2016, Fourth District Councilmember David Ryu sent the attached letter to LADOT, on behalf of the residents, requesting that LADOT proceed with the amendment of the boundaries of OPD No. 550 to include the following additional street segments:

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue

The letter further requested to post "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM, District No. 550 Permits Exempt" parking restrictions only as directed in writing by the Fourth District Council Office, following City Council adoption of the Resolution amending the boundaries.

On August 16, 2016, a meeting was held with staff from Council District 4 and concerned residents of the affected area. The problems contained within the original boundaries have spread which necessitates the addition of these two street segments primarily comprised of single-family residential dwelling units. The council district staff reports that the residents of these street segments, adjacent to OPD No. 550, are experiencing the same type of public nuisance problems that the residents of St. Andrew's Square were experiencing prior to the establishment of the OPD. Councilmember Ryu and his staff have consulted with LADOT regarding the parking problem in this neighborhood, and the Councilmember believes that an amendment to the boundaries of OPD No. 502, allowing it to be more inclusive to all residents of the neighborhood, is an appropriate solution to the parking problem at this time.

On July 20, 2016, Captain Timothy T. Nordquist, Area Commanding Officer of LAPD's Olympic Patrol Division, requested in an attached letter that the district be expanded to deal with the prostitution activity, lewd acts, abandoned vehicles parked for long period of times, excessive trash, and other related crimes in the area. Additionally, the LAPD indicated the implementation of the restriction would help enable LAPD to enforce parking-related criminal activity. He did not indicate that residents should be precluded from purchasing permits.

Requiring unarmed LADOT traffic officers to enforce a parking restriction between 2 AM and 6 AM in order to deter criminal activity would likely subject the traffic officers to additional confrontations and possible assault. Therefore, LADOT recommends that LAPD have the primary responsibility for enforcement of the authorized overnight parking restriction in the proposed OPD, with support from LADOT Parking Enforcement.

The City Council has authority under LAMC Section 80.54(b) to "establish by resolution, Overnight Parking Districts with appropriate boundaries and authorize parking restrictions to be in effect on the streets thereof between 2 AM and 6 AM. The resolution ...shall state the maximum number and type of Overnight Parking Permits that may be issued to any one dwelling. The resolution shall also establish the fee charged for each type of Overnight Parking Permit." The City Council also has the authority by the LAMC Section 80.54.(c)., "to authorize, by resolution, the Department of Transportation to issue permits for an Overnight Parking District if such proposed district is a residential area lacking adequate off-street parking facilities."

#### Environmental Review

LADOT has conducted an analysis and investigation of the proposed parking district and has concluded that, under the State CEQA guidelines, the changes are subject to a Class I Categorical Exemption under § 15301 of the guidelines because changes in parking restrictions for this district are operational and will not expand the existing use of the streets or change parking demand. Furthermore, displacement of other vehicles is expected to be minimal.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

OPDs with permits for residents and their guests are a special service for which the City is entitled to fully recover all associated costs for the administration, posting, maintaining, and enforcing through the permit fees charged. If vehicles park in violation of the posted signs, they may be cited with resultant fines to be deposited in the General Fund.

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#### Attachments

- Resolution
- Councilmember's Letter
- LAPD Letter
- Map of OPD No. 550

## RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 550 FOR ST. ANDREWS SQUARE AREA IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a Resolution (Council File 14-0577) on June 6, 2014, establishing Overnight Parking District (OPD) No. 550 for the residents of St. Andrews Square, and

WHEREAS, Councilmember David Ryu of the Fourth District sent a letter to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) on August 12, 2016, requesting that the Department prepare the necessary documents to amend the boundaries of OPD No. 550 to include both sides of the following additional blocks, except where indicated otherwise, and to provide relief to the resident of these adjacent street segments from the spillover of parking problems that followed the initial implementation of OPD 550:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue

WHEREAS, at a August 16, 2016, meeting with residents of the St. Andrews Square Area and staff from the Fourth District Council Office and LADOT, the residents requested "No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM; Except by Permit" parking restrictions be expanded by posting on 1st Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue to address the chronic problems associated with lewd acts, excessive trash, and abandoned vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council, by Ordinance No. 176,861, effective September 14, 2005, provided for the establishment of OPDs by Resolution of the City Council in each case, under Section 80.54 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC); and

WHEREAS, establishment of this OPD is subject to a Class 1 Categorical Exemption of section 15301(c) of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and of the 2002 City CEQA Guidelines, Article III. 1.a.3, because parking in the area is currently allowed and this establishment "involves negligible or no expansion to existing use"; and

WHEREAS the Councilmember's letter requested that both street segments within the boundaries of OPD 550 be posted, upon Adoption by this Resolution, by City Council, "No Parking, 2 AM and 6 AM, District No. 550 Permits Exempt" to enable residents of the area to park overnight; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, pursuant to LAMC, Section 80.54, hereby amends the boundaries of OPD No. 550 to include both sides of the following street segments, unless indicated otherwise:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of OPD No. 550 through adoption of this Resolution,

the LADOT shall be authorized to and directed to post signs with a restriction of “NO PARKING, 2 AM TO 6 AM NIGHTLY; DISTRICT NO. 550 PERMITS EXEMPT” on the residential portions of the following streets:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of further instruction from the council office representing the specific street segment to be posted or to have signs removed that LADOT is hereby authorized and directed to install or remove “NO PARKING, 2 AM TO 6 AM NIGHTLY; DISTRICT 550 PERMITS EXEMPT” signs throughout OPD No. 550, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of OPD No. 550 remain unchanged.



DAVID E. RYU  
COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

August 12, 2016

Ms. Seleta J. Reynolds  
General Manager  
Department of Transportation  
100 South Main Street, 10th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Expansion of Overnight Parking District No. 550

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

My office has received complaints regarding lewd acts, excessive trash, and abandoned vehicles on these streets bordering Overnight Parking District No. 550. Neighbors have sent in a petition asking that West 1st Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue and West 2nd Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue be covered under the existing Overnight Parking District and for signs to be posted. In addition, LAPD has written a letter of support stating that lewd acts, excessive trash, and abandoned vehicles are a problem for this area and that the posting of these signs will give LAPD the necessary tools to combat criminal activity.

I request that "No Parking from 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M, Permits Exempt" Overnight Parking District restriction be expanded on West 1st Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue and West 2nd Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue. If you have any questions please contact Daniel Park of my staff at 323-957-6415.

Thank you for your attention to this public safety concern in my district.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu  
Councilmember, Fourth District

Cc: Felix Valde, LADOT Permit Parking Division, MS 73505

# LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT



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**ERIC GARCETTI**  
Mayor

July 20, 2016

Ms. Seleta J. Reynolds  
General Manager  
Department of Transportation  
100 South Main Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

The Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Olympic Area is requesting "No Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.; Permits Exempt" parking restrictions be implemented in the area of West 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Wilton Drive to Van Ness Avenue. This area would be an expansion of OPD 550. It is requested that permits be issued by the Department of Transportation allowing residents to park within the area bound by Beverly and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, and Western Avenue to Ridgewood Place/Wilton Drive/ Wilton Place except where parking or stopping is already prohibited.

The LAPD has received numerous complaints from community members who are upset about prostitution activity and lewd acts, abandoned vehicles being parked for long period of times, excessive trash, and other related crimes in the area bound by Beverly Blvd to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Western to Ridgewood Place/Wilton Drive/Wilton Place.

Prostitutes working on Western Avenue, frequently use this area as a location to conduct their lewd and illegal activity. These activities also commonly result in inappropriate and unsanitary evidence of these crimes being left on sidewalks and streets. Posting the requested signs will enable the LAPD to enforce and parking related criminal activity, which will improve the quality of life for the residents in this area.

Should you have any questions, or concerns, related to this request, please contact Senior Lead Officer Joseph Pelayo, Olympic Area Senior Lead Office, at (213) 793-0709.

Very truly yours,

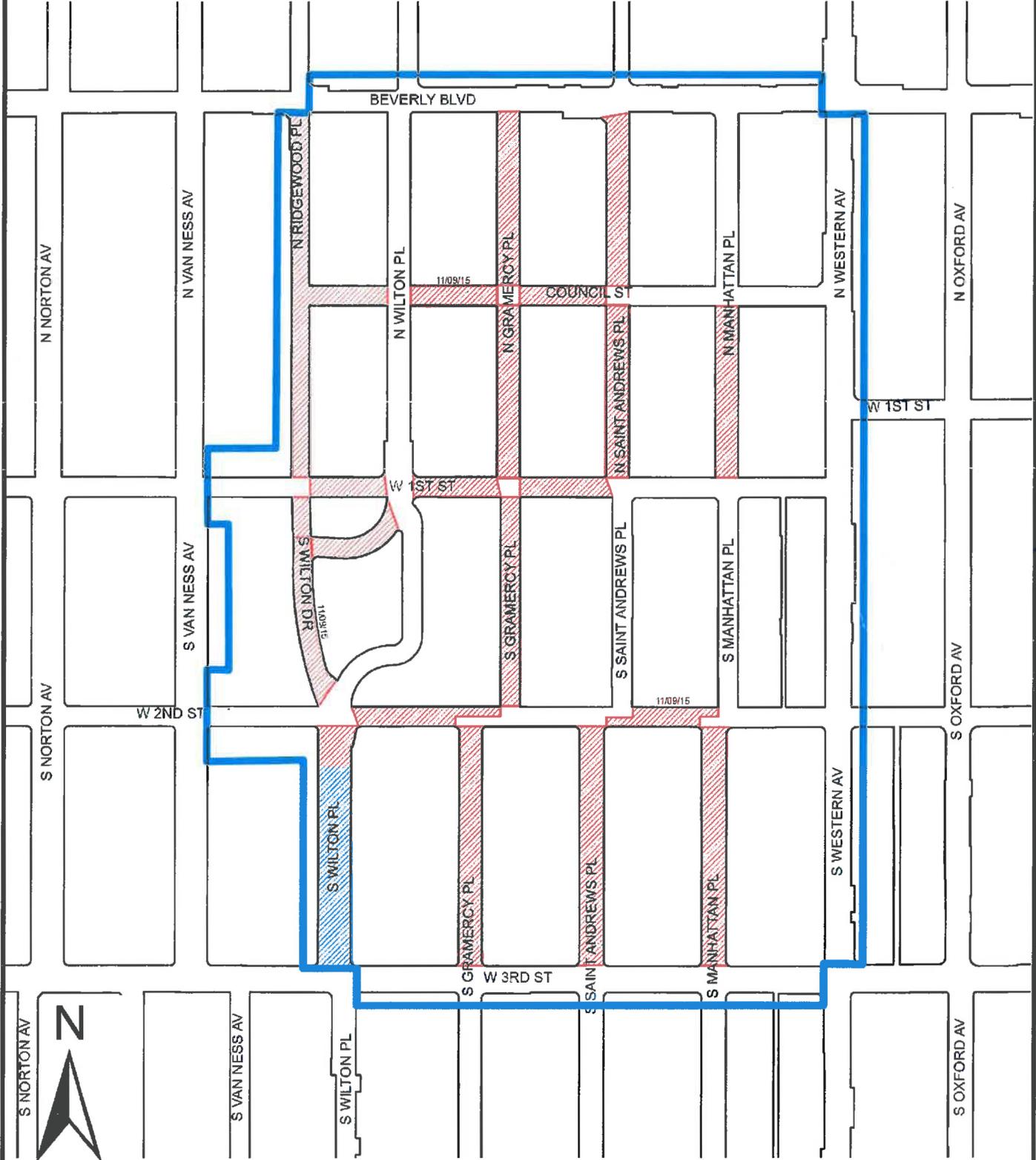
**CHARLIE BECK**  
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy T. Nordquist".

TIMOTHY T. NORDQUIST, Captain  
Commanding Officer, Olympic Patrol Division

# OVERNIGHT PARKING DISTRICT NO. 550

## COUNCIL DISTRICT 4



**LEGEND:**

- OPD Boundary
- No Parking 2am-6am District.#550 Permits Exempt.