



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 16, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: COLUMBIA DRIVE, WAKE FOREST ROAD, AMHERST PLACE, TULANE PLACE, DARTMOUTH PLACE, RUTGERS DRIVE AND FORDHAM DRIVE – REQUEST FOR PERMIT PARKING

DATE: JULY 29, 2004

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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution for the implementation of a “**Resident Only**” parking restriction on portions of Columbia Drive, Wake Forest Road, Amherst Place, Tulane Place, Dartmouth Place, Rutgers Drive and Fordham Drive, and if determined necessary by the Transportation Services Manager, other adjoining street sections (ATTACHMENT 1).

BACKGROUND:

The City Council, at their regular meeting of January 5, 2003, adopted a resolution to implement a “**resident only**” parking restriction on Cornell Drive between Wilson Street and Joann Street. This restriction was adopted to address various parking concerns due to vehicles associated with a nearby mobile home park.

Following the implementation of the “**resident only**” parking program on Cornell Drive, a petition was submitted by residents of Columbia Drive, Wake Forest Road, Amherst Place, Tulane Place and Dartmouth Place requesting the implementation of a similar “**resident only**” parking restriction. Since receiving this petition residents of Rutgers Drive and the east side of Fordham Drive have also submitted requests for “**resident only**” parking. The attached map depicts the characteristics of the immediate area and identifies the streets that have requested this kind of parking restriction. (ATTACHMENT 2).

ANALYSIS:

The submitted petitions and numerous subsequent comments from residents on the subject streets all express that vehicles from the nearby multi-family dwellings (various apartments, condominiums, and a mobile home park) are creating safety and quality of life concerns for the residents of single-family homes. These concerns include incidents of vandalism to private property, littering, long-term parking and vehicles blocking driveways.

Transportation staff has visited this area on several occasions to survey the reported parking conditions. The surveys were conducted during various times and days, including evenings and weekends. License plate numbers of all vehicles parked within the area streets were collected and submitted to the Police Department to determine registered address. The surveys confirmed that vehicles associated with the neighboring multi-family dwellings regularly occupy parking spaces in front of the single family residential homes. As would be expected, the parking impacts were observed to be more severe for the households located closer to Wilson Street and Fairview Road and became less intense for those located at a greater distance from the multi-family uses.

According to guidelines adopted by the City Council for the consideration of “**resident only**” parking (ATTACHMENT 3), parking intrusions would be considered “significant” if 50% or more of available parking is utilized by vehicles unrelated to the neighborhood at any time, and/or 40% or more is utilized for more than a 24 hour period. Based on the number of non-resident vehicles versus the number of available parking spaces on the surveyed street segments, staff has determined the subject streets meet the Council established guidelines.

It should be noted that the implementation of the “**resident only**” parking restriction on the identified street segments may not deter non-resident vehicles from parking on other non-restricted streets within the neighborhood. Currently, no “significant” impacts for the adjacent street segments have been observed. However, upon the implementation of the proposed measures, vehicles associated with the multi-family areas may further impact the adjacent streets. The possible encroachment of non-resident vehicles beyond the study area may prompt additional requests for a similar restriction. To expedite the handling of additional requests from adjacent streets, a provision has been included in the resolution to provide the Transportation Services Manager authority to extend the limits of the “**resident only**” parking prohibition within the immediate area without further Council action.

Upon Council consideration and approval of a “**resident only**” permit parking restriction, signs will be installed on the residential streets restricting parking on the affected street segments to vehicles displaying a valid permit. Affected households will be notified to obtain a permit for their legally registered vehicles upon providing proof of residence in the restricted area. Additionally, guest permit booklets, each valid for a 24-hour period, will be issued to residents to provide to their visitors.

“**Resident only**” parking restrictions have been implemented on several other streets within the City where non-resident parking intrusions have been identified. The initial application of this type of restriction was implemented in 1984 for streets located near the Orange County Fairgrounds/Pacific Amphitheater to address event parking. However, “**resident only**” parking restrictions have since been implemented in other areas, including streets adjacent to an automobile dealership, near various multi-family communities, and neighboring a business school with insufficient on-site parking. The attached list (ATTACHMENT 4) depicts all the streets within the City that currently have a “**resident only**” parking restriction.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

An alternative to the requested “**resident only**” parking restriction is to consider the implementation of a time limit parking restriction. A time limit parking restriction will limit the duration of parking to a specified length of time, such as 2 hours. However, this restriction is not recommended, as the residents would also be restricted from utilizing the street for longer than the specified time duration.

Another alternative would be to not approve “**resident only**” permit parking for these streets. This alternative would result in continued parking intrusion by non-residents and will maintain inadequate spaces for the residents.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The cost to manufacture and install signs for the implementation of a “**resident only**” parking restriction is estimated to be approximately \$2,300.00. If authorized, funds are available through the existing traffic maintenance account for this purpose.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the attached resolution as to form and content.

CONCLUSION:

Petitions and numerous written communications have been received from residents of various streets within College Park near Wilson Street and Fairview Road requesting the implementation of a “**resident only**” parking restriction. The residents have expressed that vehicles from nearby multi-family areas are creating safety and quality of life concerns for the residents of the single-family homes.

A staff survey has confirmed the continued use of these street segments by non-residents. After considering all alternatives, staff recommends the adoption of a resolution implementing “**resident only**” parking restrictions.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Resolution](#)
2 [Area Map](#)
3 [Permit Parking Guidelines](#)
4 [Existing "Resident Only" Parking Streets](#)

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