



office memorandum

DATE: February 16, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

THROUGH: Jeff Bryant, City Attorney *JB*

FROM: Kathryn L. Walker, Assistant City Attorney III *KLN*

RE: On-Street Parking Restrictions

Over the last several months, the Community Planning and Transportation Committee ("CPTC") has been discussing the Center City vision, implementation strategies, and the design concept for James Garner Avenue. Parking has been central to these discussions as the Committee recognized that increased density and moving towards the creation of more walkability will require adjustments to how the City addresses parking in the Center City area.

Currently, on-street parking restrictions are evaluated pursuant to Public Works Procedure 3-001. This policy requires that a petition signed by at least 60% of the residents affected by the proposed parking restriction be submitted to the City's Transportation Engineer. If the requisite number of signatures can be verified, the City will install signs delineating the requested parking restriction. Often, these requests can be contentious, particularly in areas where other parking options are limited. Sometimes, neighborhood streets that could benefit from parking restrictions are not able to meet the petition requirements.

During the CPTC discussions in December and January, Councilmembers recognized that there may be some instances, particularly in the Center City area, where restricting on-street parking may be necessary to allow for the safe passage of two-way vehicle traffic as well as emergency vehicles. Committee members expressed a desire for a change in policy that would allow the City to address those situations City-wide when a petition falls short of the required signatures.

The attached policy is annotated to show proposed amendments to provide an avenue for Council to impose parking restrictions in the absence of a sufficient petition from residents on the street impacted. Under this proposed language, if a petition does not contain signatures of at least 60% of the affected residents, Council could take action to impose parking restrictions through the adoption of a resolution, considering such factors as street type, housing density, property owner input, public safety, and traffic volumes.

A draft resolution is also attached to address the immediate concerns related to parking on Symmes Street, Apache Street and Jenkins Avenue/James Garner Avenue. The resolution would restrict parking to one side of the street in the 100 block of West Symmes and West Apache. On-street parking would be eliminated on Jenkins Avenue/James Garner Avenue between Duffy Street and Comanche Street.

Staff will be available at the Council Study Session on February 20, 2018 to receive feedback and address any questions you may have.

Attachment: Public Works Procedure 3-001 (annotated)
Draft Resolution
CPTC Minutes, December 20, 2017
CPTC Minutes, January 25, 2018