



Parking Services

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Dear Resident / Property Owner:

At the upcoming City Council meeting **on Tuesday, August 24th**, staff will be presenting proposing changes to the parking permit district process to modify the following elements:

1. Allow businesses to participate in the parking permit district program.

The current municipal code language governing parking permit districts (SLOMC 10.36.170 et al) restricts participation in the permit program to non-multifamily residential properties of four or fewer units. This limitation restricts the City's ability to address parking impacts in areas that are not predominately residential. Multifamily properties of five or more units would still not be allowed to participate in the process.

2. Allow the Parking Division to issue parking permits directly to the Occupants

Currently, property owners are issued the annual parking permits even though the occupants vote in support or opposition of a district's establishment. Property owners can provide written authorization for occupants to purchase permits but this process is confusing for both parties and it creates delays in the permit issuance process. Issuing directly to the occupants would reduce the administrative workload, streamline the implementation of the program, and alleviate any impacts of untimely issuance of permits for the occupants.

3. Greater Flexibility with Number of Permits Issued

The issuance of two permits per unit maximum is the most common complaint raised by those living in parking districts. Some districts have enough on-street spaces to accommodate more permits, but staff is unable to issue additional permits because of the two-permit limitation. Staff is recommending the issuance of permits based on the number of on-street parking space with a not to exceed amount of three times the number of on-street space. Allowing permit issuance based on this individual district factor provides staff with greater flexibility to meet the needs of the community while addressing issues at the staff level.

How do these changes affect you?

If the recommended changes are approved by Council, then they will apply to all existing parking districts throughout the City. This means residents of existing parking districts can request an analysis be performed to determine if additional permits can be issued to those living in a given parking district. It also means that businesses adjacent to existing districts can request to participate in the parking district and to receive permits. You are welcome to attend the Council meeting on Tuesday, August 24th, and comment publicly on the recommended changes or you can write into Council at emailcouncil@slocity.org.

If you have any questions about these specific changes or general parking permit district questions, then please contact Alexander Fuchs at afuchs@slocity.org.

Sincerely,

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