

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Tucson's Comprehensive Parking Management Program

This City Council Report is provided in anticipation of the presentation of the Recommended Comprehensive Parking Management Program scheduled for December 1, 2015.

DISCUSSION

For approximately a mile surrounding the university, an area that also encompasses their downtown, Tucson has established a comprehensive parking management program. The program is composed of residential permit parking, special events permit parking, and additional permit parking. And, the program includes ownership and management of 3,000 parking spaces in garages, 1,000 surface parking spaces, and more than 1,000 metered on-street parking spaces¹.

Authorities. Tucson's municipal code authorizes the Director of Transportation to establish residential permit parking areas, with approval of the City Council, and authorizes the Director of Transportation to establish special events permit parking and additional permit parking. The Director is further authorized to develop all administrative guidelines for these programs². Oversight is provided by a City Commission.

Residential Permit Parking. Within established residential permit parking areas, some or all of the on-street parking can be restricted to resident parking, with or without time of day limitations. The parking spaces are not assigned to addresses and the permits only entitle residents to park within 500 feet of the associated address. They cost between \$48 and \$72 per month³. Non-resident permit parking is not allowed within the residential permit parking areas. However, as this overview is being written, Tucson is finalizing program changes⁴ so that spaces not used by residents can be sold to non-residents. As well, Tucson is re-establishing the requirement that the need (75% occupancy) be verified.

¹ An estimated \$83M investment in off-street parking, excluding real estate purchases.

² Described as "Final Details and Procedures" in the program recommended for Flagstaff – to be reviewed by the Flagstaff City Council on December 1, 2015.

³ The \$48 permits exclude overnight and special event parking while the \$72 permits include both.

⁴ The final hearing is tonight – November 19, 2015.

Special Events Permit Parking. During special events, only residents that have purchased special event privileges as part of their resident permit may park on the streets. All other parking customers, including residents, must have special event parking permits.

Additional Permit Parking. Tucson's non-resident parking permits are sold to students, employees, and anyone who wishes to purchase one. They cost between \$100 and \$450 per month depending on their distance from the university. Spaces are disbursed throughout the area where there are vacant, government, or university properties adjacent to the parking space and are specifically assigned to individual permit holders.

Management. All of the program components, residential permit parking, special event permit parking, additional permit parking, and their parking facilities are managed together by Park Tucson.

This information was developed from Tucson's municipal code, administrative guidelines (web site), and via telephone interview with Donovan Durband, Tucson's Director of Transportation.

RECOMMENDATION / CONCLUSION

This report is for information only