



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Sheriff's Department
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: September 7, 2010
Placement: Set Hearing for
September 14, 2010
Estimated Time: 10 Minutes
Continued Item:
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Bill Brown, Sheriff 681-4290
Contact Info: Mark Liddi, Lieutenant, Sheriff's Dept., #934-6162
SUBJECT: Permit Parking Program Ordinance, All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Sheriff

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing for September 14, 2010 to:

- A. Consider the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance amending County Code section 23B-8(e) of Chapter 23B (Permit Parking Program), changing the annual renewal cycle to a three (3) year renewal cycle; and
- B. Set a hearing for September 28, 2010 on the Administrative Agenda to Consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance amending County Code section 23B-8(e) of Chapter 23B (Permit Parking Program), changing the annual renewal cycle to a three (3) year renewal cycle.

Summary Text:

California Vehicle Code, section 22507, authorizes local authorities to establish preferential permit parking for residents and merchants of an identified zone by Ordinance or Resolution. In this instance the identified zone is the specified residential zone surrounding Ernest Righetti High School located at 941 E. Foster Road in the City of Santa Maria (map attached). The County currently has a preferential parking Ordinance; Chapter 23B of the Santa Barbara County Code that was adopted in 1994 and amended in 2004. Chapter 23B, also known as the Permit Parking Program, establishes criteria to be used in designating and managing a permit parking area. This program is currently managed by the Sheriff's Department.

By approval of the amendment to this Ordinance, your Board will allow the Sheriff's Department to reduce the staff hours necessary to process the permits for the residents of the 400 homes that are affected by this parking ordinance by changing the current-one year renewal cycle to a three-year cycle.

Background:

In 1994, Chapter 23B of the Santa Barbara County Code was adopted establishing a Permit Parking Program. This program allowed for parking permit areas to be established, by Resolution, in areas where on-street parking is congested due to long term parking of vehicles that do not belong to residents, owners or guests of the adjacent property.

In 2004, Chapter 23B was amended to establish a comprehensive parking permit program for the Isla Vista area. At that time the Public Works Department was in the process of establishing a parking program for the entire Isla Vista area, while the Isla Vista Program did not move forward, when this change to Chapter 23B was adopted, it went into effect Countywide.

Currently Chapter 23B-8(e) sets forth a requirement that the permits be renewed annually. For the Righetti High School area, this process is very time intensive given this program affects 400 homes and approximately 900 issued permits. The proposed amendment to this ordinance would change the renewal period to three years, which would significantly reduce the staff time needed to process permits.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Yes

Budgeted:

Costs associated with the Permit Parking Program are budgeted in Law Enforcement Operations on page D-138 of the FY 2010-11 Recommended Budget.

Narrative:

Changing from a one-year to a three-year renewal cycle would reduce the cost of issuing permits over the three year cycle. Materials required by the program would be lower during two of the three years. Sheriff staff would also be able to redirect their efforts to other operational needs.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

1. Clerk of the Board shall complete noticing for the Ordinance in the Santa Barbara News Press and the Santa Maria Times 10 days prior to the hearing.
2. Clerk of the Board shall publish a summary once within 15 days after the adoption of the Ordinance.
3. Please provide one copy of the certified stamped minute order and executed document for pickup to the attention of Kathleen Dowd, Public Works Department Engineering/Traffic.

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Attachments:

1. Draft of County Ordinance chapter 23B, parking program.
2. Overview of County Ordinance 23B, parking program.
3. Map of affected area.

Authored by:

Mark Liddi, Lieutenant, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Dept. 934-6162

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 23B-8 OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
CODE, REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR AND DURATION OF PERMITS BY
MODIFYING PROVISIONS RELATING TO PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara ordains as follows:

SECTION 1

Chapter 23B, Permit Parking Program, of the Santa Barbara County Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Sec. 23B-8. Application for and duration of permits.

- (a) The Sheriff's Department shall develop and adopt application forms for acquiring parking permits.
- (b) Applications for parking permits shall be submitted to the Sheriff's Department.
- (c) The Sheriff's Department shall approve or reject applications for parking permits and shall issue parking permits authorized by this chapter.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided, each parking permit issued by the Sheriff's Department shall be valid for a period not to exceed three (3) years.
- (e) Permits may be renewed every three years in the manner required by the Sheriff's Department.

SECTION 2

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its passage; and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage it, or a summary of it, shall be published once, with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same, in the Santa Barbara News Press, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara,
State of California, this _____ day of _____ 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

MICHAEL F. BROWN
CLERK OF THE BOARD

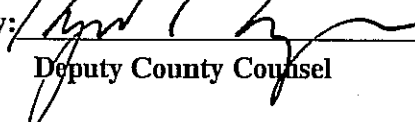
ACCEPTED AND AGREED:
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By: _____
Deputy

By: _____
Janet Wolf, Chair
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENNIS A. MARSHALL
COUNTY COUNSEL

By:  _____
Deputy County Counsel

Overview

County Ordinance 23B

History

Prior to its use in the Orcutt area, this ordinance was intended for a large scale parking permit program in the Isla Vista area. As the attendance at Ernest Righetti High School grew, more buildings were erected in campus parking areas, eliminating much needed parking space. This drove the students into the adjacent residential areas in search of space in which to park. That movement created parking issues and prevented residents from parking in front of their own homes. While this was originally crafted by Public Works and was to be administered by them, ultimately the Sheriff's Department took over administration and enforcement of it.

Enforcement

The majority of the time a civilian volunteer is tasked with the enforcement of this ordinance. He is uniformed and operates a marked Sheriff's volunteer vehicle. Sworn deputies can cite for violations, but it is done primarily by our civilian volunteer. The Sheriff's Department also utilizes a paid employee in the Isla Vista area for parking enforcement, much like other cities such as Santa Barbara. Our use of civilian employees for parking enforcement has been in effect for a number of years with positive results.

Affected Area

As previously mentioned the affected area is a portion of the residential area immediately surrounding the Ernest Righetti High School located at 941 East Foster Road, Santa Maria, Ca. (See attached map)

Costs Incurred During Renewal Process

Currently, permit renewals occur annually. It is our intent to seek a change to the current cycle increasing it to a three year renewal cycle. This change will decrease the cost of issuing the permits by 66% during each three year cycle.

Benefits

As previously indicated, the change in the renewal cycle will reduce costs significantly. In addition, the change would relieve the citizens from the inconvenience of responding to the annual renewal requirement.

