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NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 8

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2021-121: Initiation of Zoning Code and LCP
Amendments Related to Parking Regulations (PA2021-104)

ABSTRACT:

For the City Council's consideration is a resolution to initiate amendments to Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) and NBMC Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) related to updating the City of Newport Beach's (City's) parking regulations.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Determine this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2021-121, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Initiating Amendments to Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) and Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the City of Newport Beach Municipal Code Related to Parking Regulation (PA2021-104).*

DISCUSSION:

Zoning Code Section 20.66.020 (Initiation of Amendment) provides that a code amendment may be initiated by the City Council, with or without a recommendation from the Planning Commission. City Council Policy K-1 (General Plan and Local Coastal Program) provides that a City-sponsored amendment to the certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) shall be initiated by the City Council.

This agenda item is not a public hearing. Should the City Council choose to initiate these proposed amendments, the specific text changes will be drafted and considered by both the Planning Commission and the City Council at future public hearings.

Additionally, amendments to the certified LCP will require certification by the California Coastal Commission to be effective.

On January 26, 2021, the City Council conducted a study session regarding parking regulations and outdoor dining. At the conclusion of the study session, the City Council asked staff to study potential amendments that could update the City's parking regulations and address emerging trends such as rideshare services and the expansion of outdoor dining use during the Covid-19 pandemic. On November 30, 2021 staff will present a follow-up study session and review a series of zoning amendment recommendations that have been developed by staff in consultation with Nelson Nygaard, a national parking and transportation consultation firm.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The initiation of zoning and LCP amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment. No final action on any amendments will occur at this meeting and the initiation of the amendment does not have any legally binding effect upon future consideration of the amendments themselves. The City will conduct an environmental review prior to the consideration of approval of the amendments.

NOTICING:

The Municipal Code does not require notice for the initiation of amendments. Notice of this item appeared on the agenda for this meeting, which was posted at City Hall and on the City website. Should the City Council initiate the amendment, public notice will be provided for subsequent public hearings before the Planning Commission and the City Council as required by the Municipal Code. Additionally, notice of the LCP amendments will be sent to all persons and agencies on the Notice of the Availability mailing list.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2021-121