



NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 11

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2021-83: Ford Road Overnight Parking Restrictions

ABSTRACT:

To address the concerns of residents on the 1700 block of Port Sheffield Place regarding parking behind their homes, staff proposes a prohibition of overnight parking on Ford Road in two segments between Newport Hills Drive West and the west end of Ford Road. The prohibition of overnight parking should eliminate any potential for extended parking problems in this area.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2021-83, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Prohibiting Overnight Parking on Segments of Ford Road between Newport Hills Drive West and the West End of Ford Road.*

DISCUSSION:

Public Works staff was contacted by the Recreation Department and a neighborhood resident with concerns that illegal, daytime parking activities were occurring on both sides of Ford Road. It was observed that after parking illegally in the No Parking area on the south side of Ford Road, parents and children were crossing Ford Road mid-block across from the park, which prompted a safety review of the park use.

This segment of Ford Road is near the active fields of the Bonita Canyon Sports Park. There is regular activity in the area associated with pick-up and drop-off of children, and parking for families to attend practices and sports games. Activity has been increasing at the park, especially over the last year and a half, leading to a demand for additional public parking. The illegal parking had been occurring because of the limited amount of parking in the area.

In an effort to improve safety for adults and their children, staff moved forward with removing existing No Parking signs on the south side of Ford Road west of Newport Hills Drive West. Additionally, a new crosswalk was striped and pedestrian warning signs were installed. The parking changes were completed quickly to address the identified public parking need and pedestrian safety issues prior to the start of the upcoming sports season, which will become busy after Labor Day. Allowing for public parking along the south side of the road in this segment provides for a safe place to park and cross the road to access the park.

After the parking was established, some adjacent residents on the 1700 block of Port Sheffield Place contacted staff with their concerns about the changes. The concerns were focused on existing parking of construction vehicles on the roadway, and the parking of vans and RV vehicles for extended periods of time. The construction vehicles are associated with a project currently under construction within the Harbor View community. It was determined that having the construction equipment temporarily park on Ford Road was better than having the equipment park on the residential streets within the neighborhood. The current work taking place within the Harbor View community will be completed, and the construction equipment removed, by early October.

The proposed overnight parking restrictions will address the concerns for parking of vans, RVs and other vehicles. The overnight restrictions are proposed for the entire south side of Ford Road, west of Newport Hills Road West. There will also be overnight restrictions for the north side of the road from 250 feet west of Newport Hills Road West to the west end of the road. It is proposed that some overnight parking remain available on the north side of the road to provide Harbor View community residents the ability to occasionally park overnight on Ford Road, if they have the need.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2021-83