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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.44 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY), SECTION 12.44.280 (RESTRICTIONS ON PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING: AMEND PARAGRAPH A (POLICY) TO ADD “RECREATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT” FOR RESIDENTIAL USES; TO DELETE “TO PRESERVE THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY IN THOSE DISTRICTS”; AMEND PARAGRAPH B (DEFINITIONS) TO ADD “APPLICANT”; AMEND “LIGHT DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT”; AMEND “RESIDENT”; AMEND “RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY”; ADD TO PARAGRAPH C (CREATION OF RESIDENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS) SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (CRITERIA) ITEM H “OR MEDIUM” AFTER LIGHT; TO DELETE PARAGRAPH G (PARKING PERMITS) SUBPARAGRAPH 4 (LIMITATIONS ON THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING PERMITS) ITEM D; AND TO ADD PARAGRAPH G (PARKING PERMITS) SUBPARAGRAPH 4 (LIMITATIONS ON THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING PERMITS) ITEM D.

WHEREAS, The last amendment to Section 12.44.280 (Restrictions on Parking in Residential Parking Districts) was on March 16, 2021, City Council Ordinance 019154; and

WHEREAS, Allowing neighborhoods zoned in medium density districts to create residential parking districts would benefit the city of El Paso, as some old neighborhoods are located in medium density districts and are affected by parking congestion; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso wishes to amend Title 12, Chapter 12.44, Section 12.44.280 Restrictions on parking in residential parking districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.44 (Stopping, Standing and Parking Generally), Section 12.44.280 (Restrictions on parking in residential districts) of the El Paso City Code is hereby amended to read:

12.44.280 Restrictions on parking in residential parking districts.

- A. Policy. It is the policy of the city to reduce hazardous traffic conditions and congested parking conditions resulting from the use of streets within areas zoned for residential uses for the parking of vehicles by persons using commercial, industrial, governmental, education, recreational and entertainment facilities to protect the residents of designated residential districts from unreasonable burdens in gaining access to their residences; to preserve the character of designated residential districts as residential districts; to preserve historic districts and allow parking for tenants due to the restrictions placed in historic districts; to promote efficiency in the maintenance of those streets in a clean and safe condition; to preserve the safety of motorists,

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children and other pedestrians; and to the peace, order, comfort, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of the city.

B. Definitions. The following definitions shall apply to this section:

“Applicant” means the individual(s), entity, organization, group, or designee.

"Block" means a continuous area adjacent to a street between street intersections on one or both sides of such street or, in the instance of a dead-end street, the contiguous area from the last intersection of that street with another street to the end of such street on one or both sides of such street.

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“Residential property” means premises containing one or more dwelling units in a light density or medium residential district, such as single-family homes, duplexes, condominiums and apartment complexes with four or fewer units that contain habitable rooms for non transient occupancy and are designed primarily for living, sleeping, cooking and eating therein, unless such premises are actually occupied and used exclusively for other purposes. Apartment complexes with five or more dwelling units that are within a designated historical district shall be considered residential. Dormitories, boardinghouses with five or more units, and hotels, hotel suites, motels, and day care centers shall not be considered residential.

C. Creation of residential parking districts.

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2. Criteria. The following conditions shall exist in order to create a residential parking district:

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h. The blocks in the proposed district are zoned as a light or medium density residential district.

G. Parking permits.

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4. Limitations on the issuance of parking permits.

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d. The number of residential parking permits that may be issued is limited to two residential parking permits for each household on each block or blocks within a residential parking district. At the discretion of the City Traffic Engineer additional residential parking permits maybe granted for each household on each block or blocks within a residential parking district.

e. No permit shall be issued if the applicant has pending parking tickets issued in the city.

SECTION 2. Except as herein amended, Title 12 of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

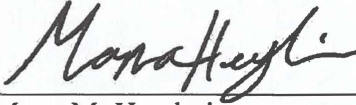
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