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Ordinance Amending Title 12.44.280

Restrictions on parking in residential parking districts

Districts: Citywide

Streets and Maintenance Department

CC Introduction- December 17, 2024

Public Hearing- January 07, 2024



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Strategic Plan Goal

Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

7.3 – Enhance regional comprehensive transportation system

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Concerns brought forth by the St. Francis Xavier Neighborhood Association

- No On-Street Parking Availability for Residents
 - BOTA users utilizing the neighborhood for parking
 - Traffic Congestion
- Loitering & Property Destruction
- Littering & Vandalism



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Purpose of Amendment

- To alleviate parking congestion within residential neighborhoods where zoning is classified as **medium density** throughout the City districts
- To include **Entertainment and Recreational Venues** that affect nearby residential neighborhoods
- Define “**Applicant**” within the ordinance for clarity
- Limit the **number of permits** issued to register residents and allow for City Traffic Engineer discretion on granting additional permits

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Requested Council Action:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.44(STOPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY), SECTION 12.44.280 (RESTRICTIONS ON PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS)

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, 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.

"Light density residential district" and/or "Medium density residential district" with the exception of "A-O" "Apartment/Office District" shall have the same meaning as defined in City Code Section 20.06.010 A. table insert.

"Owner" means an owner of record in the El Paso County clerk's records of a property within a residential parking district.

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"Property" means a parcel of land containing at least one residential dwelling unit and has a property or parcel identification number issued by the central appraisal district.

"Resident" means the owner or tenant who occupies a residential property in a "Light density residential district" and/or "Medium density residential district" with the exception of "A-O" "Apartment/Office District".

"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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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.

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Staff Recommends Approval

- Mitigate parking congestion within residential neighborhoods that are highly impacted
- Provide parking accessibility to residents' property
- Address residents' safety concerns

Staff recommends approval of amendment to City Ordinance 12.44.280- Restrictions on parking in residential parking district

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Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People



Misión

Brindar servicios exce
respaldar una vida y u
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Visión

Desarrollar una economía regional vibrante, vecindarios seguros y hermosos y oportunidades recreativas, culturales y educativas excepcionales impulsadas por un gobierno de alto desempeño



Valores

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