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City Council

Approval of an Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code 4.70 and 10.16 Related to Parking

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

The Land Use and Environment Committee recommends the proposed changes.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code 4.70 and 10.16 related to parking on second reading.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve the proposed parking ordinance changes.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

Background and analysis has not changed from first to second reading.

In response to community concern over the Parking Strategy's proposed residential fee increases to the South Capitol neighborhood, City staff worked with neighborhood representatives alongside the State Department of Enterprise Services through a facilitated, interest-based group process to develop a parking plan that addresses the unique pressures visitor parking on the Capitol places on this historic neighborhood.

The ordinance is the first of two phases covering the recommended changes. This phase includes:

- renaming the residential zones to better reflect the neighborhood's residential character,

- increasing fines for overtime parking to match the Capitol's,
- reducing the number of permitted vehicles per household from four to three,
- allowing for on-street metered parking,

In addition, fees for Residential Zone 6 (east of Plum Street) are brought into line with Downtown residential fees (\$60). This is consistent with the Parking Strategy, adopted by council in April 2019.

A second phase to complete the parking recommendations developed by the Capitol Neighborhood Work Group will follow when Parking Operations is able to support these changes. The next phase will include:

- reassigning zone boundaries,
- including a discount for poor and infirm permit holders, and
- and increasing permit fees.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The historic South Capitol neighborhood has long struggled with parking scarcity during legislative sessions.

Options:

1. Approve the ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code 4.70 and 10.16 Related to Parking.
2. Alter the proposed OMC updates.
3. Do not approve the proposed OMC updates at this time and provide staff guidance.

Financial Impact:

Incorporating metered parking and increasing permit fees and citations for the residential parking program in the South Capitol Neighborhood helps sustain the costs of enforcement in the area.

Attachments:

Ordinance
South Capitol Work Group Report (Parking Plan)
Link to Residential Parking webpage