



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Engineering
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023
Approved by: Armando Vergara, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT:

Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in Front of the Residence at 325 Harbison Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in Front of the Residence at 325 Harbison Avenue."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

The Traffic Safety Committee unanimously approved staff's recommendation for the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 325 Harbison Avenue.

EXPLANATION:

Mr. Mark Ermita, resident of 325 Harbison Avenue, has requested a blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of his residence. The resident possesses a valid disabled persons placard from the California Department of Motor Vehicles. The resident stated that there are 4 vehicles in the household and the driveway can only accommodate one vehicle. The resident also mentioned the garage is currently being used for storage.

Staff visited the site and observed that Mr. Ermita's residence has a driveway and garage. With permission and supervision, staff measured the driveway and garage. The driveway is approximately 20 feet long by 10.5 feet wide and the garage is 10 feet wide. The minimum dimensions for a driveway and garage to accommodate a vehicle with a disabled driver or passenger is 20 feet long by 12 feet wide. This condition is not met since the dimensions of the driveway and garage do not meet the minimum parking requirements for disabled persons.

The City Council has adopted a policy which is used to evaluate requests for disabled persons parking spaces. The City Council Disabled Persons Parking Policy requirements for "Special Hardship" cases are as follows:

1. Applicant (or guardian) must be in possession of valid license plates or placard for "disabled persons" or "disabled veterans". This condition is met.
2. The proposed disabled parking space must be in front (or side if on a corner lot) of the applicant's (or guardian's) place of residence. This condition is met.
3. The residence must not have useable off-street parking available or an off-street space available that may be converted into disabled parking. This condition is met.

This item was presented to the Traffic Safety Committee on April 12, 2023. Staff sent notices to area residents inviting them to Zoom-in or call-in to the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting and/or contact staff with any questions. No one was in attendance to speak in support of the blue curb disabled persons parking space.

Staff presented the results of the site evaluation to the Traffic Safety Committee and after discussion, the Traffic Safety Committee voted to approve staff's recommendation to install a blue curb disabled persons parking space with sign, since all three conditions of the City Council Disabled Persons Parking Policy for "Special Hardship" cases are met.

The applicant for this request was informed that handicap parking spaces do not constitute "personal reserved parking" and that any person with valid "disabled persons" license plates or placards may park in handicap spaces.

Staff is working on a parking implementation plan that will make recommendations to modify Title 11 of the National City Municipal Code to manage future blue curb requests as the City is receiving an increase in the amount of requests for blue curb disabled persons parking spaces. Please see attached Exhibit "B" for the location of existing blue curb disabled persons parking spaces within a 4-block radius from the proposed location for this request.

In addition, staff is developing a process to review the citywide disabled parking inventory on an annual basis to ensure that disabled parking spaces that are no longer necessary are removed.

If approved by City Council, all work will be performed by City Public Works.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

N/A

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Public Safety

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review.CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

Agenda Report posted within 72 hours of meeting date and time in accordance with Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Location Map

Exhibit B – Location Map showing existing blue curb parking spaces in the area

Exhibit C – Staff Report to the Traffic Safety Committee on April 12, 2023 (TSC No. 2023-03)

Exhibit D – Resolution