



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Engineering
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2023
Approved by: Scott Huth, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT:

Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in Front of the Residence at 621 E. 16th Street.

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 621 E. 16th Street."

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 621 E. 16th Street.

EXPLANATION:

Mr. Mario Marin, resident of 621 E. 16th Street, 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 two disabled people living in the house. Mr. Marin stated that since it is difficult for him to find parking in front of his residence he has to park his vehicle elsewhere and cannot park in front of his house for extended periods of time due to the 2 hour parking limit between 8am and 6pm. Mr. Marin stated that a disabled persons parking space in front of his residence would provide easier access to his house and reduce the hardship of traveling long distances from his vehicle.

Staff visited the site and observed that Mr. Marin's residence has a garage but not a driveway. The garage is located approximately 80 feet into the alley from the residence entrance on E. 16th Street. With permission and supervision, staff measured the garage. The garage is less than 8 feet wide. The minimum dimensions for a garage to accommodate a vehicle with a disabled driver or passenger is 20 feet long by 12 feet wide. The resident's garage is too small to accommodate the vehicles with a disabled driver or passenger.

The City of National City has amended chapter 11.32.225 of the National City Municipal Code which is used to evaluate requests for disabled persons parking zones. The City's Disabled persons parking zone 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 June 14, 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 Special Hardship Cases section of National City Municipal Code chapter 11.32.25(c), disabled persons parking zone, 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.

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:

The cost to install the disabled persons parking space is approximately \$300. It is the City's policy to assume the cost of providing disabled persons parking on public streets and in public off-street parking facilities. Funding is available within the Department of Engineering and Public Works budget to provide this service.

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 June 14, 2023 (TSC No. 2023-09)

Exhibit D – Resolution