



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 605 E. 6th 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 605 E. 6th 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 605 E. 6th Street.

EXPLANATION:

Mr. Ramon Camacho, resident of 605 E. 6th Street, has requested a blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of his residence. The resident and his daughter possess 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 and each of them has a vehicle. Mr. Camacho stated that since it is difficult for them to find parking in front of their residence, they all have to park their vehicles along their driveway, crowding the driveway and making it challenging to exit. Mr. Camacho stated that a disabled persons parking space in front of their residence would provide easier access to the house and reduce the hardship of traveling long distances from their vehicle.

Staff visited the site and observed that Mr. Camacho's residence has a driveway and garage. With permission and supervision, staff measured the driveway and garage. The driveway is approximately 36 feet long by 17 feet wide with negligible slope and the garage is 13 feet wide by 18 feet long. 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. The resident has a driveway big enough to accommodate one disabled vehicle and the 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. The resident has a driveway big enough to accommodate one vehicle, however, it is not big enough to accommodate two vehicles. For this reason, the resident has off-street parking for one vehicle and does not have off-street parking for the second vehicle.

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. Mr. Ramon Camacho and his daughter were 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. 2023-08)

Exhibit D – Resolution