



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 12, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Introduction Of Ordinance To Prohibit Parking Over 72 Hours In City-Owned Parking Lots

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Municipal Code by Adding Section 10.44.153 Regarding Penalties for Vehicle Parking Over 72 Hours Upon Municipally-Owned Parking Lots, and Amending Section 10.44.152 Pertaining to Regulation of Parking Upon Municipally-Owned and/or -Operated Parking Lots.

DISCUSSION:

The City's Municipal Code addresses the regulation of parking in municipally owned and/or operated parking lots. Currently, there is no established regulation against parking within these parking lots for a period of more than 72 consecutive hours. Municipally owned parking lots are not intended for long-term storage of vehicles.

Municipally owned lots refer to parking lots managed by Downtown Parking. A similar ordinance limiting parking to 72 consecutive hours exists for Waterfront parking lots.

Therefore, staff recommends that Section 10.44.152 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code be amended to prohibit parking for longer than 72 hours, unless a special permit is issued by the Public Works Department.

Staff also recommends that Section 10.44.153 be established to define the penalties for these new prohibitions.

The version of this proposed ordinance that was presented to the Ordinance Committee on December 8, 2015, included a time limit of two hours that inoperable vehicles could be in municipally owned parking lots. That provision was removed.

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