

Parking Restriction Requests Guidelines

There are three types of general criteria that should be discussed when a resident requests a parking restriction. The first, **Type 1**, are conditions that exist which automatically require an ordinance for parking regulations be brought before Council for consideration. They are: 1) legally binding agreements that call for restrictions; 2) conditions that exist which preclude the ability to safely see oncoming cars/bikes, parked vehicles or pedestrians around corners; and 3) locations where the amount of roadway for free vehicular traffic is less than 8' when a car is parked on it.

Type 2 are conditions that exist which do not automatically require an ordinance for parking regulations be brought before Council for consideration. In other words, conditions that exist that can be argued. A substantial number of these conditions must exist before the request be brought before Council for consideration. They are: 1) parking is unsafe due to the volume of cars, bikes and pedestrians; 2) property (e.g. Right-of-Way) tends to get destroyed by cars parking; 3) it is aesthetically displeasing to see cars parked; 4) people who park litter in the area; 5) use of area for parking by guests/contractors is significantly impaired; 6) people parking impede the ability to receive trash and mail services; 7) commuters are using the area as a park-and-ride; and 8) one or more significant reasons not listed above.

When considering Type 2 conditions, critical questions should be discussed. The most common are: 1) Has a request previously been made and, if so, what has changed since that time? 2) Can mitigation efforts been employed? 3) Is this an area where parking should be allowed and, if so, why? 4) If there should be parking restrictions, should they be 3-hour, time-limited and/or all-day? 5) Was outreach performed? 6) Is there neighborhood consensus on the idea and, if not, why? 8) Where will people park if they can't park here?

Lastly, there are **Type 3** conditions. These are conditions that should not be considered when determining whether or not parking restrictions should be brought before Council for consideration. In other words, conditions that exist that do not constitute good reasons to implement a parking restriction. They are: 1) parked vehicles preclude access to utilities or ROW (PW Director is empowered to resolve these issues); 2) parked vehicles are illegally parked or engaging in or exhibiting illegal behavior (Police Officers are empowered to resolve these issues); and 3) one or more significant reasons not listed above.¹

¹ Unless someone considers a condition to be Type 2, the condition will be considered Type 3.