

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Temp. PPD No. 75
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DATE: April 18, 2007

TO: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Wendy Greuel, Chair, Transportation Committee

FROM: Gloria J. Jeff, General Manager
Department of Transportation



**SUBJECT: RENEWAL AND BOUNDARY AMENDMENT OF TEMPORARY
PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 75 ON FIVE BLOCKS NEAR
CARPENTER AVENUE AND VENTURA BOULEVARD
(C.F. 04-2024)**

RECOMMENDATIONS for Council action:

1. FIND that the renewal of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 75, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (L.A.M.C.) Section 80.58.d, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the General Exemption (Article II, Section 1 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines).
2. FIND that the parking problem that led to the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 75 on five blocks near Carpenter Avenue and Ventura Boulevard in Council District No. 2 still exists, and that no permanent solution has been found.
3. ADOPT the attached Resolution amending the boundaries of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 75 and renewing the District for 12 more months, until May 5, 2008, pursuant to Section 80.58.d of the L.A.M.C.
4. DIRECT the DOT to prepare a Notice of Exemption reflecting Council's actions under Recommendation No. 1 above and file such notice with the City and County Clerks within five working days of the City Council's action.

DISCUSSION:

On November 5, 2004, the City Council adopted a Resolution (C.F. 04-2024) establishing Temporary Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 75 near Carpenter Avenue and Ventura Boulevard in Council District 2. This Resolution also authorized the installation of the following parking restriction anywhere within this Temporary PPD:

"NO PARKING 10 PM TO 6 AM; VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT No. 75 PERMITS EXEMPTED"

On October 19, 2005, the City Council amended the boundaries of this District to include:

- Carpenter Avenue between the alley south of Ventura Boulevard and Laurelwood Drive (north intersection)
- Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive (south intersection) and Sunshine Terrace
- Carpenter Court between Laurelwood Drive and the dead-end south of Laurelwood Drive
- Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and Carpenter Court
- Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and the dead-end west of Carpenter Avenue

Temporary PPD No. 75 was subsequently renewed and is currently due to expire on May 5, 2007.

Background

On April 6, 2007, Councilmember Greuel sent a letter to DOT (copy attached) stating that the problems that led to the establishment of Temporary PPD No. 75 still exist, indicating that there seemed to be no other viable measure to address the impacts, and requesting the renewal of Temporary PPD No. 75. Furthermore, she requested that the District boundaries be amended to delete Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and the dead-end west of Carpenter Avenue due to lack of interest and permit sales from only 3 of 94 dwelling units on that block, and to include Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Court and Reklaw Drive to address concerns of the residents of that block that wished to be included in the district (see attached map).

On March 30, 2007, a permit sales report for Temporary PPD No. 75 was generated to determine how many permits were issued to the residents of each block within the District, primarily to determine if it was feasible to delete any blocks from the District so that the block of Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Court and Reklaw Drive could be added. The results showed that sales of Annual and Visitor permits for four of the five blocks in Temporary PPD No. 75 were less than 51 percent of the dwelling units on each block. The Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.(d).5 states that "residents (of Temporary PPDs) shall be required to purchase permits in accordance with established requirements in order to retain the district", and Rule B.11 of the City Council's "Rules and Procedures for PPDs" allows blocks to be deleted from the District when less than 51 percent of the dwelling units on the block purchase at least one Annual or Visitor permit, after the residents of those blocks have been given notification that they need to comply with the rules, or be deleted, and the minimum number of permits sold has not been met within 60 days of such notification. Additionally, the petitions signed by the residents that originally requested the posting of Preferential Parking restrictions also indicated that the residents who were signing understood the

that at least 51 percent of the dwelling units on the block must purchase an Annual or Visitor permit or the preferential parking restrictions would be subject to removal.

In her letter to DOT, Councilmember Greuel requests that DOT notify the residents of the following three blocks (the fourth block with inadequate permit sales was requested to be deleted from the District) that they do not comply with the City Council's "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" related to permit sales requirements, and that they have until June 5, 2007 for at least 51 percent of the dwelling units on each block to purchase an Annual or Visitor Permit or the preferential parking restrictions will be removed:

- Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive (north intersection) and the alley south of Ventura Boulevard
- Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and Carpenter Court
- Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive (south intersection) and Sunshine Terrace

Councilmember Greuel requests that DOT remove the preferential parking signs for those blocks listed above that do not meet the minimum permit sales requirements on June 5, 2007. Once removed in accordance with this procedure, the PPD Rules bar the residents from having preferential parking restrictions reinstalled for a period of two years. DOT will comply with this request from Councilmember Greuel to take administrative action to enforce the Council's "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts".

The City Council has the authority, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d, to establish Temporary PPDs by resolution "to provide relief for residents who suffer an excessive parking impact ... as the result of any conditions which impact fewer than six blocks and which, in the judgment of the Council member of the District and after consultation with the Parking Administrator, deserve immediate relief until a permanent solution can be found". Temporary PPDs are limited in duration to a maximum of 12 months from the date of approval of the resolution. Temporary districts may be renewed on an annual basis by resolution until either a permanent solution is found or the problem ceases to exist.

The proposed renewal and boundary amendment of this Temporary PPD would restrict parking in a five-block area for another 12 months. Because of its limited size and duration, DOT has concluded that the proposed renewal and boundary amendment of Temporary PPD No. 75 will not significantly impact the environment. Therefore, the renewal of the district falls within the exemption of section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines and of Article II, Section 1 of the City's 2002 CEQA Guidelines; which provide, "These Guidelines apply generally to discretionary actions by City agencies which may have a significant effect on the environment. However, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not covered by CEQA and these Guidelines do not apply."

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Revenue from the sale of permits will cover the additional cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing Temporary PPD No. 75. Furthermore, the City may gain additional General Fund revenue from the issuance of parking citations to violators of the District's parking restrictions.

COORDINATION:

Councilmember Greuel has requested the renewal of Temporary PPD No. 75 to provide continued relief to the residents of this district from the adverse parking impact they were experiencing prior to the establishment of the District and an amendment to the District's boundaries to include Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Court and Reklaw Drive within the District to address concerns of the residents of this street segment that wished to be included in the District. Based on lack of interest and poor permit sales on Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and the dead-end west of Carpenter Avenue, Councilmember Greuel has also requested that this street segment be deleted from Temporary PPD No. 75.

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RESOLUTION

RENEWING AND AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 75 NEAR CARPENTER AVENUE AND VENTURA BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2004, the Council adopted a Resolution establishing Temporary Preferential Parking District (PPD) No. 75; which was subsequently renewed and amended to set new boundaries, and is currently due to expire on May 5, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Greuel believes that the conditions that originally justified this Temporary PPD; which include regular intrusion of vehicles associated with businesses and nightclubs on Ventura Boulevard, still exist, and no other viable measure to resolve the resulting parking intrusion into the neighborhood is available; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Greuel has requested the renewal of Temporary PPD No. 75 to provide continued relief to the residents of the District from the adverse parking impact they were experiencing prior to the establishment of the District; and

WHEREAS, the parking problems that originally justified this Temporary PPD have spilled over onto the street segment of Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Court and Reklaw Drive, adjacent to this District; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and the dead-end west of Carpenter Avenue have not petitioned for the installation of any Preferential Parking signs during the 2.5 years since this District was established, and only 3 of 94 (3 percent) of the dwelling units have permits; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d authorizes Temporary PPDs to be renewed on an annual basis by resolution until either a permanent solution is found or the problem ceases to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.58.d hereby renews Temporary PPD No. 75 for an additional 12 months until May 5, 2008, and amends the boundaries to:

- DELETE Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and the dead-end west of Carpenter Avenue
- ADD Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Court and Reklaw Drive

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority for the posting of any Preferential Parking restrictions on Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and the dead-end west of Carpenter Avenue be rescinded, and that upon adoption of this Resolution, the Department of Transportation be directed to discontinue sales of Preferential Permits for that block; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation be directed to notify the residents of the following three blocks that they do not comply with the City Council's "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts" related to minimum permit sales requirements, and that they have until June 5, 2007 for at least 51 percent

of the dwelling units on each block to purchase an Annual or Visitor Permit or the preferential parking restrictions on those blocks will be removed:

- Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive (north intersection) and the alley south of Ventura Boulevard
- Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and Carpenter Court
- Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive (south intersection) and Sunshine Terrace

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation be directed to investigate the sales of Annual and Visitor permits for Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive (north intersection) and the alley south of Ventura Boulevard, Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and Carpenter Court, and Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive (south intersection) and Sunshine Terrace on June 5, 2007, and to remove the preferential parking restrictions for those blocks where at least 51 percent of the dwelling units on each block have failed to purchase an Annual or Visitor Permit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of Temporary PPD No. 75 remain unchanged.

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Dear Ms. Jeff:

RE: REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 75

On November 5, 2004, a new Temporary Preferential Parking District (No. 75) was established for the Carpenter Avenue neighborhood south of Ventura Boulevard to address the parking problems caused by the Clear Nightclub located close by. Without the Temporary Preferential Parking District, this situation resulted in an excessive parking impact upon the residents of this neighborhood, from which immediate relief was sought.

These conditions still exist in this neighborhood. At this time, there does not seem to be any other permanent solution to this problem, other than the renewal of the Temporary Preferential Parking District, which will expire on May 5, 2007. I support the continued posting of "NO PARKING ANYTIME, 10 PM to 6 AM, VEHICLES WITH DISTRICT NO. 75 PERMITS EXEMPTED" parking restrictions in front of the residentially developed frontage for both sides of the following four blocks:

1. Carpenter Avenue between the alley south of Ventura Boulevard and Laurelwood Drive (north intersection)
2. Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive (south intersection) and Sunshine Terrace
3. Carpenter Court between Laurelwood Drive and the dead-end south of Laurelwood Drive
4. Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and Carpenter Court

Since the implementation of this Temporary Preferential Parking District, the parking problems have spilled over onto a street segment adjacent to this district. In order to provide the residents of this street segment, Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Court and Reklaw Drive, with similar parking relief, I request that the boundaries of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 75 be amended to include this block; and to delete the block of Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and dead-end west of Carpenter Avenue. This block to be deleted has not yet submitted any petitions requesting Preferential Parking restrictions during the 2 ½ years that the district has been in effect, and only 3 out of 94 (3%) dwelling units on this street segment have even purchased permits.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
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Additionally, I request that the following three street segments be deleted from Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 75 should they continue to be out of compliance with the City Council's Rules for Preferential Parking Districts; which require at least 50 percent of the residences on each street segment to purchase either an Annual or a Visitor permit:

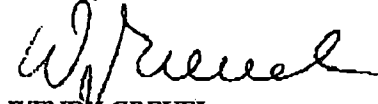
- Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive and the alley south of Ventura Boulevard (22%)
- Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Court and Carpenter Avenue (44%)
- Carpenter Avenue between Sunshine Terrace and Laurelwood Drive (31%)

Although the residents of these blocks have been given a warning once before, I request that the Department of Transportation give them a second and final warning to comply within 30 days of the renewal of Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 75, or their blocks will be deleted from the District, in accordance with Rule B.11 of the Preferential Parking Rules, as well as with one of the conditions on the petition that they originally signed to request that Preferential Parking restrictions be posted on their block.

Since the problems that justified its implementation still exist, I request that the Department of Transportation proceed with the renewal process for this Temporary Preferential Parking District for another year, until May 5, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hernandez of my staff at (818) 755-7676.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Councilmember, 2nd District

cc: Brian Gallagher, LADOT East Valley Operations Division, MS #728

PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 75

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2

Valley Enforcement

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