

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCETemp. PPD No. 75  
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DATE: April 23, 2008

TO: The Honorable City Council  
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall  
Attention: Honorable Wendy Greuel, Transportation CommitteeFROM:   
Rita L. Robinson, General Manager  
Department of Transportation**SUBJECT: RENEWAL AND BOUNDARY AMENDMENT OF TEMPORARY  
PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 75 ON TWO BLOCKS NEAR  
CARPENTER AVENUE AND VENTURA BOULEVARD  
(C.F. 07-1227)****RECOMMENDATIONS** for Council action:

1. FIND that the renewal and amendment to the boundaries 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 for two of those blocks, 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, 2009, pursuant to Section 80.58.d of the L.A.M.C.
4. DIRECT the DOT to discontinue permit sales to the residents of the following blocks that have been deleted from Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 75 for failure to comply with the City Council's Rules for Preferential Parking Districts related to minimum permit sales requirements:
  - a. Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive and the alley south of Ventura Boulevard
  - b. Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and Carpenter Court
  - c. Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive and Sunshine Terrace

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5. DIRECT the DOT to prepare a Notice of Exemption reflecting Council's action 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, and has subsequently renewed and amended the boundaries of this District several times, to provide temporary parking relief for the residents of the neighborhood near Carpenter Avenue Elementary School from the customers of the nighttime entertainment establishments along Ventura Boulevard; who were occupying many of the on-street parking spaces in the neighborhood, and causing problems with resident parking as well as noise, litter, and lewd activities.

This Resolution also authorized the installation of the following parking restriction anywhere within this Temporary Preferential Parking District:

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

This District is currently due to expire May 5, 2008.

### **Background**

On April 21, 2008, Councilmember Greuel sent a letter to DOT (copy attached) stating that the conditions 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 for another year. Furthermore, she requested that the District boundaries be amended (see attached map) to delete Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive and the alley south of Ventura Boulevard, Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Avenue and Carpenter Court, and Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive and Sunshine Terrace due to non-compliance with LAMC Section 80.58.d and the City Council's "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking District" related to insufficient permit purchases. The residents of these three blocks were twice sent notices warning them of non-compliance with these rules, and after the permit sales failed to reach a minimum of 50 percent of the residences for each of the three blocks, the Preferential Parking restrictions were removed on November 14, 2007 for a period of two years. At this time, Councilmember Greuel believes that there is no other viable measure to address the impacts for the remaining two street segments in this District other than the renewal and boundary amendment of Temporary PPD No. 75.

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 two-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 and boundary amendment 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.

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**Attachments**

# **RESOLUTION**

## **RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT TO BOUNDARIES OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 75 FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD 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, 2008; 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, L.A.M.C. Section 80.58.(d).5 states that "Residents 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 Preferential Parking Districts" allows blocks within PPDs 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 this permit purchase requirement, and the residents of these blocks failed to purchase the minimum number of permits within 60 days of such notification of the City Council's "Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts"; and

WHEREAS, Rule B.11 also states that "once restrictions are eliminated from a block two years must pass before it can be considered for reestablishment of preferential parking restrictions"; and

WHEREAS, the Preferential Parking restrictions for the following three blocks were removed for a two-year period, effective November 14, 2007, in compliance with the directions of City Council (C.F. 07-1227), after failing to purchase the minimum number of permits:

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

WHEREAS, Councilmember Greuel has requested that the boundaries of Temporary PPD No. 75 be amended to delete the three blocks that failed to purchase the required number of permits, such that the new boundaries of Temporary PPD No. 75 are as follows:

- Carpenter Court between Laurelwood Drive and the dead-end south of Laurelwood Drive
- Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Court and Reklaw Drive

WHEREAS, Councilmember Greuel has requested the renewal of Temporary PPD No. 75 for another 12 months to provide continued relief to the residents of the two remaining blocks within the District from the adverse parking impact they were experiencing prior to the establishment of the District; 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 include the residential portions of only the following two blocks:

- Carpenter Court between Laurelwood Drive and the dead end south of Laurelwood Drive
- 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 Carpenter Court, on Carpenter Avenue between the alley south of Ventura Boulevard and Laurelwood Drive, and on Carpenter Avenue between Laurelwood Drive and Sunshine Terrace be rescinded until November 15, 2009, and that upon adoption of this Resolution, the Department of Transportation be directed to discontinue sales of Preferential Permits for these three blocks; and

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



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April 1, 2008

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Dear Ms. Robinson:

**RE: REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT  
NO. 75 WITH AMENDED BOUNDARIES**

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 has resulted in an excessive parking impact upon the residents of this neighborhood, from which immediate relief was sought. Since the problems that originally 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, 2009.

These conditions still exist in this neighborhood. At this time, there does not seem to be any other permanent solution to this problem at this time, 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 Carpenter Court between Laurelwood Drive and the dead-end south of Laurelwood Drive, and for Laurelwood Drive between Carpenter Court and Reklaw Drive, if the residents submit the requisite petitions requesting signs on their block.

Since the residents of the following three blocks failed to comply with the City Council's Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking, and the preferential parking restrictions were removed from their blocks for a two-year period, effective November 14, 2007, I request that they be deleted from Temporary Preferential Parking District No. 75:

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

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If you have any questions, please contact Evan Roosevelt of my staff at (818) 755-7676. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Councilmember, 2nd District

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**PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 75**  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**Valley Enforcement**  
**Temporary**

