ITEM 25. PARKING - PERMIT PARKING - ASHMORE STREET ERSKINEVILLE

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/038452

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of the following parking in Ashmore Street, Erskineville as "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 40":

- (A) Northern side between the points 25.4 metres and 49.9 metres (4 car spaces), 57.3 metres and 152.9 metres (14 car spaces) east of Binning Street; and
- (B) Southern side between the points 17.1 metres and 51.5 metres (5 car spaces), 57.9 metres and 122 metres (10 car spaces), 128 metres and 148.4 metres (3 car spaces) east of Binning Street.

#### **DECISION**

## **BACKGROUND**

In November 2011, the City consulted with residents in Ashmore Street, east of Binning Street, Erskineville asking for support for the introduction of timed permit parking as part of the Alexandria Parking Trial.

At that time, residents in the streets did not support the timed permit parking proposal. It was noted that the City would monitor parking conditions in the street and reconsider the permit parking proposal if there was strong support from residents in the future.

The City has received a petition from residents to consider timed permit parking in Ashmore Street, Erskineville.

### **COMMENTS**

Parking in Ashmore Street, east of Binning Street is currently unrestricted.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide timed permit parking to increase parking turnover and improve resident access to on-street parking.

The proposed changes would limit any vehicle which does not have a permit to two (2) hours of parking from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday where the signs are installed.

Residents with an Area 40 parking permit will be exempted from the two-hour time limit.

The proposed parking changes are consistent with current parking restrictions in the adjacent Binning Street, Malcolm Street, Bridge Street, Elliott Avenue and Ashmore Street west.

A two-hour parking limit is preferred for streets in the inner residential areas as it better balances the long-stay parking needs of permit holders with the needs of all households to use parking for visitors, family, carers and tradespeople.

The City is required to enforce parking restrictions in accordance with the Road Rules 2008, which prohibit parking within 10 metres of an intersection without traffic lights. Signposting of restrictions is required where there is adjoining signposting or if there are compliance or safety issues.

Parking at intersections can obstruct driver vision and cause unsafe conditions especially for pedestrians crossing the road.

### CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 150 letters sent out with four responses supporting the proposal and two responses opposing the proposal.

The submissions supporting the proposal believed the parking changes would improve resident access to on-street parking.

The submissions opposing the proposal include concerns about the loss of unrestricted parking and being unable to apply more than two resident parking permits to households that include motorcycle riders.

Unrestricted parking spaces are available in nearby Fox Avenue and the remaining section of Ashmore Street between Fox Avenue and Mitchell Road.

The City's policies limit the number of the permits per household to encourage people to rethink the need for a vehicle or additional vehicles.

# **FINANCIAL**

Funds are available in the current budget.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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