ITEM 23. PARKING – PERMIT PARKING – FLORA STREET ERSKINEVILLE

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/109669

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of the following parking on the eastern side of Flora Street, Erskineville as "2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 36":

(A) Between the points 27.7 metres and 37.9 metres (two car spaces) and 44.9 metres and 86.9 metres (seven car spaces) south of MacDonald Street.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

In November 2012, the City consulted with residents to identify streets with strong support for timed permit parking as part of the Erskineville Parking Study.

At that time, residents in Flora Street 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.

In April 2015, the City consulted residents in Flora Street for support to introduce timed permit parking in the street.

COMMENTS

Parking in Flora Street, south of MacDonald Street is currently unrestricted.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide some 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 10pm, seven days a week where the signs are installed.

Residents with an Area 36 parking permit will be exempted from the two-hour time limit.

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.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents in the area. There were 58 letters sent out with five responses supporting the proposal and eight responses opposing the proposal.

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

The responses opposing the proposals include concerns about the loss of unrestricted parking, being unable to apply for more parking permits and impacts on visitors' parking.

The City aims to meet the different parking needs of residents and visitors. Residents ineligible for a parking permit will still be able to access unrestricted parking on the southern side of Flora Street and in nearby Concord Street.

There were also concerns that the lengths of "No Stopping" zones proposed were excessive.

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.

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

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Parking – Permit Parking – Flora Street Erskineville

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