ITEM 24. PARKING - PERMIT PARKING - MACDONALD STREET ERSKINEVILLE

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/057430

RECOMMENDATION

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

- (A) Northern side between the points 10 metres and 55.7 metres (seven car spaces), east of George Street;
- (B) Southern side between the points 13.4 metres and 49.3 metres (six car spaces), 88.5 metres and 108.5 metres (three car spaces) and 112.6 metres and 123.5 metres (two car spaces) west of Goddard Street;
- (C) Northern side between the points 10 metres and 36.9 metres (four car spaces), west of George Street;
- (D) Northern side between the points 12.8 metres and 63.9 metres (nine car spaces), west of Smiths Lane;
- (E) Southern side between the points 10 metres and 42.7 metres (five car spaces), west of Flora Street;
- (F) Southern side between the points 10 metres and 39.5 metres (five car spaces) and 46.4 metres and 61.8 metres (three car spaces), west of Amy Street;
- (G) Northern side between the points 10 metres and 16.9 metres (one car space), east of Parkers Lane.

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 Macdonald 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 January 2015, the City has received requests from residents to consider timed permit parking in Macdonald Street, Erskineville.

COMMENTS

Parking in Macdonald Street, between Rochford and Goddard Streets 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 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 45 letters sent out with 11 responses supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

While the submissions supported the proposal, 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

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