

September 21, 2005

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of  
September 27, 2005

**PARKING ENFORCEMENT REPORT ON  
VIOLATIONS FOR PARKING ON SIDEWALKS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council:

1. Receive and file this report

**BACKGROUND**

At their regular meeting of September 13, 2005, the City Council received a written communication requesting a graduated increase in the fine amounts for section 22500 (f) of the California Vehicle Code. Section 22500 (f) of the Vehicle Code states that it is illegal to park a motor vehicle on any portion of a sidewalk or to park a vehicle where the body of the vehicle extends over any portion of the sidewalk. In the densely populated City of Hermosa Beach, there are many residences and locations where the distance between the sidewalk and the garage or building prevents a vehicle from being parked in such a way that at least some portion of the vehicle is not on or extending over some portion of the sidewalk. During calendar year 2004 there were a total of 525 citations issued for blocking the sidewalk.

**ANALYSIS**

The current policy of enforcement is a combination of proactive and reactionary enforcement. If a citizen calls and complains about a particular vehicle that is in violation, a parking officer responds to the complaint and issues a citation if a violation is observed. As a guideline, the parking officer will issue a citation if the distance between the edge of the street and the front/rear of the car is less than 36 inches. If the distance is over 36 inches, no citation is issued. Additionally our parking officers do take a proactive enforcement approach to this violation and will issue citations as they observe violations.

This policy has evolved over the years. Taking into consideration the shortage of parking in the City, this policy attempts to strike a balance between enforcement and allowing residents to maximize parking opportunities.

Parking Officers are attempting to enforce this violation in a fair and judicious manner. Due to the variety of parking situations encountered, our parking officers must use their discretion to make the best call they can in each individual circumstance.

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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