

May 10, 2005

Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting of
May 18, 2005

DISABLED PARKING SPACES

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Public Works Commission form a subcommittee to develop new policy for the issuance of disabled parking spaces in the public right-of-way.

Summary:

At its regularly scheduled meeting of March 22, 2005, the City Council approved an appeal for a handicapped parking space on Monterey Boulevard, which had previously been denied by the Public Works Commission. The Commission had supported staff's recommendation for denial based on the existing policy of allowing only one handicapped parking space per block.

Council granted the space because of two facts; 1) the applicant was receiving permanent disability payments from the Social Security Board, and 2) the applicant had no on-site parking at her residence.

At that time, Council directed the Public Works Commission to develop policy, which would require that applicants have no parking available on their private property (i.e. driveway, garage or other parking space). They also wished to give priority to applicants that receive permanent disability payments from Social Security Board.

Staff has implemented the existing policy administratively, i.e., without public hearings. Possession of a valid DMV placard has been the single requirement with the provision that only one space would be installed per block, with annual renewal.

The following documents are attached for Commission review:

- ATTACHMENT 1 – Excerpt from 3/22/05 Council Meeting
- ATTACHMENT 2 – City Application for Request for Disabled Parking Space
- ATTACHMENT 3 – Manhattan Beach Disabled Street Parking Guidelines
- ATTACHMENT 4 – Redondo Beach Handicap Parking Space Requirements
- ATTACHMENT 5 – DMV information packet

Respectfully submitted,

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