



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
**REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

DATE ISSUED: June 21, 2006 REPORT NO.: 06-076

ATTENTION: Council President and City Council  
Docket of June 27, 2006

SUBJECT: Reduction of Residential Permit Parking Area "E"

REFERENCE: None

REQUESTED ACTION:

Remove both sides of the 7000 block of Hilton Place, between Marlesta Drive and the cul-de-sac, from Residential Permit Parking Area "E" (see Attachment 1).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Remove both sides of the 7000 block of Hilton Place, between Marlesta Drive and the cul-de-sac, from Residential Permit Parking Area "E".

SUMMARY:

In December 1977, the Council amended the Municipal Code to include Division 20, "Residential Permit Parking Program". The purpose of the program is to mitigate the impact of long-term commuter parking on residential neighborhoods. This is achieved by restricting on-street parking during the effective days and hours of the Permit Parking District to only those vehicles displaying a valid Residential Permit Parking permit issued by the City. Residential Permit Parking Area "E", in the San Diego Mesa College area, was established in 2002. The residents of Hilton Place have requested removal from the District (see Attachment 2).

In accordance with Municipal Code Section 86.2005, Council is to take into account, at a minimum, four primary factors when determining whether an area should be designated as, or removed from, a residential permit parking district. The four primary factors are listed below, with a synopsis of the applicability as it relates to this request.

1. The extent of the desire and need of the residents for residential permit parking and their willingness to bear the administrative costs in connection therewith;  
A petition was received from the 7000-block of Hilton Place, requesting removal from Residential Permit Parking Area "E". The petition was signed by 86% of the residences (12 of 14 residences).

Subsequently a parking study was conducted on January 19, 2006. Residents were notified of a public hearing to present the results of the study (see Attachment 3), and to gather input from the residents and others in the community.

Favorable input was received from those residents of Hilton Place present at the meeting (see Attachment 4), which was held in conjunction with the Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee meeting on February 21, 2006. No one attending the Planning Committee meeting spoke in opposition to removing Hilton Place from the district.

Inasmuch as there is support for removal from the district, this location would qualify for removal from Residential Permit Parking Area "E", under this first criterion.

2. The extent to which legal on-street parking spaces are occupied by motor vehicles during the period proposed for parking restriction;

The average weekday use of available parking was 19 percent on the 7000 block off Hilton Place. This usage does not represent a significant parking impact on this location. Based upon practices in other cities nationwide, the threshold usage level for establishing a residential permit parking district is 75 percent. In addition, nine of the 10 vehicles parking on-street displayed Residential Permit Parking Area "E" permits. According to Parking Management, 40 permits have been issued to Hilton Place residents during the current permit year, for an average of 2.9 permits per address, (up to 5 permits are allowed per address in Area "E"). This usage, together with the number of permitted vehicles, would indicate that most residents of Hilton Place either do not need or do not use on-street parking. Under this criterion, this location should qualify for removal from Residential Permit Parking Area "E".

3. The extent to which vehicles parking in the area during the period proposed for parking restriction are commuter vehicles rather than resident vehicles;

Hilton Place is currently in Residential Permit Parking District "E", and commuter vehicles are prohibited from parking on this street. Therefore, this factor cannot be properly evaluated at this time.

4. The extent to which motor vehicles registered to persons residing in the residential area cannot be accommodated by the number of off-street parking spaces.

The houses on Hilton Place all have garages, with a minimum capacity of 2 vehicles. Additionally, there appears to be adequate driveway space at each residence to accommodate a visitor or service vehicle. Based upon the parking usage and permit sales discussion under criterion 2, above, it would seem that existing off-street parking is adequate for the needs of the residents. Under this criterion, this location should qualify for removal from Residential Permit Parking Area "E".

The Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee voted in favor removing Hilton Place from Residential Permit Parking Area "E", on a 10-0 voice vote, with one committee member abstaining (the abstaining member gave no reason for his abstention). Based on the parking study, Hilton Place met three of the criteria listed above for removal from Residential Permit Parking Area "E" (criterion #3 is not applicable to this case).

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The current fee for annual permits in Area “E” is \$14, as established by the City Council. Permit sales for Hilton Place are 40 permits for 14 addresses (approximately 2.9 permits per address). The maximum number of permits allowed per address is 5. Accordingly, it is estimated that the probable annual decrease revenue from permit sales for Residential Permit Parking Area “E” would be about \$560. According to Parking Management, the removal of Hilton Place, due to the size and location of the street, would result in a negligible reduction in enforcement and administrative costs to the City for Residential Permit Parking Area “E”. Additionally, there would be a one-time expense for the removal of 5 existing regulatory signs, at a cost of \$50 per sign, for a total of \$250; this cost is neither budgeted by, nor recoverable from, the revenues generated by permit sales, and would be covered by monies from the General Fund.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

None of which we are aware.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 86.2006 of the Municipal Code, a public hearing was held in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee on February 21, 2006. The results of the study, (see Attachment 3), were presented, and public comment was available to residents of Hilton Place and any other interested members of the public. Favorable input was received from those residents of Hilton Place present at the meeting (see Attachment 4), after which the committee approved of the request to remove Hilton Place from Residential Permit Parking Area “E” by a 10-0 voice vote, with one abstention, (the abstaining member gave no reason for his abstention). No member of the public spoke in opposition to the action.

Groups supporting the removal of Hilton Place from Area “E”: Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee.

Groups opposing the removal of Hilton Place from Area “E”: None of which we are aware.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS & PROJECTED IMPACTS:

The proposed action would relieve the residents of the 7000 block of Hilton Place from the necessity of purchasing permits to park on-street. There is also the probability of an increase in non-resident parkers, and an increase in local traffic volume, as students at San Diego Mesa College discover the free on-street parking. The increase in traffic could be experienced by the residents of Marlesta Drive leading to Hilton Place. There are no businesses in the area to experience an impact on employees or customers.

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Originating Department

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Deputy Chief/Chief Operating Officer

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- Attachments:
1. [Map of Existing Residential Permit Parking Area "E", showing area to be removed.](#)
  2. [Map of Hilton Place.](#)
  3. [Parking Study Summary](#)
  4. [Hilton Place residents present at February 21, 2006 Clairemont Mesa Planning Board Meeting.](#)