



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: May 6, 2008
Item Number: E-1
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation *AK*
Subject: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS CHANGING THE PREFERENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ZONE DESIGNATION ON THE 300 BLOCK OF SOUTH CANON DRIVE BETWEEN OLYMPIC BOULEVARD AND THE ALLEYWAY FROM ZONE "Q" TO ZONE "BR"
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RECOMMENDATION

This report outlines a recommendation to extract the multiple-family section of the 300 block of South Canon Drive between Olympic Boulevard and the alleyway out of Preferential Permit Parking Zone "Q" (Permit Zone "Q"), and include it with Preferential Permit Parking Zone "BR" (Permit Zone "BR") on the 300 block of Reeves Drive. As recommended, the existing regulation of "1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 2:30 a.m., Daily, Except by Permit" would be maintained on this section of South Canon Drive.

INTRODUCTION

On February 5, 2008, the Beverly Hills City Council approved Permit Zone "BR" for the 300 block of Reeves Drive with "2-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and No Parking Any Other Time, Daily, Except by Permit BR." During City Council public comment, residents of the multiple-family section of 300 South Canon Drive expressed that they depend on available parking on Reeves Drive to accommodate their evening and overnight parking needs. The recently approved regulation on 300 Reeves Drive would preclude them from parking after 6 p.m. Residents requested that the Permit Zone "Q" permit be valid in the newly formed Permit Zone "BR" so they could continue parking on 300 Reeves Drive in the evenings and overnight (with a permit).

In response, the City Council directed staff to pursue the process to change the zone designation of this small block section from Permit Zone "Q" to Permit Zone "BR." Accordingly, staff presented this proposal to the Traffic & Parking Commission at its regular March 6, 2008 meeting.

DISCUSSION

The 300 block of South Canon Drive is currently part of Permit Zone "Q." The block consists of 32 single-family households and 24 multiple-family households that are located between the alley and Olympic Boulevard. The existing Permit Zone "Q" regulation is "1-Hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 2:30 a.m., Daily, Except by Permit." The small block section between Olympic Boulevard and the alleyway has space for approximately six vehicles, four spaces on the west side and two spaces on the east side. This is the only section of the 300 block of South Canon Drive where overnight parking permits are valid between 2:30 a.m. to 5 a.m., and is typically parked at 100% capacity in the evenings.

Due to different overnight parking regulations, current City practice is to separate multiple-family and single-family areas into distinct permit zones. Therefore, staff recommends that the multiple-family section of the 300 block of South Canon Drive be extracted from Permit Zone "Q" and be designated as "BR," the same as the neighboring multiple-family block of 300 Reeves Drive. Staff also recommends that the existing "1-hour" regulation be maintained on this section of South Canon Drive.

The Traffic & Parking Commission reviewed staff recommendation at its regular meeting on March 6, 2008. At the meeting, one resident of the multiple-family section of South Canon Drive spoke in support of staff recommendation. Based on the information received, the Traffic & Parking Commission voted 5 to 1 to extract the multiple-family section of the 300 block of South Canon Drive between Olympic Boulevard and the alley from Permit Parking Zone "Q," changing the designation to "BR" while maintaining South Canon Drive's existing parking regulation of "1-hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 2:30 a.m., Daily, Except by Permit."

Notices advising of the City Council's consideration of this issue were mailed to residents of the 200 and 300 blocks of Reeves and South Canon Drives. Notices were also mailed to businesses on the 300 block of South Beverly Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of modifying parking signs would be nominal and installed by City staff.

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David Gustavson
Approved By

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO 08-R-

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS CHANGING THE PREFERENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ZONE DESIGNATION ON THE 300 BLOCK OF SOUTH CANON DRIVE BETWEEN OLYMPIC BOULEVARD AND THE ALLEYWAY FROM ZONE "Q" TO ZONE "BR"

WHEREAS, the Traffic & Parking Commission investigated the need for a preferential permit parking zone on the section of the 300 block of South Canon Drive from Olympic Boulevard to the alley; and

WHEREAS, applying the criteria set forth in the Preferential Parking Ordinance Section 7-3.206 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code; the Commission duly made findings as referred to in that Section, which was a required prerequisite to designating any preferential parking zone, and filed a recommendation that the 300 block section of South Canon Drive from Olympic Boulevard to the alley be designated for preferential parking;

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that the project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act and has issued a Categorical Exemption;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Based upon the evidence presented to the City Council, the Council approves and adopts the above referred to findings of the Traffic & Parking Commission and determines that the requirements of Preferential Parking Ordinance Section 7-3.206(d) are satisfied to justify a modification to Preferential Permit Zone "Q" on the 300 block of South

Canon Drive from Olympic Boulevard to the alley to change the Preferential Parking Zone to “BR”.

Section 2. The Council finds that the following designated preferential permit parking zone is required because commuter vehicles regularly interfere with available public street parking adjacent to residential property in the proposed zone and are the cause of unreasonable noise, traffic hazards, and pollution in the residential environment; displaced commuter vehicles will not unduly impact surrounding residential areas; and there is no reasonable alternative which is feasible or practical to reduce identified street parking problems to acceptable levels.

Section 3. The City Council hereby approves the establishment of preferential permit parking zone “BR” on the 300 block section of South Canon Drive from Olympic Boulevard to the alley, subject to the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 3, Title 7 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code, and subject to the following time and manner restrictions:

Zone BR: “1-Hour Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 a.m., Daily, Except by Permit BR.”

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause this resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of the City.

Adopted:

BARRY BRUCKER
Mayor of the City of
Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:

BYRON POPE
City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



DAVID D. GUSTAVSON
Director of Public Works and Transportation

ATTACHMENT 2

Traffic & Parking Commission Recommendation

Commission Meeting Date: March 6, 2008

5/1 Traffic & Parking Commission recommended changing the Preferential Permit Parking Zone on the 300 block of South Canon Drive between Olympic Boulevard and the alleyway from Preferential Permit Parking Zone "Q" and to Zone "BR" with "1-hour Parking, 8 a.m. to 2:30 a.m., Daily, Except by Permit."

ATTACHMENT 3



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CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS Categorical Exemption

NAME OF PROJECT: Renaming the Preferential Permit Parking Zone on the 300 block section of South Canon Drive between the Olympic Boulevard and the alley from Zone "Q" to "BR"

LOCATION: 300 Block of South Canon Road between the Olympic Boulevard and the Alley

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project changes the zone designation on only the 300 block section of Canon Drive between Olympic Boulevard and the alley from Preferential Permit Zone "Q" to Preferential Permit Zone "BR." This block section has approximately 5 on-street parking spaces. There are no changes to the existing regulation of "1-Hour Parking 8am to 2:30am, Daily, Except by Permit."

APPLICANT

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AGENT

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Beverly Hills, CA 90210
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The undersigned, having received this project for processing, has reviewed it for environmental impact and concluded that the project qualifies for a categorical exemption under the procedures adopted by the City of Beverly Hills and no further environmental assessment is necessary.

Applicable Exemption Class 1 (c)

COMMENTS operation of existing public right of way.
Changes existing zone designation, not anticipated
to result in displaced parking.

REVIEWED BY Margaret Munn Date March 25, 2008