EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO:

Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM:

John Wilkins, Parking Manager

DATE:

November 18, 2011

SUBJECT:

Inclusion of Virginia Street Corridor into Residential Parking Program.

Action statement:

This is a request to the City Commission of the City of Key West to expand the Residential Parking Program to the Virginia Street Corridor. This would include the 800, 900, 1000, 1200, 1300, 1400, and 1500 blocks of Virginia Street; from Jose Marti Drive to Windsor Lane. Additional areas along the Virginia Street Corridor to be included are the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Margaret, Packer, Grinnell, Watson, and Varela streets: side streets from Truman Ave to Catherine Street. (See exhibit A).

Background:

The Residential Parking Program was established in 1997 to assist residents in their efforts to locate on-street parking spaces in certain Old Town neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are distinct in character having a mixture of commercial and residential use in the Historic District of Key West. These neighborhoods attract a wide variety of people including tourists, business customers, workers and residents seeking a limited insufficient number of on-street parking.

This program has provided some relief to areas where it has been established and the request is to expand it to include the Virginia Street Corridor. This neighborhood has experienced more competing demands for the on-street parking spaces with increased enrollment at area schools, a new restaurant, a new church and the future Fire House No. 3 Museum.

Recommendation:

Pass a resolution to expand the Residential Parking Program to include this area. After passage the City will mark a certain number of spaces "residential permit parking" for the use of residents and begin enforcement by issuing citations of violation per Sec. 70-216.