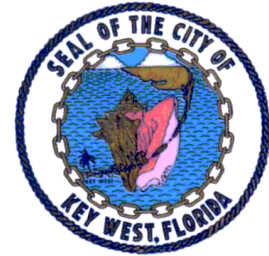


# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



**TO:** Bogdon Vitas, City Manager  
**FROM:** John Wilkins, Parking Manager  
**DATE:** June 20, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Residential Parking Program Amendments

## **Action statement:**

Request the Key West City Commission approve changes to the current City Ordinance related to Residential Parking Permit Program and direct Staff to coordinate with Monroe County Tax Collector for implementation of permit decal issuance.

## **Background:**

The City currently has a Residential Parking Permit Program per Section 70-246 of the City Code of Ordinances. It allows vehicles with a License tag that says "Monroe" or a Residential Parking Permit decal to park in spaces marked Residential Permit Parking. Currently, anyone living in Monroe County with a Monroe registered vehicle is eligible to park in these spaces.

The demand for these spaces has grown to exceed capacity. The City receives frequent calls from residents of this area concerning the lack of available parking near their homes. There are approximately 3,600 parking spaces in the Residential Parking Permit area and an estimated 1,300 spaces are marked for Residential Permit Parking.

The Monroe County Tax Collector has informed City Staff that in December 2013 the State made the decision to discontinue County Tags. All basic state tags will be "Sunshine State" tags as a cost saving measure in the near future. This will force a change in the current program as there will no longer be "Monroe" License tags.

Additionally, since 2010 Florida DMV has required strict proof of residency for Driver's License issuance or renewal. Verified residency is indicated by a golden star next to the name on a Florida Driver's License.

## **Recommendation:**

Change current ordinance by removing references of "Monroe" Tag and restrict eligibility to Key West residents, property owners and military personnel stationed in the area. This should reduce demand for these spaces and thereby provide relief to the Residents. Staff has worked with Monroe County Tax Collectors' Office regarding the issuance of permits and they have indicated a willingness to issue annual permit decals.

Residency and Vehicle Registration can be verified through their system thereby providing more of a one-stop shop for local residents. An interlocal agreement has been drafted and the Tax Collector has reviewed and indicated she will sign it upon Ordinance passage.

Additionally, Commissioner Wardlow at the June 17<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting requested eligibility to be expanded to include vehicles registered to business with Key West Tax Receipts (AKA Business Licenses). This will allow business vehicles that service residences in the area to obtain permit decals and park in marked residential spaces. This change will be voted on at the second hearing.

My suggested wording is as follows:

*70-249. Additional eligibility.*

*(3) Vehicles registered to a business that holds a Business Tax Receipt with the City of Key West.*

**Financial Impact:**

Proposed Permit fees will be set at \$10.00 per year but can be changed as necessary by Commission Resolution. The intent is a fee that covers only the costs of issuing permit decals and therefore there is neither prorating nor refund of fees collected.

The financial impact is expected to be neutral or slightly positive based on program participation.