

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager
FROM: John Wilkins, Parking Manager
DATE: April 21, 2011
SUBJECT: Changes to Residential Parking Program

Action statement:

Request the Key West City Commission approve changes to the current City Ordinance related to residential parking permit program and improve street markings for the program.

Background:

The City currently has a residential parking permit program that has been in effect for over 10 years. It allows vehicles with a Monroe County license tag or a residential parking permit decal to park in the parking permit area in spaces marked for residential parking only. The demand for these spaces has grown to exceed the capacity. The City receives frequent calls from residents in this area complaining about the lack of available parking with the current program.

In the residential parking permit area identified in Exhibit A, there are 1,819 spaces. 1,008 of these are marked for residential permit parking, 751 are unmarked for general parking and 60 are handicap parking spaces. It should be noted that the residential parking area does not cover the entire Historic District. Of the estimated 3,600 parking spaces in the Historic District, only 1,816 are included in the residential parking permit area. All other spaces are for general public use. *The residential parking permit area in Exhibit A expands 8 blocks into the Meadows that are not included in the current parking space count.*

Recommendation:

Change the eligibility of the residential parking permit program to allow only residents of the City of Key West to qualify. Permit is identified by a residential parking permit decal displayed on vehicles windshield that expire every year. Applicants must show proof of residency and ownership of the vehicle with application. There is a limit of one permit per resident. The intent is to decrease the demand for these spaces providing relief to the residents most affected by the limited spaces available.

The street marking improvements will be made by marking each space with thermoplastic striping of 5" wide and 29" long installed on the outside edge of the space that indicate residential permit parking. The expected life of these new street markings is 8 to 10 years.

These changes in eligibility requirements will be evaluated after a one year test period to determine if the proposed changes have resulted in a positive impact for the program.

Financial Impact:

Proposed Permit fee will be \$50.00 each. Staff is confident this fee will cover the expected cost of materials, installation and administration of the residential parking permit program.