

CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 25, 2012

TO: Chris Zapata, City Manager

FROM: Michael Bakaldin, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Residential Parking Restrictions for Street Sweeping

SUMMARY

Staff was requested at a recent City Council meeting to provide a report on parking restrictions on street sweeping days. The request came after a citizen had reported that their street was not well swept on Memorial Day, due to the number of cars on the street. This report is provided for information purposes only.

BACKGROUND

Since the late 1990s, the City's residential streets have been swept once per month. Each street segment is assigned a regularly scheduled street sweeping day, such as the third Thursday of the month, so that residents know when their street will be swept. Currently, the street sweeping program only observes two holidays: Christmas Day and New Years Day. The streets that are missed on those two holidays are swept within three working days.

In 2001, the City experimented with various ways to reduce parking on fifteen street segments where due to congested parking street sweepers were not able to get to the curb on the designated street sweeping day. Between 2002 and 2003, ten of the fifteen street segments were permanently posted no parking on the first Tuesday of the month on one side of the street and no parking on the regularly scheduled sweeping day on the other side of the street. The number of street segments was limited to ten for three reasons:

1. The capacity of the Police Department to conduct parking enforcement.
2. To ensure that Public Works staff could maintain its existing street sweeping schedule.
3. Inadequate parking alternatives for residents on several of the street segments.

The existing parking restrictions have proven effective at providing access to sweep the parking lane and curb. Public Works staff has been able to incorporate the special sweep on the first Tuesday of the month while keeping up with the rest of its monthly sweeping schedule. Police staff has been able to provide regular enforcement, averaging sixty to seventy citations per month.

DISCUSSION

After Memorial Day, a resident contacted her council representative with a concern that her street was not well swept due to that fact that it was a holiday and there were many cars on the street. In response, Public Works returned to her street and made an additional pass with a street sweeper. Staff noted that the segment of the street that was dirtiest had not been swept on Memorial Day because that portion of the street was scheduled for sweeping on a different day. The sweeping schedule information was transmitted to the resident for future reference.

Since 2003, the City has received numerous requests to post additional street segments no parking on street sweeping days. Staff has recommended against posting additional residential streets for the following two reasons:

1. The Police Department does not have the capacity for additional parking enforcement with existing staffing and resources.
2. Public Works would have to reduce its existing street sweeping schedule to post more residential streets no parking on street sweeping days.

Staff has discussed various options to adding parking restrictions but they all require additional funding which currently is not available through the Stormwater, Gas Tax, or General Funds.