



CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY MANAGER

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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager
FROM: Wesley Russ, Assistant City Attorney
DATE: February 16, 2021
RE: Amendments to residential permit parking ordinances

Summary: Proposal to create Section 13-1-61.02 (Removal of street from zone) and to amend Section 13-1-62 (Conditions to issuance of residential parking permits; fee; expiration) and Section 13-1-69 (Parking of commercial vehicles near residences).

Background: These proposed changes to the residential permit parking ordinances come at the request of the Harrisonburg Police Department.

Key Issues: Section 13-1-61.01 of the City Code describes the process for creating a new permit parking zone; however, the City Code does not currently have a process for removal of a permit parking zone. The proposed Section 13-1-61.02 would create such a process. If the ordinance is adopted, HPD has identified at least one portion of a permit parking zone that may no longer need to be permit parking, due to the demolition and redevelopment of the previously existing residences. As proposed, before bringing a recommendation to City Council to remove or modify an existing permit parking zone, the ordinance would require notice be sent to each property and property owner within the permit parking zone detailing opportunities to submit comments prior to any action City Council might take.

Users of guest cards in permit parking zones currently must park within 500 feet of the property line of the residence or business to which the guest card was issued. The amendment to Section 13-1-62 would apply this same requirement to users of permit parking decals as well, to address permit holders parking on the far end of a permit parking zone and walking elsewhere, rather than parking near their residence.

The amendment to Section 13-1-62 would also raise the fee for a parking permit from \$3 to \$5.

Finally, the amendment to Section 13-1-69 allows dumpsters and portable storage containers to be parked in front of a residential property for up to 72 hours.

Environmental Impact:

Fiscal Impact:



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Prior Actions:

Alternatives:

- (a) Adopt Section 13-1-61.02 and amend Sections 13-1-62 and 13-1-69 as presented
- (b) Adopt Section 13-1-61.02 and amend Sections 13-1-62 and 13-1-69 with modifications
- (c) Decline to take action

Community Engagement: None

Recommendation: Staff recommends alternative (a)

Attachments: Redlined Section 13-1-61.02; 13-1-62; and 13-1-69

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

