

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-21-144 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY HALT TO THE CREATION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT AREAS; DIRECTING THAT THE CITY STAY ENFORCEMENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT AREA ESTABLISHED FOR THAT AREA OF TRELIS DRIVE AND DECKER ROAD BETWEEN CAMPBELL ROAD AND CANDELARIA ROAD.

WHEREAS, the City Traffic Code establishes certain limitations and criteria for stopping, standing, or parking within the City; and

WHEREAS, under certain circumstances parking may be limited or prohibited on certain city streets; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Code, Section 8-5-1-4, provides that “residential permit parking area(s)” may be implemented pursuant to regulations established by the City; and

WHEREAS, this program can have the effect of limiting parking on certain city streets to only the residents of the respective areas; and

WHEREAS, this program has historically been effective in helping to preserve limited on-street parking for area residents in high demand areas – such as those neighborhoods in close proximity to the University of New Mexico where a high demand exists with limited public parking availability; and

WHEREAS, this program can also be effective in other contexts, but in its present form, the Traffic Code lacks context or policy guidance for its implementation; and

WHEREAS, the availability of, or limitation on, on-street parking is closely associated with multiple policy goals of the city, including but not limited to

1 economic development, support of commerce, and public access to recreation
2 and community amenities; and

3 WHEREAS, given the relative importance of this issue, the Traffic Code
4 should be revisited to potentially offer additional context and guidance for the
5 implementation of the residential parking permit area program; and

6 WHEREAS, the program was recently utilized to limit parking on Trellis
7 Drive NW and Decker Road NW, in close proximity to the Bosque public open
8 space, when these streets have historically offered opportunities for the
9 broader community to access and experience the recreational opportunities
10 offered by the Bosque area to broader city; and

11 WHEREAS, these recent parking limitations established by the city
12 demonstrate a need for the City to more publicly consider competing policy
13 interests in establishing new such limitations.

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
15 ALBUQUERQUE:

16 SECTION 1. No new residential parking permit areas, as contemplated by
17 ROA 1994 Section 8-5-1-4, shall be established until the City has enacted
18 amendments to this Section of Traffic Code, or upon the expiration of six-
19 months, whichever occurs sooner.

20 SECTION 2. The City shall stay enforcement of the public parking
21 restrictions associated with the residential parking by permit area on Trellis
22 Drive and Decker Road, between Campbell Road and Candelaria Road for the
23 same duration referenced in "Section 1", above.

24 SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence,
25 clause, word or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or
26 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
27 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Council
28 hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section,
29 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
30 provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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