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**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 Trellis Drive And Decker Road Between Campbell Road And Candelaria Road  
(Benton)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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