



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 5, 2024

Re: Curbside space program adjustments

Executive Summary

Staff is informing Council about changes to the current curbside program including space layout, locations, and charging for space use.

Discussion

During the summer of 2020, council and city management agreed to designate 32 on-street spaces as curbside pick-up only to try and help local businesses through the COVID pandemic. These spaces were hooded and granted at no-charge to the public, Community Improvement District (CID), or the businesses in the area around the spaces.

At this time, with support from the CID, we are informing council of program changes agreed upon by staff and the CID that include changing the number of spaces allotted, the layout of the spaces, and returning the spaces to a pay by use meter space consistent with the other on-street and off-street metered spaces downtown.

Per the agreed upon changes by the CID and City staff, the current 32 curbside spaces will be reduced to 18 spaces. Instead of the meters at these locations being bagged with red meter hoods, Parking Utility staff will remove all bags and the meters will be reprogrammed to only except time up to 15 minutes to continue the short-term use aspect of the spaces, but with the need for the space occupant to pay for their use of the space. Signage identifying these spaces as short-term/curbside spaces will remain; however, they will be removed from the meter post and placed on taller posts behind the meters so that motorists may better identify the spaces as they approach, as opposed to not knowing until attempting to turn into the space. We believe this will help reduce potential traffic congestion from vehicles mistakenly slowing to use, or having to back out from inadvertently pulling into, the spaces. The CID will provide the signage for the spaces and Parking Utility staff will install them at the locations.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: 14 spaces will begin to generate revenue at a rate consistent with all other meters and 18 spaces will begin to generate revenue above the 0 revenue currently collected for the curbside spaces.

Long-Term Impact: Accumulated revenues generated by occupants paying for 32 spaces that are currently not generating any revenue.



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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economy, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
06/15/2020	Ordinance No. 024254 (B119-20) – Repealing Section 3 of Ordinance No. 024211 to lift the temporary waiver relating to the issuance and payment of parking meter hoods.
04/06/2020	Ordinance No. 024211 (B92-20) – Authorizing a temporary deviation from certain City Code provisions relating to parking meter hoods and transit fares.

Suggested Council Action

This is for informational purposes only.