



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

**TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: December 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution #_____ Establishing A
Preferential Parking District for Criminal Justice
Purposes

Report in Brief

City staff has been working with County officials along with others in the downtown area to establish a preferential parking area for criminal justice purposes in the area bordered by 1st Street on the west, 3rd Street on the east, North Street on the north, and Dead Cat Alley on the south. The proposal has been the subject of two public hearings, one before the Traffic Safety Commission on November 5, 2007 and the other before the City Council on December 4, 2007. The final action needed to establish the district is for the City Council to adopt a resolution establishing the district.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. ____ establishing the Preferential Parking District for Criminal Justice purposes.

Background

Section 14-7-10.1 of the Code of the City of Woodland authorizes a preferential parking program that allows for the reservation of specific parking spaces for permitted vehicles. The City received two requests from the County of Yolo to assist with specific parking in the area surrounding the courthouse.

The Police Department and City Traffic Engineering developed a preferential parking plan in response to these requests and to provide flexibility to address issues that will likely arise as a new courthouse is under construction. A neighborhood notification of the plan and pending public hearing was mailed to adjacent properties as well as the Chamber of Commerce. The Traffic Safety Commission held a public hearing on November 5, 2007 to receive input and consider the plan. The Traffic Safety Commission approved the plan with an added condition that the Preferential Parking District terminates upon completion of the courthouse construction.

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As required by ordinance a second public hearing was held on December 4, 2007 before the City Council. The Council received input and considered the plan. The City Council voted to approve the plan as presented.

Discussion

The Preferential Parking District will designate two (2) marked parking spaces in front of 275 First Street. One (1) space will be reserved for the parking of a prisoner transport vehicle that services the courts and the other space will be available for parking law enforcement motorcycles while the officers are engaged in court business. The district will also designate six (6) parking spaces in front of 301 Second Street for the purpose and use of the official District Attorney's vehicles that are designated as emergency vehicles. All of the spaces designated for permit parking will be posted, and authorized vehicles, excluding police motorcycles, will be required to display a permit issued by the Police Department.

The Preferential Parking District plan also anticipated the unique needs that will likely arise during the construction of the new county courthouse. The Preferential Parking District authorizes the Police Chief to designate other spaces within the district needed for official emergency vehicles. Any added spaces would be temporary in duration and only for use by official vehicles that provide essential services to the court function such as transportation and/or court security, or other criminal justice functions. The plan requires that the Police Chief report any such designation of temporary spaces to the Traffic Safety Commission.

The Preferential Parking District is intended to maintain public safety by keeping emergency vehicles secure and in close proximity to their drivers, and provide safer ingress and egress of prisoners into the court facility complex.

Fiscal Impact

Yolo County has committed to reimbursing the City for the cost of the signs required to implement the designated parking. Therefore, there will be no impact on the City funds.

Public Contact

Letters were distributed to property owners and/or residents in the area shown on the attached map. A Public Hearing was held at the November 5, 2007 Traffic Safety Commission, posting of the City Council agenda for the December 4, 2007 Council Meeting, and Public Hearing notification in Daily Democrat on November 23, 2007.

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Commission Recommendation

The Traffic Safety Commission recommended approval of the Preferential Parking District as presented with the additional condition that the preferential parking district expire at the end of construction of the parking structure planned in connection to the courthouse construction.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. _____ establishing the Preferential Parking District for criminal justice purposes.

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Attachments: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND
PROVIDING A PREFERENTIAL/RESERVED AREA
FOR THE YOLO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND
THE YOLO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Woodland has been requested by the Yolo County District Attorney's Office and the Yolo County Probation Department to provide for designated preferential parking areas in specific locations to facilitate safety issues for the vehicles and contents and the safe transport of prisoners to the Court House facility; and,

WHEREAS, City Municipal Code Section 14-7-10-1 sets forth the parameters for designation of such preferential parking areas; and,

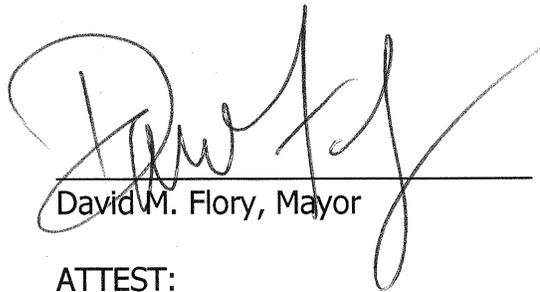
WHEREAS, all appropriate noticing requirements have been achieved and the proposed areas to be designated have been approved by the Traffic Safety Commission; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby (1) designate six (6) parking spaces in front of 301 Second Street (Yolo County District Attorney's Office) and two (2) parking spaces in front of 275 First Street (Traffic Court) for Police Motorcycle parking (1) and prisoner transport van parking (1); and, (2) authorizes the Chief of Police to so designate parking spaces as they may be required due to construction of the new downtown Court House as needed to facilitate the safe and efficient conduct of criminal justice business; and, (3) stipulates that the established preferential parking district will cease upon completion of construction of the new Yolo County Court House.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby approve this Resolution to so establish this preferential parking area as allowed by current Municipal Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of December, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:



David M. Flory, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Ann M. Siprelle, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Sue Vannucci, Director of
Administrative Services/City Clerk