



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: October 77, 2025

TO: Dean Albro, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Introduction of Ordinance No. 1736(25) Prohibiting the Parking of Any Vehicle for More than Two Hours Without a Permit in Any Residential Preferential Parking District, and Establishing a Residential Preferential Parking District on the 1200 and 1300 Block of North L Street; and Adoption of Resolution No. 6781(25) Establishing Procedures, Rules, and Regulations for the Creation and Administration of Residential Preferential Parking Districts; Adoption of Resolution No. 6782(25) Adopting the 2025 Bail Schedule

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Introduce, by reading of title only with further reading waived, Ordinance No. 1736(25) amending Lompoc Municipal Code (LMC) section 10.28.040 Designation of Restricted Parking Zones to prohibit parking for more than two hours without a permit in any Residential Preferential Parking District (Attachment 1);
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 6781(25) to establish procedures, rules and regulations for the creation and administration of Residential Preferential Parking Districts (Attachment 2);
- 3) Hold a public hearing; and
- 4) Adopt Resolution No. 6782(25) adopting the updated 2025 Bail Schedule (Attachment 3).

Background:

State law authorizes cities to prohibit parking some or all vehicles on designated public streets during all or designated hours. State law also allows cities to establish a permit parking program that allows residents to park vehicles that are otherwise prohibited on streets adjacent to their residences. (Vehicle Code Section 22507.)

Lompoc Municipal Code section 10.28.230 allows the City Council to adopt a resolution to establish a parking permit program under Vehicle Code Section 22507, which would allow the City to issue permits to designated individuals to park in restricted parking zones. In 2019 and 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution Nos. 6243(19) and 6575(23) that created permit parking programs for specified areas where parking is restricted.¹

In addition, Penal Code Section 1269(b) requires the Superior Court Judges of every county to prepare, adopt and annually revise a uniform schedule of bail for misdemeanor offenses. In addition to the uniform schedule of bail, the municipalities may submit bail schedules for their municipal code violations. Bail schedules determine the monetary amount for infraction and misdemeanor violations of municipal codes. The 2024 Bail Schedule was last updated and adopted on August 6, 2024.

Discussion:

Like many other cities in California, Lompoc is facing a rise in the presence of vehicles such as cars, vans, motorhomes, and non-motorized trailers that are in poor condition and parked on public streets, leading to leaks of fluids onto streets, gutters, and storm drains. Additionally, there have been instances of trailers leaking septic waste and reports of vehicle occupants improperly disposing of human waste on City streets and into storm drains.

As the City continues to grow, the challenge of finding sufficient residential parking has intensified. The presence of motorized and non-motorized vehicles in poor condition parked on residential streets, which vehicles do not belong to the residents of those streets, has made it increasingly difficult for residents to safely navigate and secure parking near their homes.

During research into how other California cities are addressing the need to protect their residents while managing the population of individuals living on public residential streets, fifteen (15) different cities were identified as having implemented residential parking ordinances.

- San Francisco
- Los Angeles
- San Diego
- Ventura
- Santa Ana
- Inglewood
- Temple City
- Culver City
- San Gabriel
- National City
- Berkeley
- Temple City
- Davis
- Alhambra
- Costa Mesa

¹ Cordoba Avenue, Aviation Drive, 300 block of North Ninth Street, Industrial Way, Chestnut Court, 1400 and 1500 blocks of North L Street, Commerce Court, 1600 block of North O Street

Ordinance No. 1736(25) would establish the ability to designate areas in the City as Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Districts and require a residential parking permit to park a vehicle in those areas for more than two sequential hours. This would allow residents and caregivers to park near their homes while allowing non-residents to park for short visits.

The City Council on its own can establish an area as a Residential Preferential Parking District, based on a demonstrated need to address parking availability, safety, and well-being of a residential area. The City Council also may dissolve any District, or amend the parking restrictions of the District, at any time in its sole discretion.

Residents may also petition the City Council for their residential street, block, or area to be designated as a Residential Preferential Parking District by obtaining signatures of a supermajority of 75% of the residents of each block. Parking restrictions can be removed through a similar petition process.

This process would be similar to the existing system used during Lompoc's Flower Festival for the streets surrounding Ryon Park.

- Permits are issued to residents, and
- Signs are posted on RPP streets indicating that parking is prohibited without a permit.

1200 and 1300 Block of North L Street

The area being proposed with this agenda item as a Residential Preferential Parking District is the 1200 and 1300 Block of North L St. The following map shows the Windscape Village Multi-Unit apartments are on the right, Stonebrook on the left, but a block wall separates Stonebrook from the 1200 and 1300 Block of North L St. There are no other land uses on the block. To the south of the 1200 and 1300 Block of North L St are the Summerwood townhomes and the Barkin Park (dog park).



Figure 1

A Google Maps search of the 1300 block of North L Street from April 2023 showed only one trailer parked on the street. However, as of October 14, 2024, more than six RVs, trailers, and vehicles were parked on this block.



Figure 2 – April 2023



Figure 3 - October 2024

The Stonebrook development has a Homeowners Association that limits the number of vehicles that the residents can park inside the Stonebrook gated areas. The residents of Stonebrook routinely park their vehicles on the 1200 and 1300 Block of North L St and on West Barton Ave. The block wall separating Stonebrook from the 1200 and 1300 Block of North L Street has a pedestrian gate to allow residents to park their vehicles on L Street and walk into Stonebrook. A pedestrian and vehicle gate into Stonebrook on West Barton Ave also exists². Allowing non-resident vehicles to park on the 1200 and 1300 Block of North L St, without limits, unduly creates hardships for the residents of Stonebrook and the Windscape apartments.

² See Figures 4 and 5.



Figure 4 - Stonebrook Ped Gate – 1300 Block N. L St



Figure 5 - Stonebrook Ped & Veh Gate - Barton Ave

The City of Lompoc's overnight RV parking permit ordinance and the 72-hour parking law have done little to prevent trailers, vehicles, and RVs from taking the available parking on this City street. To avoid the 72-hour parking law, the non-motorized trailers will just hook up to vehicles and pull the trailers forward out of the abatement marks to avoid being cited or towed. It is believed that none of the persons associated with these vehicles, trailers, and RVs live in any of the residences in the area.

2025 Bail Schedule

Resolution No. 6782(25) contains an updated bail schedule for 2025, which also includes the fine for parking an RV in a restricted zone without a permit. The fine is already on the

2024 Updated Bail Schedule, however, since the Bail Schedule should be readopted every year, this is a good opportunity to adopt the 2025 Bail Schedule attached to the resolution.

Fiscal Impact:

If the ordinance and resolutions are adopted, Police Department and Code Enforcement staff will need to dedicate time to enforcing the ordinance. However, this may reduce the overall staff time required to address complaints about illegally parked non-resident vehicles. Additional staff time will be required to administer the parking permit program. Some revenue could be generated from fines imposed on ordinance violations. Lastly, before enforcement can begin, the City will need to procure and install signage in the designated Residential Preferential Parking Districts. The City's sign shop can construct the signs, and the direct costs to the General Fund is estimated to be between \$350 and \$500 per sign. No additional appropriations are needed.

Conclusion:

Designating the 1200 and 1300 block of North L Street as a Residential Preferential Parking District would help increase parking availability and reduce nuisance activity not only for the residents of Windscape Apartments but also for those living in Stonebrook, whose homes are adjacent to the block wall along the 1200 and 1300 block of North L Street. Adoption of Resolution No. 6782(25) will enable the City to provide the Superior Court with 2025 Bail Schedule that can then be amended from time to time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: 1) Ordinance No. 1736(25)
2) Resolution No. 6781(25)
3) Resolution No. 6782(25)