



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: James R. Helmer

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE
RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING
ORDINANCE**

DATE: 01-05-06

Approved

Date

1/17/06

Council Districts: 3, 6

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 11.48 of Title 11 of the San José Municipal Code to:

1. Expand the Cahill Park residential permit parking zone (RPP) to include the four (4) street segments highlighted in Attachment A;
2. Expand the Horace Mann and South University Neighborhood (SUN) RPP to include the thirty-four (34) street segments highlighted in Attachment B
3. Establish a new RPP zone for the Sherman Oaks neighborhood as highlighted in Attachment C.

BACKGROUND

Cahill Park

In 1995, the City Council approved the establishment of RPP zones in several neighborhoods in the vicinity of the San José Arena (now HP Pavilion). These zones were created due to their proximity to the arena and the concerns that if parking were not restricted, vehicular volume on many of the residential streets would increase and parking intrusion by non-residents would occur on event days.

On March 16, 2004, the City Council approved the establishment of the Cahill Park RPP zone to address similar parking concerns for residents of the newly constructed Avalon Bay housing complex bounded by Bush Street, The Alameda and Wilson Avenue. During the distribution of residential parking permits to Avalon Bay residents in Spring 2004, it was brought to the City's attention that the housing complex included residential loft units along The Alameda. As authorized by Section 11.48.200 of the San José Municipal Code (SJMC), the Director of Transportation may add streets to an existing RPP zone on interim basis, not to exceed 180 days. Based upon this authority, the Cahill Park RPP zone was extended in Summer 2004 along both Bush Street and Wilson Avenue to The Alameda to permit residents in the loft units to obtain parking permits.

In March 2004, the Georgetown housing complex, located immediately south of the Avalon Bay complex, was completed. In November 2004, the Georgetown property managers initiated an outreach process to its residents regarding establishing residential permit parking adjacent to the complex.

Horace Mann and SUN RPP Zones

The Horace Mann and SUN RPP zones were established in April 2002 in response to parking concerns of residents, businesses and community organizations in the vicinity of San José State University, the Civic Plaza redevelopment area and the New City Hall. In early 2005, residents on street segments within the original permit parking study area submitted petitions to the City requesting inclusion in the RPP program. Under the authority granted to the Director of Transportation under Section 11.48.200 of the SJMC, 34 street segments within the Horace Mann and South University Neighborhoods were added on an interim basis during Summer 2005 during the regularly scheduled renewal period for these zones.

Sherman Oaks

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood is located south of San José City College (SJCC). Prior to the annexation of this neighborhood into San José in the 1980's it was an unincorporated County area. To address resident concerns about City College students parking into the neighborhood, the County installed 'No Parking' signs prohibiting parking between 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday. While this did help to address the student intrusion at the time, it also prevented residents from parking in front of their properties during weekdays. Over the years, SJCC has added evening classes. In addition, there are now many sporting events that occur at SJCC on nights and weekends.

ANALYSIS

Cahill Park

The expansion of the Cahill Park RPP zone on both Bush Street and Wilson Avenue, as highlighted on Attachment A, was implemented on an interim basis. Council approval is required to permanently incorporate these street segments in the RPP program.

The Georgetown housing complex, consisting of 94 townhomes, is located between San Fernando Street, Sunol Street, Park Avenue and Laurel Grove Lane. The complex is closer to the HP Pavilion than many of the neighborhoods in the existing Arena RPP zone. There are very few on-street parking spaces adjacent to the Georgetown housing complex. However, because these spaces are unrestricted, many arena patrons find it convenient to park in this neighborhood to avoid parking fees, reducing the available parking supply to residents and their guests. In addition, concerns have been raised that residents who live within the St. Leo's RPP zone, are now parking on the unrestricted east side of Sunol Street. In Spring 2005, Georgetown's management submitted petitions to the City, showing that 89% of the residents in the proposed expanded Cahill Park RPP area support permit parking.

Consistent with the existing Cahill Park RPP zone, each unit will have the opportunity to obtain one (1) parking permit for either resident or guest parking. In addition, the permit zone will only be in effect weekday evenings between the hours of 6pm and 11pm, and all day on weekends. Similar to the existing Cahill Park RPP zone, residents will be able to have guests during the weekday without the use of a permit.

Horace Mann and SUN

The petitions submitted to the City by 16 street segments in the Horace Mann RPP zone and 18 street segments in the SUN RPP zone, showed that a majority of the households on each of the proposed street additions supported inclusion of their street into the existing RPP zones. The level of support ranged between 51% - 84%. Based on this support, permit parking was implemented on the additional street segments highlighted in Attachment B on an interim basis in the summer of 2005. Council approval is required to permanently incorporate these street segments in the RPP program.

Consistent with the existing RPP zones, the permit zone in the Horace Mann neighborhood is effective between 8am – 6pm, except weekends and holidays; and between 8am – 8pm except Sundays and Holidays in the SUN neighborhood. Residential parking permits are valid for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2005 for the SUN RPP zone and September 1, 2005 for Horace Mann RPP zone.

Sherman Oaks

In September 2004, residents in the Sherman Oaks neighborhood requested assistance from the City in response to their concerns about parking intrusion generated by the SJCC during evenings and weekends. In addition, this neighborhood desires the ability to park during the weekday in front of their homes. A parking study conducted in October 2004 indicated that approximately 85% of the available on-street parking spaces in the proposed zone were occupied during the evening, with more than 50% of those parked vehicles arriving from outside the neighborhood.

In September 2005, the Sherman Oaks neighborhood submitted petitions to the City showing that 56% of the households in the proposed RPP zone highlighted on Attachment C support permit parking. The proposed zone would be in effect on a twenty-four hour, seven day a week basis. To provide time for the installation of signs, and distribution of permits, it is proposed that the Sherman Oaks RPP zone become effective May 1, 2006.

OUTCOME

Provide safe, efficient and neighborhood friendly transportation operations by establishing residential permit parking zones in impacted neighborhoods.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Cahill Park

The proposed expansion of the Cahill Park RPP zone was coordinated with the Arena Event Operations Committee (AEOC), the St. Leo's neighborhood association and affected businesses.

Horace Mann and SUN

Residents in both neighborhoods were active in canvassing block segments that did not receive the necessary support when the RPP program was initially established in 2002. As part of this process, petitions were circulated to residents, property owners and businesses located within the petition area. In addition, City staff made presentations to the Civic Plaza Parking and Traffic Committee and to the SUN neighborhood association.

Sherman Oaks

City staff made a presentation of the proposed RPP zone in July 2005 to the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association. This proposal was also coordinated with neighboring apartment complexes to the west of the zone.

COORDINATION

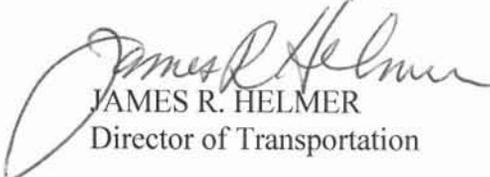
The proposed permit zone has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the City Manager's Budget Office, and the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department.

COST IMPLICATIONS

The cost of implementing the new and expanded permit zones will be absorbed within the existing resources of the Department of Transportation. The collected parking permit fee of \$30 per permit will accrue to the General Fund and should offset any added costs. The parking fine for citations issued to vehicles parked without an RPP permit is currently \$51. Parking citation revenue will also accrue to the General Fund.

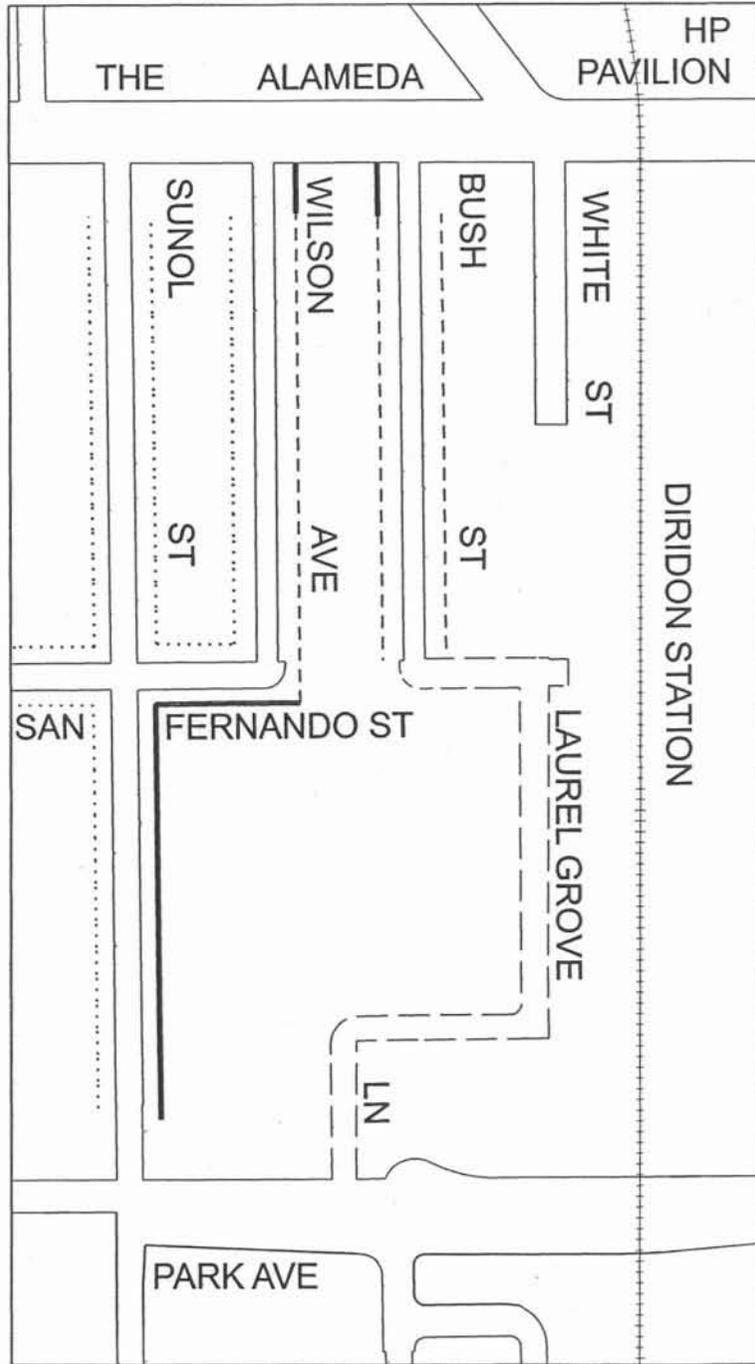
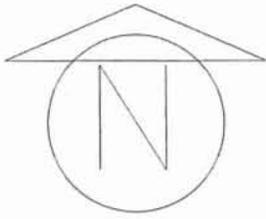
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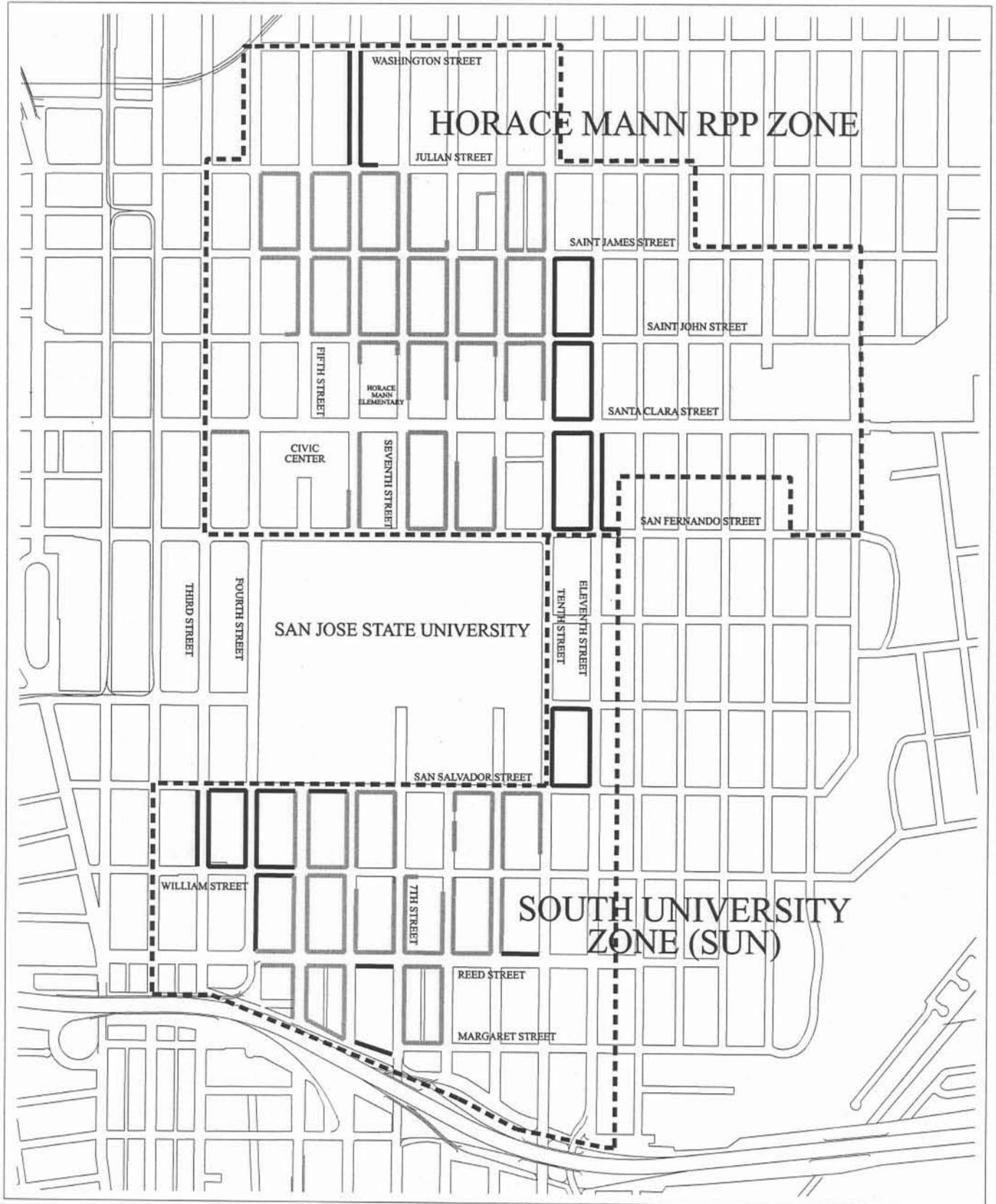
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ATTACHMENT A CAHILL PARK RPP EXPANSION



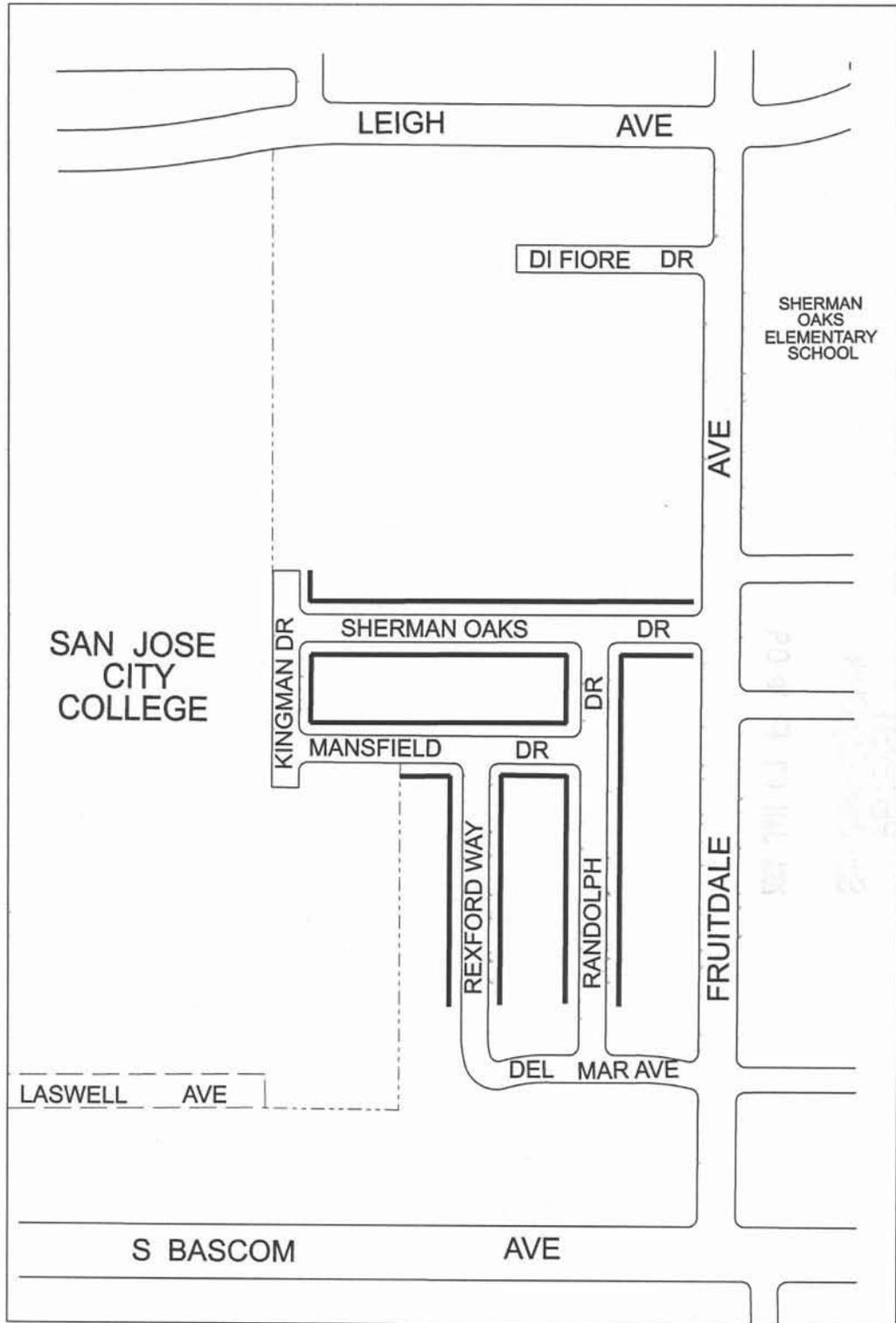
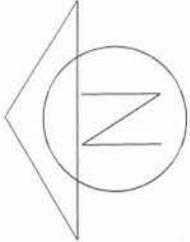
- PROPOSED CAHILL PARK RPP EXPANSION
- - - EXISTING CAHILL PARK RPP
- EXISTING ST. LEO'S RPP

ATTACHMENT B HORACE MANN AND SUN RPP EXPANSION



--- RPP STUDY BOUNDARY — EXISTING RPP — PROPOSED RPP EXPANSION

ATTACHMENT C PROPOSED SHERMAN OAKS RPP ZONE



— PROPOSED SHERMAN OAKS RPP