

STAFF REPORT Public Hearing 12-17-19

AGENDA ITEM #:

19-135

COUNCIL MTG OF:

December 3, 2019

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Amendment to Traffic Ordinance, Section 150-3, Temporary Parking Restrictions

PURPOSE

To schedule a public hearing and subsequently approve a modification to the traffic ordinance that allows the chief of police to address temporary or unanticipated traffic conditions by posting official signage to limit or alter parking regulations as set forth in Chapter 150-3.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The Town Council is urged to schedule a public hearing for December 17 on this matter and enact Ordinance #2019-014 after the hearing.

BACKGROUND

Occasionally, traffic conditions may manifest that require the prompt establishment of temporary alteration or limits on existing parking regulations as codified in Chapter 150-3 for the benefit of public safety.

In accordance with the Town Charter, the Town Council is responsible for adopting or amending town ordinances.

There is currently no mechanism that allows for an immediate or temporary change to parking regulations as established by ordinance.

DISCUSSION

Amend the current Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 150-3, Temporary Parking Restrictions, by adding a new Section C. that adds the following language: "The Chief of Police may, for the purpose to address temporary or unanticipated traffic conditions, post "Official traffic signage" to limit or alter parking regulations set forth herein for a period of not more than 60 consecutive days without further Council approval."

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the community as a result of the requested action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

The Town Council move to amend the existing Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 150-3, by adding the new Section E as noted above and in the attached Ordinance, number 2019-014.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

See attached ordinance, number 2019-014