



Staff Report

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REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 07/03/2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Community Services Department

SUBJECT:
RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING TWO-HOUR PARKING LIMIT AT CORONA SENIOR CENTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This staff report asks City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2024-078, implementing a two-hour parking time limit at the Corona Senior Center, 921 South Belle Avenue. This time limit will allow staff to enforce parking requirements for non-participants and help staff better serve our patrons.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-078, implementing two-hour parking at the Corona Senior Center, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

The City of Corona owns and operates the Corona Senior Center at 921 S. Belle Ave. Senior Center programs operate Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Senior Center offers a variety of drop-in programs, services, and events, including a daily lunch program. Approximately 150 participants attend the facility daily and participate in one to two-hour-long activities each visit.

Recently, staff and participants have observed an increased number of non-participants parking in the Senior Center parking lot. The Senior Center is in a 7,650 square foot former fire station and has just 39 parking spaces. While street parking and public transportation are available, many participants have stated that if there is no immediate parking, they prefer to opt out of programs and services for the day.

Current signage at the Senior Center parking lot states "Senior Center Parking Only," which is enforceable by towing. However, this is difficult for staff to monitor and enforce. To address the lack of compliance, Senior Center staff have sought to identify non-participant vehicle owners, including

contacting neighboring businesses to provide friendly reminders that the parking lot is for participant use during operational hours. This has resulted in some improved parking behavior. Nonetheless, the Senior Center staff continue to face challenges identifying vehicles and getting pushback from vehicle owners who disregard staff requests.

ANALYSIS:

Due to the continuous parking issues at the Senior Center, staff are recommending a two-hour parking time limit to be implemented during operating hours. Staff are proposing to mirror the existing two-hour parking limit at the nearby Corona Public Library, which is posted as Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This will provide consistent parking limitations within this service corridor and allow staff to request assistance from parking enforcement to issue citations to violators. Unrestricted, public parking would resume outside of the posted hours.

The intent of implementing the two-hour parking time limit at the Senior Center is to increase access for senior patrons while inhibiting non-patron use during operation hours. Senior Center staff will be responsible for monitoring use trends, issuing warnings, and requesting enforcement when needed. Staff understand that there are circumstances where patrons may have longer visits, such as events or volunteer opportunities. In such instances, staff can provide temporary passes or make other provisions to ensure patron vehicles are not cited during their visit to the Senior Center.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The recommendation to implement hourly parking limitations at the Corona Senior Center was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at their Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. The Commission unanimously supported the recommendation and requested that it be moved to City Council for final consideration and adoption.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The implementation of a two-hour parking time limit at the Senior Center has no financial impact on the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action strictly pertains to parking limitations at the Senior Center and standard City operations and there is no possibility that approving this project will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

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Attachment:

1. Exhibit 1 - Resolution No. 2024-078