

PARKING ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01PAB

A RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION OF THE PARKING ADVISORY BOARD TO THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE CODES AND ORDINANCES RELATING TO PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Section 2.174 of Chapter 2, Article 3, Division 6 of the City of San Marcos Code of Ordinances (the "City Code") defines the purpose of the Parking Advisory Board to serve "an advisory function ... to the city manager and city council regarding creation and operation of the parking and transportation demand management program including, but not limited to ... codes and ordinances governing transportation demand management policies, programs, or infrastructure investments within any established parking benefit districts;"

WHEREAS, the City of San Marcos expended material public resources to commission the development of a 2016 Parking Implementation Plan and, subsequently, adopted the 2018 Parking Program Framework Plan which has not yet been implemented;

WHEREAS, the Parking Advisory Board has received reports since its inception demonstrating continued delinquency in parking citation collection and disregard for the City's ordinances related to the use of the publicly-owned curb for parking privately-owned automobiles;

WHEREAS, Subpart A, Chapter 82 ("Traffic and Vehicles") of the City Code contains the majority of ordinances related to parking and transportation demand management (TDM);

WHEREAS, the Parking Advisory Board has formed an Administrative Committee to evaluate the City Codes relating to parking and TDM and found numerous shortcomings preventing effective implementation of parking and TDM in the modern era, including, but not limited to: (a) most articles and sections of Chapter 82 having been adopted in 1970 with no or minimal revision since that date; (b) no reference to the existence of the Parking Advisory Board nor integration with its purpose; (c) ambiguity regarding the departmental ownership of core functions related to parking and TDM; (d) no establishment of an enterprise fund parking revenues and expenditures; (e) no ordinance governing parking benefit districts integral to the Parking Advisory Board's purpose, and (f) other codified barriers to effective parking and TDM outcomes;

WHEREAS, the Parking Advisory Board believes theses outdated ordinances and ambiguous departmental ownership to be a material impediment toward advancing the Parking Program Framework Plan and the overall objective of fair and effective parking and TDM;

WHEREAS, the Parking Advisory Board intends to develop recommendations during the 2022 calendar year for updates to Subpart A, Chapter 82 or administrative policy related to parking and transportation demand management, including, but not limited to: the parking management organization; citation fees & rates; processes relating to modification of the traffic register related to parking; enforcement; consequences for citations; and, processes for creating and managing parking benefit districts.

and;

WHEREAS, the Parking Advisory Board intends to bring forward these recommendations to the City Council for its consideration and action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKING ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:

Part 1. The Parking Advisory Board request the City Council to authorize its legal department to work with the Parking Advisory Board to codify proposed modifications to Chapter 82 of the City Code to then be brought forward to the City Council for its consideration.

Part 2. The Parking Advisory Board requests the City Council to authorize its finance, municipal court, and police departments to work with the Parking Advisory Board to provide data and information necessary to provide recommendations regarding the parking management organization.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on April 18, 2022

Attest:

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Chair