



## Legislation Text

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### **AGENDA CAPTION:**

Receive a work session presentation and hold discussion regarding Parking Mobility, a program designed to engage citizens in the process of enforcing disabled parking space violations within the City of San Marcos

**Meeting date:** 1/16/2018

**Department:** Police

### **Amount & Source of Funding**

**Funds Required:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Account Number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Funds Available:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Account Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Fiscal Note:**

**Prior Council Action:** There has been no prior Council action on this topic.

**City Council Goal:** [Please select goal from dropdown menu below]

Goal #8 Provide efficient & effective delivery of services

Choose an item.

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**Comprehensive Plan Element (s):** [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

- ☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.
- ☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.
- ☐ Land Use - Choose an item.
- ☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- ☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- ☐ Transportation - Choose an item.
- ☒ Not Applicable

**Master Plan:** *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

**Background Information:**

The City of San Marcos performs its parking enforcement functions through the deployment of four part-time parking technicians employed by the Police Department. These four employees are responsible for the enforcement of all disabled parking space violations city-wide in addition to all other parking violation concerns such as the time parking program in our downtown area. Some communities including Hays County have chosen to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of their disabled parking space enforcement by enlisting the help of trained citizens. Parking Mobility is a non-profit company that manages a smartphone application-based program bringing interested citizen volunteers together with municipalities and county governments to greatly increase the number of disabled parking space violations which are enforced. The smartphone app offered by Parking Mobility allows trained citizen volunteers to record violations and submit those directly to the court for adjudication. The end result is an increased likelihood of an offender being observed and cited and therefore a greater rate of compliance in the long term.

**Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

N/A

**Alternatives:**

If there is a desire to increase the effectiveness of our disabled parking space enforcement, we may choose to add parking enforcement personnel to the police department or consider alternatives such as Parking Mobility.

**Recommendation:**

The staff recommendation is to move forward with entering into a contract with Parking Mobility to enhance our parking enforcement efforts.