

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: PARKING REGULATIONS ON BURNHAM DRIVE

BACKGROUND:

On May 14, 2013, City Council referred a letter from the Waters Edge Town Home Association, care of Ron Shiflet the association President, requesting that the parking regulations along Burnham Drive be changed to restrict parking along the north side of the street. Currently parking is restricted at all times on the south side of the road.

In the letter, the Waters Edge Town Home Association cites two main reasons for the change 1) that there are fire hydrants located along the north side, therefore losing potential parking spaces that may also decrease access to those hydrants by the Fire Department during a fire, and 2) the south side has more street frontage for parking given the current layout of driveways. The letter also indicated that of the 27 residents living on Burnham Drive, 20 residents either support or do not object to the change. Five residents would like to keep No Parking on the south side, and two did not respond.

Staff looked into this request and found no safety or operational issues in changing the side of the street that restricts parking. This change will actually bring the parking regulations into line with current standards for subdivisions by restricting parking on the same side of the street where the fire hydrants are located.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that would restrict parking at all times on the north side of Burnham Drive and allow parking on the south side.
2. Reject the request, thereby keeping No Parking on the south side of Burnham Drive.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Since 1) there is a large majority of support for this change by the affected residents, 2) the change will promote better access to fire hydrants in times of emergency, and it would make parking regulations more consistent throughout the subdivision; it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council support Alternative #1 and direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to restrict parking at all times on the north side of the street and allow parking on the south side.

