

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Special Town Council Meeting on: November 12, 2019

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Re: Further Discussion Regarding Potential Changes to Fees and Regulations for Paid Parking and Other Parking Matters

Date: October 24, 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Town Council review the following information and provide direction to staff, relative to desired changes to fees and regulations for placard, metered and residential permit parking spaces.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At the July 11, 2019, Special Town Council meeting, Council approved Resolution No. 50-2019, authorizing fee increases for certain “metered” parking locations, as well as parking placards, which went into effect on October 1, 2019.

In addition to the fee increases approved, Council also reviewed a number of other parking related matters at the July 11 meeting, some of which were approved and others that were deferred to the November 12, 2019, Town Council meeting for further discussion. The additional items that were approved included:

- Implementation of 24/7 enforcement of metered parking in the Phipps Ocean Park Lots, 100 Block of Royal Palm Way and the west side of South Ocean Blvd (adjacent to Mid-Town Beach), effective October 1, 2019. All other metered parking areas will continue to be enforced Monday – Saturday from 8:00am – 6:00pm.
- Conversion of the 100 Block of Sunrise from 1-hour free parking to “metered” parking, using the Park Mobile option only for payment. ***The implementation of this action was subsequently delayed at the August 14, 2019, Council meeting, to allow for further discussion at the November 12, 2019, meeting.***

The items that were deferred to the November 12, 2019, Town Council meeting included:

- 1) Conversion of the 100 Block of Sunrise from 1-hour free parking to “metered” parking (\$3/hr), using the Park Mobile option only for payment and implementation of placard parking (up to 20 placards).

- 2) Implementation of 24/7 enforcement of metered parking for Bradley Place (100 Block), Royal Palm Way/Recreation Center Parking Lot, Lake Drive (adjacent to Marina), and Peruvian Avenue (200 and 300 Blocks)
- 3) Expansion of the “metered” parking locations
- 4) Expansion of the placard parking program
- 5) Implementation of “shared parking”, using the Peruvian Ave Town employee lot

1) 100 Block of Sunrise

Staff is seeking final direction from Council regarding the previously approved conversion of all 1-hour free parking spaces to \$3/hr “metered” parking (using Park Mobile only), as well as the implementation of placard parking (permitting up to 20 placards to be sold).

2) 24/7 Enforcement of Metered Parking Areas

As outlined above, Council previously approved the implementation of 24/7 enforcement of metered parking in the Phipps Ocean Park Lots, 100 Block of Royal Palm Way and the west side of South Ocean Blvd., but deferred action on the 100 Block of Bradley Place, Royal Palm Way/Recreation Center Parking Lot, Lake Drive, and the 200 and 300 Blocks of Peruvian Avenue. Staff seeks direction on this item. If the 100 Block of Sunrise is converted to metered parking or any other areas in Town, staff also seeks direction regarding the 24/7 enforcement policy.

3) Expansion of “Metered” Parking Locations

Staff seeks direction regarding the conversion of free time-limited parking spaces on the following streets to “metered” parking (via Kiosk and Park Mobile or Park Mobile Only), which would effectively expand the metered parking program by 169-219 spaces.. To manage the new “metered” spaces the Town could deploy additional kiosks, which would cost us approximately \$1,350 per kiosk, per year for five years through the current “lease to own” contract. We would also deploy Park Mobile. Alternatively, the Town could choose to use Park Mobile only or use a combination of approaches depending on the circumstances of each area identified for expansion.

100 Block of Hammon Ave

Convert 9 spaces on east end of block from 2-hour free parking to \$3/hour (17 additional 2-hour spaces on west end of block are also available for conversion).

100, 200 and 300 Blocks of Worth Ave

Convert 132 spaces on all three blocks from 2-hour free parking to \$4/hour.

100 Block of Peruvian Ave

Convert 2 spaces on east end of block from 1-hour free parking to \$3/hour (10 additional 1-hour spaces on west end of block are also available for conversion).

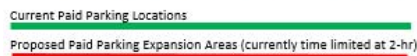
100 Block of Chilean Ave

Convert 7 spaces on east end of block from 1-hour free parking to \$3/hour (9 additional 1-hour spaces on west end of block are also available for conversion).

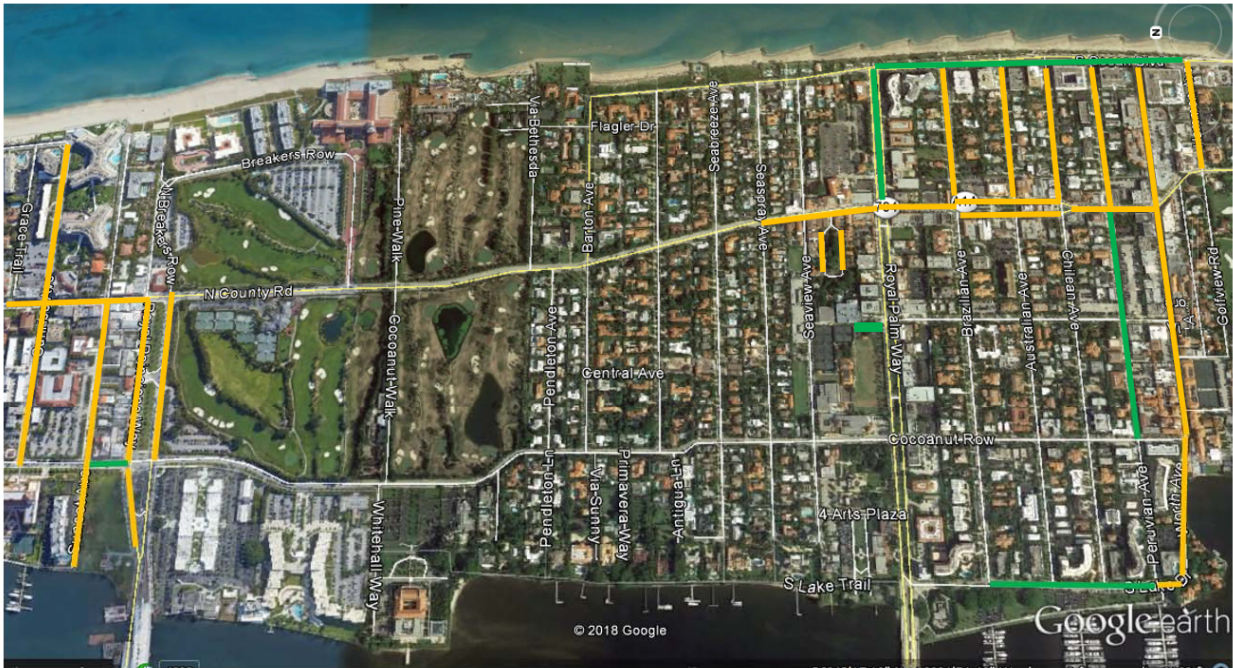
Convert 5 spaces on east end of block from 1-hour free parking to \$3/hour (6 additional 1-hour spaces on west end of block are also available for conversion).

Convert 14 spaces on east end of block from 1-hour free parking to \$3/hour (8 additional 2-hour spaces on west end of block are also available for conversion).

The map below illustrate the areas in question. The green lines indicate current metered parking areas and the red lines indicate the free time limited spaces and locations that could be converted to meter parking.



Council may also be interested in considering all commercial areas for the implementation of “metered” parking. In May 2018, the following map was presented to highlight the areas currently time limited that could be converted to metered parking, with rates set based on demand.



Current Paid Parking Locations
Proposed Paid Parking Expansion Areas

4) Expansion of Placard Parking Program

The current placard parking areas in the mid-Town area is comprised of 139 total spaces. The expansion of the placard parking program by adding new locations in the mid-Town area, where demand significantly exceeds supply, could be considered for the blocks listed below. This list is inclusive of the areas previously presented, along with some additional ones for consideration. South County Road was removed per Council feedback at the July 11 meeting. The default free time limited regulation will remain in effect but placard holders for these areas will not be held to the time limitation. A total of 329 on-street spaces are included in the list below, but only 25% of these spaces are proposed for placard sales, ensure plenty of spaces for non-placard holders.

STREET NAME	BLOCK	SPACES	PLACARDS
Australian Ave	100	11	3
Australian Ave	200	15	4
Australian Ave	300	23	6
Australian Ave	400	17	4
Brazilian Ave	100	22	6
Brazilian Ave	200	23	6

Brazilian Ave	300	17	4
Brazilian Ave	400	16	4
Chilean Ave	100	16	4
Chilean Ave	200	18	5
Chilean Ave	300	19	5
Chilean Ave	400	20	5
Cocoanut Row	300	46	12
Hammon Ave	100	26	7
Hibiscus Ave	300	17	4
Peruvian Ave	100	12	3
Worth Ave	400	11	3
		329	82

5) Shared Parking in Town Employee Lots

The Town employee parking lot on Peruvian Avenue (just west of S. County Road) is primarily used Monday – Friday from 7:00am – 5:30pm. At the July 11, Council meeting staff was asked to provide information about creating a “shared parking” program in that lot. Staff has learned that there may be usage limitations that were placed on this lot, per a Declaration of Use Agreement from 1999, when said parcel was conveyed to the Town. A shared parking program (i.e. implementing metered public parking) is possible but modifications to the Declaration of Use Agreement may be required. Staff seeks direction on this matter.

Along with the Peruvian lot, staff has also identified the possibility of using the Australian Ave employee lot during “off hours” for off-street parking, including valet. A special exception use approval would be required if this is something Town Council would like to pursue as well.

Residential Permit Parking

On a related parking matter, staff has received inquiries from time to time about the potential of expanding the total number of residential permit decals and visitor passes a resident can purchase. Currently, residents are permitted to purchase up to four (4) decals and visitor passes in the combination they choose at the cost of \$50 each. Staff is seeking Council direction to expand this number to perhaps eight (8). One of the upsides of such a change is the flexibility it provides for residents to have more guests visit their homes. One of the downsides of such a change relates to supply and demand, as RPP spaces are first come first serve.

Study of Parking Regulations

Prior to the adoption of any of the undecided items above, Council could choose to engage with an appropriate subject matter expert to review our current parking regulations and provide recommendations on the changes we’ve reviewed, as well as other best practices that may be worthy of consideration. Staff is currently finalizing an RFP to determine what a regulation study would cost and should have a proposal before the February 2020 Council meeting.

cc: Department Directors