

# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: April 12, 2022

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To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Re: Recommendation to Implement Additional 30-Minute Parking Spaces on the 200 and 300 Blocks of Worth Avenue, and the 200 Block of South County Road

Date: April 1, 2022

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Town Council approve the proposed 30-minute parking regulation changes on the 200 and 300 blocks of Worth Avenue as outlined below and attached, which were recommended by the Business and Administrative Committee (BAC) for approval.

Staff also recommends the Town Council approve the proposed conversion of fourteen (14) 2-hour free parking spaces on the 200 block of South County Road to 30-minute free parking, as requested by the Police Department.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

At the January 11, 2022, Town Council meeting, the conversion of twelve (12) 2-hour parking spaces to 30-minute spaces on the 200 and 300 blocks of Worth Avenue was approved and implemented shortly thereafter. This action was intended to promote quicker turnover and reduce traffic congestion to better accommodate shoppers seeking short-term parking. As expected, the new 30-minute spaces have proved successful in not only creating a quicker turnover of spaces on Worth Avenue, but the conversion from 2-hours spaces has reduced the availability of long-term parking that was routinely used by employees, thus freeing them up for customers instead.

At the March 11, 2022, BAC meeting staff provided some recommendations which we believe will further improve the short-term parking situation on Worth Avenue. As outlined on the attached map staff recommended, and the BAC endorsed, the addition of 6 more 30-minute spaces (3 on the 200 block and 3 on the 300 block) in 3-space sections. Staff also recommended, and the BAC endorsed, that the current 6 space sections be broken into 3-space sections to distribute these short-term parking opportunities more equitably on the Avenue.

Subsequent to the March 11 BAC meeting, the Police Department proposed the conversion of fourteen (14) 2-hour parking spaces on South County Road (between Royal Palm Way and Seaview Avenue) to 30-minute parking. The reason for their request is that many of the 22 total

spaces on this block are consistently used by beachgoers, thus minimizing the ability of customers visiting businesses and stores in this area to find on-street parking. Parking enforcement has advised that 42% of the parking citations issued in 2020 in this area were for overtime parking. In 2021 45% of the citations were for overtime parking and through March 2022, 38% of the citations were issued for the same reason.

As a point of information, staff is in the process of reviewing the currently loading zone areas and times and will adjust to create consistency throughout the Avenue. There are currently 8 loading zones on the 100, 200, and 300 blocks. Four of them are from 8:00 am – 10:00 am and the four others are from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Staff intends on making them all from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, as deliveries are made throughout the day.

Attachment

cc: Carolyn Stone, Assistant Town Manager  
Department Directors  
Parking Committee