

## BCPUD RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING PLAN COMMITTEE

### Update to BCPUD Board Regarding the County of Marin Department of Public Works Implementation Plan for Downtown Parking Ordinances

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In February we reported that the parking ordinances cleared the Coastal Commission and that the next steps were in the hands of the Department of Public Works (DPW), the entity that submitted the proposal. As a result of other priorities, per DPW staff, there has been some delay in moving forward. MOU'S with administrative entities are still pending. They are required before the proposed ordinances go to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for review and approval. The final step from DPW is to work on the process to confirm and install signs in the designated areas. Our committee has asked DPW to review the proposed ordinances with us and to discuss the wording and location of the signage.

BCPUD's role is to administer the permits and staff are now working with the Marin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) on policy and procedure. We have also provided information to BCPUD staff regarding prior discussions with the Sheriff's office and Supervisor Rodoni as to the development of the Bolinas policy and procedure for eligible applicants with the expectation that these new policies will reflect what was agreed upon in numerous County and BCPUD meetings regarding proof of residency.

Regarding the content of the proposed parking ordinances, although we have not seen them we expect that they will match what was approved by the Coastal Commission. (Program description as submitted [County of Marin Department of Public Works Coastal Permit \(P4237\) - County of Marin \(marincounty.org\)](#). The primary components concern vehicle length in effect at night and 24/7 as well as a night time parking restriction requiring a permit. The two existing green zones on Brighton Ave. at the Waterhouse site and Wharf Road market remain in place.

A **vehicle length restriction** will be added to an ordinance similar in wording to the current Measure X ordinance which has sunset. We are asking DPW for the wording of the signage. There are two ordinances with this change. They will differ in the hours and area that they are in effect.

- Brighton Avenue Area: This length limit ordinance shows the current hours of restriction: 11 p.m. - 5 a.m., applying only on the non-residential side of Brighton Avenue.
- Wharf Road will also restrict parking of vehicles greater than 22 feet but at all times on Wharf Road from the Museum to the Beach entrance as the road begins to narrow significantly. No new parking restrictions will be in effect on Wharf Road from the intersection with Brighton to and including the Museum. The exact endpoint on Wharf Road still needs to be detailed as the map is not detailed as to address..

**Permit ordinance.** The hours are to be 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. MCSO and the County insisted on no guest permits, that properties are limited to two permits, although there may be some flexibility as to number if there are enough permits available, and that permits are affixed to the vehicle window, i.e. not transferable.

- Area covered. This ordinance would be in effect on the residential side of Brighton Ave. On Wharf Road it would be in effect in a portion (tbd) of the street in the same area where the limit of 22 feet on parking would be in effect (from Museum to the Beach). Although the submission of a permit restriction to the Coastal Commission shows it extending along Wharf Road to the beach, we have discussed with DPW that the non-residential side of the street (across from the lagoon) should not have a permit restriction given that the lagoon side of that portion of the street is a red zone and does not allow parking in front of residents' homes. There are a small number of properties that are eligible for restriction on Wharf Road, however the exact area still needs to be confirmed. We have sent a map to DPW and BCPUD staff showing our understanding of where the restriction would occur for both streets. *(An edited copy of the map submitted by DPW to the Coastal Commission is attached. The original is in the DPW Coastal Permit Application link.)*
- Further discussions are needed with residents who will be participating in this program. Brighton Avenue residents were informed of the potential restriction and polled during the development of the program however the details still need to be reviewed by eligible Wharf Road residents who were not polled and where implementation is more nuanced given the existing red zones, limited off- street parking and College of Marin return.

**New 72 hour and requirement to move the vehicle 500-foot ordinance.** Our committee found out about this when Supervisor Rodoni announced it at his community meeting in Bolinas in November. BOS approved this change on April 16 and it goes into effect this month. It is applicable to the unincorporated areas of Marin. MCSO asked that this length be added so the 72- hour parking limit could be enforced. In prior conversations with the county our committee had asked that some method for enforcement of the 72 -hour law. Although the Sheriff says this will be enforced, the county has the policy of not criminalizing those who are unhoused so enforcement will most likely be nuanced.

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Attachment – Map of Ordinance Area with edits