

Subject: Ordinance #1490 – Amending Section 16.03.050(e) to allow Parking on certain City streets that was previously prohibited

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Exhibits: Ordinance #1490

Proposed Council Action:

This matter is on for Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #1490.

Initial & Date

Concurred by Mayor: _____
Approved by City Planner: _____
Approved as to form by City Atty: JSR/9-29-16
Approved by Finance Director: _____
Approved by Department Head: _____

INFORMATION / BACKGROUND

The City has received a request from Metro Parks Tacoma to allow parking on certain streets while the Point Defiance Park update is in process. Specifically, MPT requested that the City open up the following “no parking” zones to allow parking:

1. Parking on the north side of 54th Street between Pearl Street and Bennett Street (RMC 16.03.050(e)(14)); and
2. Parking any time of day on the east side of Pearl Street from N. 49th Street to N. 54th Street (RMC 16.03.050(e)(2)).

In order to continue to work collaboratively with Metro Parks Tacoma, staff recommends an update to the parking restrictions to facilitate use of the waterfront and Point Defiance Park by updating RMC 16.03.050(e) to allow the parking as requested. In addition, RMC 16.03.050(e) (16) prohibits parking in the Ruston Way Tunnel. Because the Tunnel is no longer in use as a City right of way, this restriction should be removed from having parking restrictions as a housekeeping matter.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION

N/A

BOARD OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / MOTION

Adopt Ordinance #1490.

MOTION: I move adoption of Ordinance No. 1490 relating to vehicle parking on city streets, amending Section 16.03.050(e) of the Ruston Municipal Code to delete the following parking restrictions: on the east side of Pearl Street (from N. 49th to N. 54th), time of day restrictions on the north side of N. 54th street between Pearl and Bennett, and the Ruston Way tunnel.