

City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: 02/27/05		Item Number: <u>A-3</u>
AGENDA ITEM: Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.03 of the Culver City Municipal Code to Add Subchapter 7.03.700, <i>et seq.</i> Relating to Specified Veterans Parking Exemptions.		
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: Master Notification List via email on February 22 nd and Neil Rubenstein, Culver City Veterans Affairs Committee via telephone call on February 22 nd .		
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson	2/16/06	CAO Approval: Martin Cole for Jerry B. Fulwood (2/21/06)
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang (2/21/06)		

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider the introduction of an Ordinance amending Chapter 7.03 of the Culver City Municipal Code ("CCMC") to add subchapter 7.03.700, *et seq.* relating to specified veterans parking exemptions. (See Attachment No. 1).

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting of October 10, 2005, the City Council discussed the issue of possible exemptions for specified veterans from municipal parking fees and/or regulations, where they have been issued special interest license plates by the California Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") relating to their military service.

California Vehicle Code Section 5060 (all "Section" numbers shall refer to the California Vehicle Code unless otherwise specified) authorizes the issuance of special interest license plates to organizations meeting specific criteria. Included in this category of special plates are various veteran related groups. The issuance of a special interest license plate within each group is also subject to specific Vehicle Code requirements. The following groups were identified for possible exemptions: Pearl Harbor Survivor (Section 5101.3), Legion of Valor (Section 5101.4), Former American Prisoner of War (Section 5101.5), Congressional Medal of Honor (Section 5101.6) and Purple Heart Recipient (Section 5101.8). (See Attachment No. 2).

Such exemptions have been adopted by the City of Fresno and allow a person who has been issued a Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor, Purple Heart, Pearl Harbor Survivor or Former American Prisoners of War special interest license plate to park in certain controlled municipal parking spaces without charge. The exemption applies to automobiles, trucks, motorcycles or other motor-driven forms of

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transportation not in excess of 6,000 pounds gross weight, which display such a special interest license plate issued by the DMV or any other state issuing plates of a similar status. (See Attachment No. 3).

At the conclusion of its discussion, the City Council directed staff to draft the necessary CCMC amendments to exempt certain classifications of veterans from having to pay fees for parking in City-owned lots or at metered parking spaces; and requiring compliance with all other CCMC parking regulations, including, but not limited to, street sweeping and permit parking.

On December 19, 2005, the Culver City Redevelopment Agency adopted amendments to the Agency's parking policies for all Agency-Owned and/or operated parking facilities. The amendments approved a new policy in anticipation of the proposed Ordinance and exempts the above specified veterans groups from short-term parking fees.

DISCUSSION:

As directed by the City Council, staff has prepared the proposed Ordinance amending CCMC Chapter 7.03 to add subchapter 7.03.700, *et seq.* The proposed Ordinance identifies specific classifications of veterans, including Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor and Purple Heart recipients, Pearl Harbor Survivors and Former American Prisoners of War, who have been issued special interest license plates by the DMV, to be exempted from parking fees in City-owned lots and metered spaces. In addition, the proposed amendment limits the vehicles that may be exempted to automobiles, trucks, motorcycles or other motor-driven forms of transportation not in excess of 6,000 pounds gross weight, which display such special interest license plates issued by the DVM or any other state issuing plates of a similar status. Finally, the proposed Ordinance specifically states that the exemptions do not apply to compliance with any other CCMC parking regulations, such as those applying to height restriction, longer term parking, street sweeping, no parking restrictions, etc.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Staff is not able to estimate the potential revenue lost to the City if the exemptions are adopted. The loss of revenue would be dependent upon the number of special interest license plates issued and the parking of such licensed vehicles in the City. While the fact that some revenue losses would occur, the extent to which these losses may be offset by increased business activity generated by the attraction of more visitors to the City because of such exemptions, similarly cannot be estimated.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Ordinance.
2. Excerpt, California Vehicle Code Sections 5101.3, 5101.4, 5101.5, 5101.6 and 5101.8.
3. City of Fresno regulations.

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

Introduce the Ordinance amending Chapter 7.03 of the Culver City Municipal Code to add a new subchapter relating to exempting vehicles belonging to specified classifications of veterans from certain municipal parking regulations.