Private Parking in Public ROW

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
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Current Code

- A public parking space may be designated for private use if:

1. It is an owner occupied home
2. It is an owner occupied multi-family home
3. The structure has been utilized as a residential dwelling since before 1980.
4. No off-street parking option is available on the applicant's property or by private arrangement within 500 feet of the property.
5. Fire and Police verify no safety issues are created by allowing the on-street parking.
6. One vehicle per adult year-round residence. In no instance shall more than 2 be issued.

Issues

1. Year round resident: Tracking who lives in the home and how the home is difficult as some of these homes are rented for short or long periods of time.
2. The ordinance does not objectively state what it means to not be able to park a car on the private property.
3. Anyone could make an agreement to accommodate parking within 500 feet. Its unclear why this is a criteria.
4. It is unclear what Fire and Police are evaluating?

Current Situation

- 3 Single Family Residences have signage
- One two-family residence has two signs
- At least one home is utilized for short term rentals as advertisements on VRBO
- One home is under contract to be redeveloped to accommodate parking underneath
- It is unclear if the other two homes are year round residences.

Enforcement

- When asking one occupant about how they ensure the sign is enforced they commented that they have other vehicles towed out of the public right of way.
- The Police and/or parking staff have no way of knowing if a car is associated with a true year-round resident.

Solution

- Free residential pass for properties where:
- **The residence was legally constructed prior to 1980 and no off-street parking was accommodated on-site, and**
- **There is not enough room for a driveway cut that will accommodate a minimum of one 9’X18’ parking space on the private lot.**

Notification/Sunset of the current signs for the four residences

- Allow “X” time before sign is removed after a new ordinance is adopted
- Require signs to be removed as soon as ordinance adopted
- Other?