



CITY OF EVERMAN

212 North Race Street Everman, TX 76140

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA TITLE: ORDINANCE # 804 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS BY AMENDING SECTION 19-76 "SPECIAL ORDINANCES PROHIBITING OR REGULATING PARKING OF VEHICLES AT SPECIFIC PLACES ON DESIGNATED STREETS" OF DIVISION 1 "GENERALLY" OF ARTICLE III "STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING"; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2023

PREPARED BY: C. W. Spencer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Everman Independent School District requires all students and faculty to register their vehicles with the district before being parked at Everman High School. In order to register the vehicle, the student must provide a driver's license and proof of insurance. While parked on the campus, the parking lots are secured to help prevent students from leaving or skipping school during school hours. Additionally, all vehicles parked on school property are subject to search, which is typically performed by a contracted detection canine.

Recently, it has been reported that many students are bypassing these regulations by parking their vehicles in the Johnson Park parking lot. Upon further investigation, it has been determined that students typically do this for one of the following reasons: (1) They do not possess a valid driver's license; (2) they do not have vehicle liability insurance on the vehicle that is being driven; (3) they do not want their vehicles subject to search and are possibly concealing contraband inside of their vehicles; or (4) they want to have the ability to leave the campus when they are not permitted to do so.

In recent weeks, Everman Police Officers have reported seeing more than 50 vehicles at times parked in the Johnson Park parking lot during school hours. This unpermissible use also causes increased strain on the parking lot infrastructure, ultimately resulting in increased maintenance and cost. Additionally, this limits the ability for other park goers to utilize this space.

To properly address this issue, staff has worked on a plan that would limit the improper use of this parking space, while also not hindering the proper use of the park. The attached ordinance will prohibit parking at this location for any longer than 2 hours, on school days, between the hours of 7:00 am and 4:00 pm.

This ordinance will be enforced by the Everman Police Department in conjunction with our contracted wrecker service.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None