



Public Works Agenda Item

Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

Agenda Item: Bower House Parking Stall Request

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

Tammy Aprehamien, the owner of the Bower House located at 183 W. Main Street, is requesting 12 parking stalls be reserved in Lot G for tenants of her building. Lot G, located on North Street between First and Second Streets, has a total of 25 residential permit spaces allocated and is typically the first lot sold out. Currently, parking permits are offered on a first come basis through the Police Department that starts in early May. Proof of downtown residency is required.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has talked to the Police Department about the possibility of reserving parking stalls specifically for a landlord and are in agreement that this would not be a good practice to start. Concerns include other landlords asking for reserved stalls and the possibility of the ask being more than the availability. How does one decide who gets what. Also, not all downtown renters have vehicles which could lead to landlords renting out apartments which include a parking stall that is then left unoccupied. While the City would still be getting paid (by the landlord), it could be forcing another renter to get a parking permit at a parking lot possibly further away. Landlords could also charge more than what the city is charging.

Therefore, staff's recommendation is to deny the request for reserved parking stalls and remain with the current procedure.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. 2025/2026 Permit Sale Instructions