

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

Garry Ford, Jr., Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT:

Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Section 126-354 of the City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances to revise the effective time of Parking by Permit Areas A and B and amending Section 126-368 (m) of the City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances to revise the reference to parking by permit areas in existing water recreation loading zones.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 5

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Council unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 126-354 of the City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances to revise the effective time of Parking by Permit Areas A and B and amending Section 126-368 (m) of the City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances to revise the reference to parking by permit areas in existing water recreation loading zones on May 10, 2021.

Staff received a request to clarify the existing posted signs for Parking by Permit Area A and the collocated area with a restriction on water recreation loading covered in Sec. 126-368 (m). The existing effective time for the restriction on water recreation loading in Sec. 126-368 (m) is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m (midnight) from March 1 to October 31 and for Parking by Permit Area A is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. from May 1 to September 30.

Section 126-368 (m) provides an exception to allow water recreation loading for vehicles with a valid parking permit for Designated Permit Area A. However, the times that are currently outside of the effective times for Parking by Permit Area A in Sec. 126-354 cause a potential conflict for Parking by Permit Area A permit holders because the current ordinance does not provide an exception for permit holders to load/unload during these times.

During the review of Sec. 126-354 and Sec. 126-368, staff noted that Sec. 126-368 only referenced Parking by Permit Area A in subsection (m) when the existing restriction on water recreation loading in subsection (m) also included a portion of Parking by Permit Area B. Therefore, this request will clarify that the restriction on water recreation loading in Sec. 126-368 (m) includes areas in Parking by Permit Areas A and B.

The proposed amendment to the effective times for Parking by Permit Areas A and B will resolve this potential conflict. No changes are proposed to the location of either Parking by Permit Area A or Parking by Permit Area B with this amendment. Additionally, no changes are proposed to the location of the restriction on water

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recreation loading currently in Sec. 126-368 (m).

The May 10, 2021 Council Meeting was a public hearing for this consideration. Notices of the public hearing were mailed to all property owners (as shown on the latest tax roll) within Parking by Permit Areas A and B.

ISSUE:

The proposed amendment will address a conflict between the effective times for Parking by Permit Areas A and B in Sec. 126-354 and the restriction on water recreation loading in Sec. 126-368 (m). It will also clarify that Sec. 126-368 (m) includes a water recreation loading in Parking by Permit Areas A and B.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for updating the dates and times on the existing signs is approximately \$700. Sufficient funding is available in the FY 2021 approved streets and drainage budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of amending Parking by Permit Area A and Parking by Permit Area B to change the effective time from 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. on May 1 through September 30 to 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on March 1 through October 31. Staff also recommends approval of amending Sec. 126-368 (m) to reference both Parking by Permit Areas A and B.