

City of Calistoga

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Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Michael Kirn, Public Works Director/City Engineer
DATE: June 20, 2017
SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution establishing (1) a five minute Passenger Loading Zone on Cedar Street at Pioneer Park, and (2) designating two, temporary parking spaces in a public lot for a physical therapy business

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:



Dylan Feik, City Manager

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2 **ISSUE:** Consideration of a Resolution establishing a five minute Passenger
3 Loading Zone on Cedar Street at Pioneer Park, June Through August on
4 Thursday Evenings Between the Hours of 5:30 PM And 8 PM Pursuant To
5 Section 10.36.080 of the Calistoga Municipal Code; designating two (2) parking
6 spaces in a public parking lot for a physical therapy business; directing the Public
7 Works Director to install the necessary signs, and; directing the Police
8 Department to begin enforcement after the signs have been installed.

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10 **RECOMMENDATION:** Consider the two requests and adopt the Resolution.

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12 **BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:** Recently the City has received two requests for
13 parking accommodations. First, a request for time-limited parking at Pioneer
14 Park. The Friends of Pioneer Park have recently completed Phases II and III of
15 the park restoration which included placement of sod, new irrigation system and
16 landscape plantings and the Park reopened on June 9, 2017.

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18 One of the major events held at the park is the Thursday evening Concert in the
19 Park series June through August sponsored by the Calistoga Chamber of
20 Commerce (Chamber). On-street parking on Cedar Street is first come-first serve
21 with no time limit, and it is sometimes difficult for seniors or disabled individuals
22 to get dropped off at a convenient location to attend the concert.
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24 Last year the Chamber of Commerce conducted a trial passenger loading zone
25 on Cedar Street at the main entrance to the park to provide two spaces as a
26 convenient amenity to individuals coming to the concert. The popularity of the
27 Concert in the Park is increasing and drawing several hundred participants per
28 event and the Chamber has requested the two-space passenger loading zone
29 become permanent during the concert series. The use of two parking spaces
30 during the concert series would not materially affect parking in the area during
31 the concerts, and would not affect parking during other times.

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33 Staff is recommending adoption of a Resolution as authorized in Section
34 10.36.080 of the Municipal Code that restricts parking on Cedar Street to five
35 minutes on Thursdays, June through August between the hours of 5:30 PM and
36 8 PM establishing a passenger loading zone. The recommended Resolution also
37 directs the Public Works Department to install signage and directs the Police
38 Department to begin parking enforcement after the signs are installed.

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40 The second request for a parking accommodation was received by staff and then
41 by Council on May 16th during public comment period. Jodie Hunt, of Wellspring
42 Physical Therapy (1338 Lincoln Ave.) requested the City designate two (2)
43 parking spaces in the public parking lot behind the fire station for medical facility.

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45 Throughout the duration of the Lincoln Avenue Bridget project, CalTRANS
46 requires a portion of the City's public parking lot to be used for construction
47 staging. Thirty two (32) parking spaces are temporarily "lost" for the 30-month
48 construction project.

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50 Adjacent to the public lot is the physical therapy business, one of the few medical
51 facilities in Calistoga. The business owner claims the business is adversely
52 impacted by losing the adjacent thirty two (32) spaces and physical therapy
53 patients are unable to find parking, making it difficult to visit the location. In
54 addition, patients may suffer from either permanent or temporary disability or
55 discomfort and lack of available parking may force patients to park much further
56 away. As the facility serves numerous Medicare recipients and is required to
57 have adequate parking, the requestor has asked the City Council and staff to
58 consider an accommodation by restricting two (2) spaces for their use.

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60 The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this request and while the Municipal
61 Code is unclear, the City does have the authority to designate two spaces in
62 its lot for this particular business. Generally, the California Vehicle Code
63 provides broad authority for the City to regulate parking on its streets and within
64 municipal lots, including the authority to give preferential parking privileges to
65 nearby merchants (CA Vehicle Code Sections 22507 and 22519).

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67 Considering a business owner has made this request to temporarily designate
68 parking for her business, and that the Council may have a desire to

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69 accommodate patients of the facility, the Council can consider and/or approve
70 this request.

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72 **CONSISTENCY WITH CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** The
73 recommended action supports the FY 2017/18 City Council Goal No. 1, Objective
74 2, "...Promote the qualities of Calistoga that are attractive to residents and
75 visitors". Establishing a passenger loading zone for the Concert in the Park
76 event, and also designating two parking spaces for use of the physical therapy
77 business, provide a safe and effective way for members of the community,
78 including seniors and persons with disabilities, to attend the popular event and
79 park vehicles for the duration of physical therapy sessions, respectively.

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81 **FISCAL IMPACT:** The cost to purchase and install the required signs at Pioneer
82 Park is approximately \$150 and will come from the account 01-4122-4401. The
83 Chamber has agreed to reimburse the City for the cost of the signs.

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85 The cost to purchase and install temporary signs at the public lot behind the fire
86 station would be paid by the City.

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88 **ATTACHMENTS:**

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- 90 1) Resolution
91 2) Loading Zone Exhibit

RESOLUTION 2017-XXX

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3 **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF**
4 **NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,**
5 **ESTABLISHING A FIVE MINUTE PASSENGER LOADING ZONE ON CEDAR**
6 **STREET AT PIONEER PARK; AND DESIGNATING TWO, TEMPORARY PARKING**
7 **SPACES IN A PUBLIC LOT FOR A PHYSICAL THERAPY BUSINESS**
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Pioneer Park have recently completed Phases II and
10 III of the park restoration which included placement of sod, new irrigation system and
11 landscape plantings; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Thursday evening
14 Concert in the Park at Pioneer Park from June through August; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, last year the Chamber of Commerce conducted a trial passenger
17 loading zone on Cedar Street at the main entrance to the park; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, the popularity of the Concert in the Park is increasing and drawing
20 several hundred participants per event and the Chamber has requested the passenger
21 loading zone become permanent during the concert series; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, on-street parking on Cedar Street is first come-first serve with no time
24 limit, and it is sometimes difficult for seniors or disabled individuals to get dropped off at a
25 convenient location to attend the concert; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, Section 10.36.080 of the Calistoga Municipal Code authorizes the City
28 Council, by resolution, to restrict parking to certain time limits in designated areas; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, California Vehicle Code Sections 22507 and 22519 provides broad
31 authority for the City to regulate parking on its streets and within municipal lots, including
32 the authority to give preferential parking privileges to nearby merchants; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, CalTRANS requires a portion of the City's public parking lot to be used
35 for construction staging which temporarily reduces public parking by thirty two (32) parking
36 spaces for the 30-month construction project; and
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38 **WHEREAS**, an adjacent business which serves members of the public who are
39 senior, with permanent/temporarily disability, are receiving medical services, are adversely
40 impacted by temporary loss of public parking; and
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42 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of a passenger loading zone on Cedar Street, and
43 designating two parking spaces for a physical therapy business, would not materially affect
44 parking in the area during the concerts or business, respectively; and
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46 **WHEREAS**, the recommended actions are general policy and procedure and are
47 not a Project under CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b) (4) of CEQA; and
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49 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Calistoga
50 hereby establishes a five minute passenger loading zone on Cedar Street at Pioneer Park,
51 June through August on Thursday evenings between the hours of 5:30 pm and 8 pm

52 pursuant to Section 10.36.080 of the Calistoga Municipal Code, the cost to purchase and
53 install the required signs is approximately \$150 and will come from the account 01-4122-
54 4401, the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to reimburse the City for the cost of the
55 signs; and also designates two, temporary parking spaces in a public lot for a physical
56 therapy business.

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58 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Public Works and Police Departments are
59 directed to take the necessary steps to establish and enforce these parking changes,
60 including the placement of signs declaring the hours of restricted parking and enforcement
61 thereto.

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63 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Calistoga
64 at a regular meeting held this 20th day of June 2017, by the following vote:

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- 70 **ABSTAIN:**
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CHRIS CANNING, Mayor

75 **ATTEST:**
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78 **KATHY FLAMSON, City Clerk**



LOCATION MAP

Cedar Street Passenger Loading Zone