

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2013

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

BY: RAMIRO ADEVA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 13-403, AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, AS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE, BY ADDING A NEW PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 4 (CARELL AVENUE, BETWEEN THOUSAND OAKS BOULEVARD AND GARNET HILL COURT, MICHELLE DRIVE AND GARNET HILL COURT) AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF ARTICLE III OF THE AGOURA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE

The City has received numerous complaints from residents on Carell Avenue, Michelle Drive, and Garnet Hill about excessive congestion, littering, and vandalism by Agoura High students parking along these streets. Despite efforts to patrol the area by law enforcement and school officials, it still hasn't proven to be effective. As such, a formal petition was submitted requesting the establishment of a preferential parking district similar to the three preferential parking districts that currently exist on Driver Avenue, Conejo View Drive, and Foothill Drive, which restrict parking between the hours of 7am to 4pm on school days only.

On August 22, 2013, this item was presented to the Public Works Subcommittee for discussion. Both members of the committee (Mayor Denis Weber and Councilmember Illice Buckley-Weber) were not opposed to the establishment of another parking district, but urged staff to continue discussions with the school district to find a long-term solution to this continuing problem.

On September 25, 2013, a discussion item was presented to the City Council, with many residents speaking about the negative impacts to their neighborhood. Based on those discussions, the City Council directed staff to proceed with preparing the necessary documents to establish a preferential parking district, which would include both sides of Carell Avenue, between Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Garnet Hill Court, as well as Michelle Drive, and Garnet Hill Court.

As in previous instances, prohibiting parking on these streets, during select hours, results in the need for a Permit Parking Program that the City would establish and administer. Decals will be fabricated and distributed to the residents along these streets so that residents and their guests will still be allowed to park on the street during school hours.

Staff recommends that the official parking restrictions take effect at the start of the new calendar year (January 1, 2014). This would allow a smooth transition and implementation of the parking restrictions. The additional time would afford the school administration the ability to adequately inform the students of the parking restrictions, and give staff time to set up the Permit Parking Program.

With City Council approval, new regulatory signs would be installed by the City's Public Works crew in December. The limits of the new signage would be between Carell Avenue, between Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Garnet Hill Court, as well as on Michelle Drive and Garnet Hill Court. In addition, the Lost Hills Sheriff's Traffic Division will be notified of the changes in order to enforce the new restrictions.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

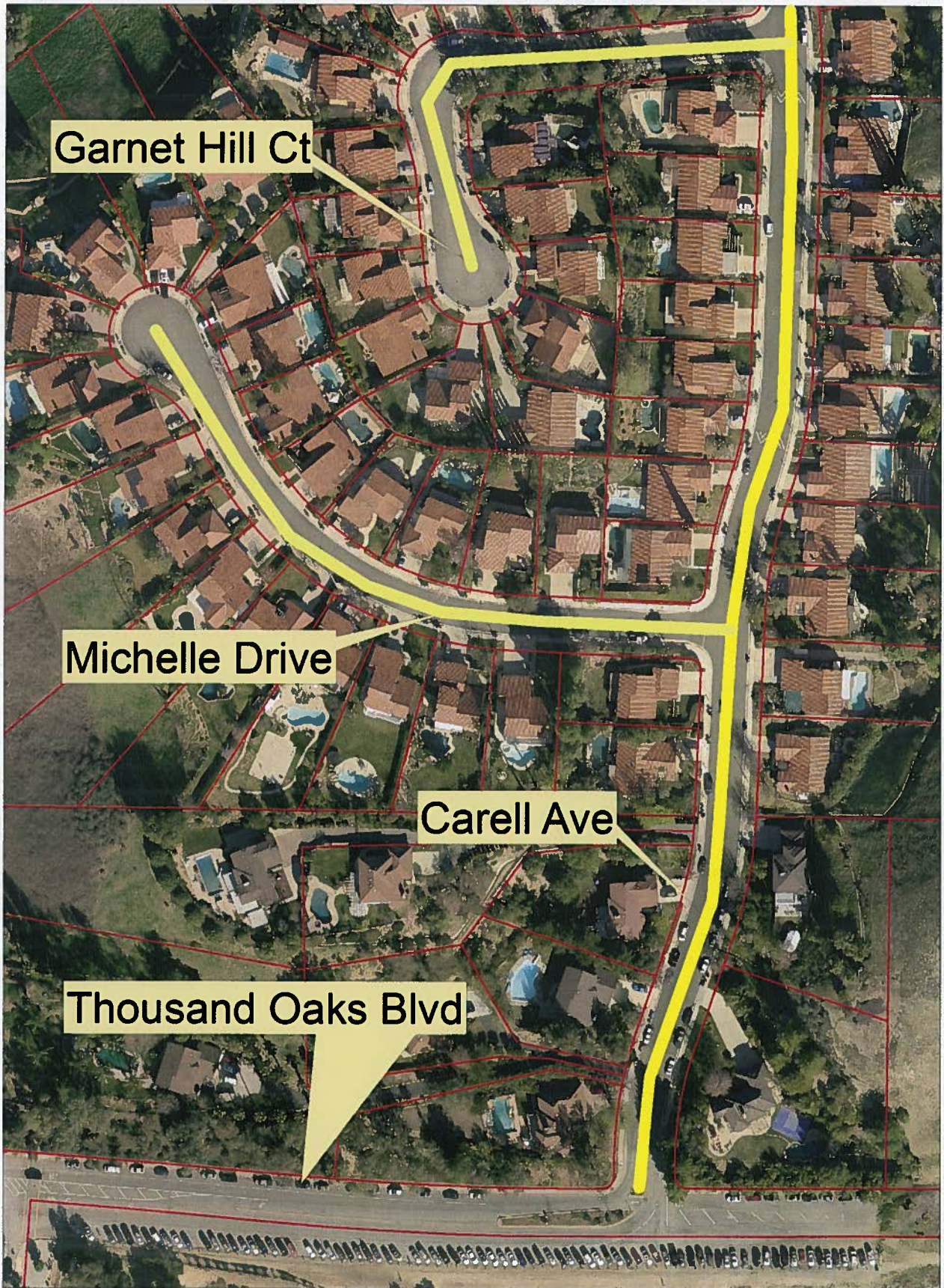
1. Introduce, read by title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 13-403; amending Title 15 of the Los Angeles County Code, as adopted by reference, by adding a new Preferential Parking District No. 4 (Carell Avenue, between Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Garnet Hill Court, Michelle Drive and Garnet Hill Court) and amending Chapter 2 of Article III of the Agoura Hills Municipal Code.
2. Set a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 13-403 for November 13, 2013.

Attachment: Exhibit "A" – Proposed Preferential Parking District Limits
Ordinance No. 13-403

Exhibit A

Proposed Preferential Parking District

 Parking District Limits



ORDINANCE NO. 13-403

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, AS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE, BY ADDING A NEW PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 4 (CARELL AVENUE, BETWEEN THOUSAND OAKS BOULEVARD AND GARNET HILL COURT, MICHELLE DRIVE AND GARNET HILL COURT) AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF ARTICLE III OF THE AGOURA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings and Intent.

- A. The City of Agoura Hills previously adopted by reference Title 15, Vehicles and Traffic, Division 1, Traffic Code of the Los Angeles County Code, as the traffic ordinance of the City of Agoura Hills.
- B. The City of Agoura Hills desires to amend the Traffic Code to establish a new Preferential Parking District No. 4.
- C. California Government Code Section 50022.2, *et seq.* authorizes the adoption by reference of County Codes and also authorizes amendments to previously adopted County Codes to be adopted in the same manner as adoption by reference.
- D. A duly noticed public hearing, as required by California Government Code Section 50022.3, has been conducted and concluded prior to the adoption of this Ordinance.
- E. At least one (1) copy of Title 15 of the Los Angeles County Code, certified as full, true and correct, has been filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Agoura Hills in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Section 50022.6.
- F. All legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

Section 2. Code Amendment. Section 3204 of Chapter 2 of Article III of the Agoura Hills Municipal Code is hereby further amended by adding Sections 15.64.776 and 15.64.778 to Part 5 of Chapter 15.64 of Division 1 of Title 15 of the Traffic Code of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended and in effect on April 1, 1983, to read as follows:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3200, the Traffic Ordinance is hereby amended by adding Sections 15.64.776 and 15.64.778 to Part 5 of Chapter

15.64 of Division 1 of Title 15 of the Traffic Code of the Los Angeles County Code to read as follows:

15.64.776 *Agoura Hills Preferential Parking District No.4, boundary.* The area bounded as described below shall be designated the Agoura Hills Preferential Parking District No. 4.

A residential area described as follows:

- (1) Both sides of Carell Avenue, between Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Garnet Hill Court;
- (2) Michelle Drive; and
- (3) Garnet Hill Court.

15.64.778 *Agoura Hills Preferential Parking District No. 4, parking restriction.* Only vehicles displaying residential or guest preferential parking permits may park on school days, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on:

- (1) Both sides of Carell Avenue, between Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Garnet Hill Court;
- (2) Michelle Drive, and
- (3) Garnet Hill Court.”

Section 3. CEQA. The City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment because the adoption of this Ordinance will impose greater limitations on parked vehicles in the City, and will thereby serve to reduce potential significant adverse environmental impacts. It is therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. Certification and Posting. The City Clerk of the City of Agoura Hills shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same or a summary thereof to be published and posted in the manner required by law. This Ordinance shall go into effect on the 31st day after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13th day of November, 2013, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: ()
NOES: ()
ABSTAIN: ()
ABSENT: ()

BY:

Denis Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Candice K. Lee, City Attorney