

Resolution No. _____

Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending and Restating
Resolution 9998 To Continue the Southgate Residential Preferential Parking
District (RPP) Program to Remove El Camino Real from the District

R E C I T A L S

A. On December 15, 2014, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 5294, adding Chapter 10.50 to Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code, which established the city-wide procedures for Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Districts in the city.

B. On May 9, 2016, the City Council directed City staff to implement a Residential Preferential Parking program in the Southgate area.

C. In July 2016, a stakeholders' group comprised of Southgate residents and business interests met and made its recommendations to the City on the particular rules to be applied to the Southgate RPP District.

D. On April 26, 2017, the Planning and Transportation Commission held a public hearing to consider the proposed Southgate Residential Preferential Parking program.

E. On June 19, 2017, the Council adopted Resolution No. 9688, which established the Southgate Residential Preferential Parking program pilot and rescinded existing parking restrictions that conflicted with the restrictions established by this RPP district. The pilot program was twice amended in 2018 by Resolution Nos. 9742 and 9756.

F. On October 7, 2019, the Council adopted Resolution 9859 to continue the Southgate Residential Preferential Parking program as a permanent program with modifications as detailed in that Resolution, including increasing the number of employee parking permits in Zone S1 to twenty and limiting the number of daily parking permits available to employees to twenty-four per six-month period.

G. On November 1, 2021, the Council adopted Resolution 9998 to make minor modifications to this RPP program: to allow monthly employee parking permits and to clarify that the permit fees are set by the Municipal Fee Schedule.

H. The City Council now desires to amend and restate Resolution 9998 to remove El Camino from this District due to Caltrans' elimination of parking on El Camino Real.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Palo Alto RESOLVES, as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings. The criteria set forth in Section 10.50.030 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code for annexing the areas described in this Resolution as part of the Southgate Residential

Preferential Parking Program District have been met as follows:

- A. That non-resident vehicles do, or may, substantially interfere with the use of on-street or alley parking spaces by neighborhood residents, in that, based on observation, there are few available parking spaces available midday, while the streets are relatively unoccupied at midnight, thus demonstrating the parking intrusion is largely by non-residents.
- B. That the interference by the non-resident vehicles occurs at regular and frequent intervals, either daily or weekly, in that the parking intrusion is contained to the daytime hours during the regular workweek.
- C. That the non-resident vehicles parked in the area of the proposed district create traffic congestion, noise, or other disruption (including shortage of parking spaces for residents and their visitors) that disrupts neighborhood life, in that based on information from residents and other city departments the vehicle congestion is interfering with regular activities.
- D. Other alternative parking strategies are not feasible or practical in that the City has implemented a series of alternative parking strategies in the past and concurrently and there is still a shortage of parking available.

SECTION 2. Definitions.

- A. “Dwelling Unit” shall have the same meaning as it is defined in Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 10.50.020.
- B. “Southgate Residential Preferential Parking Program District” or “District” shall be that area as shown in Table 1 to this Resolution.
- C. “Employee Parking Zones” shall be those areas specified in Exhibit A to this Resolution.

Table 1
Area of the Southgate Residential Preferential Parking Program District

STREET	BLOCKS ENFORCED
Castilleja Avenue	1500 and 1600
Churchill Avenue	12 to 100
Escobita Avenue	1500 and 1600
Madrono Avenue	1500 and 1600
Manzanita Avenue	200 and 300

Mariposa Avenue	1500 and 1600
Miramonte Avenue	100, 200, 300, 400 and 500
Portola Avenue	1500 and 1600
Sequoia Avenue	200, 300, and 400

SECTION 3. Parking Restrictions within the District.

A. Two-hour Parking Limit and No Re-parking. Within the District, no person shall park a vehicle adjacent to any curb for more than two hours. Re-parking a vehicle more than two hours after initially parking on the same day in the District is prohibited. These restrictions shall be in effect Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, except holidays as defined in Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 2.08.100. Vehicles properly displaying a valid Parking Permit as described in Section 4 of this Resolution are exempt from these restrictions.

B. Exempt vehicles. Vehicles exempt from parking restrictions as described in Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 10.50.070(d) are exempt from the restrictions in this section. Electric vehicles parked at and using an electric charging station within the District are also exempt from the restrictions in this section. Official vehicles belonging to the State of California are exempted when parked on that section of El Camino Real that is within the District.

SECTION 4. Residential and Employee Parking Permits.

- A. Duration. Resident Parking Permits shall be available on an annual basis. One-day Resident Parking Permits shall also be available. Employee Parking Permits shall be available on a one-month and/or six-month basis.
- B. Purchase of Permits. Requirements and eligibility for purchase of both Resident Parking Permits and Employee Parking Permits shall be subject to the provisions of this Section 4 and also to any administrative guidelines, as approved by the Chief Transportation Official.
- C. Parking Permit Sales.
1. Resident Parking Permits. Resident Parking Permits shall be subject to the following regulations:
 - a. Annual Resident Parking Permit. Each dwelling unit within the District may obtain up to six (6) annual Resident Parking Permits.
 - b. Daily Resident Parking Permits. Each dwelling unit within the District may purchase up to 50 Daily Resident Parking Permits annually, which may be used on any vehicle including household visitor vehicles.

2. Employee Parking Permits. The City may issue Employee Parking Permits for use by employees working in the District. Employee Parking Permits shall be subject to the following regulations:

- a. Commuting Only. Employee Parking Permits are for the exclusive use by employees working for businesses within the District while commuting to work.
- b. Duration. Employee Parking Permits shall be available in one-month and/or six-month permits (as determined by the Chief Transportation Official).
- c. Employee Parking Permit Cap. No more than thirty (30) Employee Parking Permits shall be granted at any given time, and shall be allocated between the Employee Parking Zones as specified in Exhibit A.
- d. Employee Parking Permit Priority for Low-income Employees. Preference will be given in the sale of Employee Parking Permits to employees who qualify for reduced price permits based on hourly or annual income.
- e. Employee Parking Zones. Employee Parking Permits shall be specific to one of the Employee Parking Zones shown in Exhibit A and shall entitle the permit holder to park only in the Employee Parking Zone designated on the Employee Parking Permit.
- f. Daily Employee Parking Permits. Daily Employee Parking Permits shall not be sold beginning January 1, 2022.

SECTION 5. Fees. The fee for Parking Permits in the District shall be set by the City's Municipal Fee Schedule.

SECTION 6. CEQA. This resolution is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption and implementation of this resolution may have a significant effect on the environment and Section 15301 in that this proposed ordinance will have a minor impact on existing facilities.

SECTION 7. Supersede. This Resolution supersedes Resolution 9998.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon the elimination of the parking spaces along El Camino Real that were previously in this District (as indicated by Resolution 9998). Enforcement shall commence, pursuant to Chapter 10.50 of Title 10 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code and the California Vehicle Code, when signage is posted.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

Assistant City Attorney

City Manager

Chief Transportation Official

NOT YET APPROVED

Exhibit A

EMPLOYEE ZONES AND PERMIT ALLOCATION			
Zone Name	Maximum Number of Employee Permits	STREET	BLOCKS ENFORCED
S	30 permits	Castilleja Avenue	1500 and 1600
		Churchill Avenue	12 to 100
		Escobita Avenue	1500 and 1600
		Madrono Avenue	1500 and 1600
		Manzanita Avenue	200 and 300
		Mariposa Avenue	1500 and 1600
		Miramonte Avenue	100, 200, 300, 400 and 500
		Portola Avenue	1500 and 1600
		Sequoia Avenue	200, 300, and 400