CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

AGENDA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**
   Chair Patz
   Vice Chair Biri
   Commissioner Emerson
   Commissioner Mejia
   Commissioner Seaman
   Commissioner Wilhelm

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

At this time any individual in the audience may address the Traffic Commission and speak on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please state if you wish to speak on an item on the Agenda. **Remarks are to be limited to not more than five minutes.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2016.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. A Request to Bring Proposed "20 Min. Parking" Restrictions (two spaces) on both Sides of Green Street to the east of Los Alamitos Boulevard to the Traffic Commission for Consideration at a Future Meeting

This report requests the review and consideration for "20 Min. Parking" restrictions on Green Street (Nisie's Enchanted Florist and Imperial Jeweler's.

Recommendation: Approve the request to bring the proposed "20 Min. Parking" restrictions on Green Street to the Traffic Commission for review and consideration.

B. Consideration of a Handicap Parking at 4112 Green Avenue

A request has been received by a resident to install a handicap parking marking and a sign on Green Avenue to assist the mobility-impaired resident.

Recommendation: Based on the findings of Staff's analysis, the installation of one handicap parking is recommended.

C. Consideration of "Permit Parking" Restriction on the South side of Catalina Avenue between Los Alamitos Blvd. and Pine Street

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Recommendation: Based on the findings and analysis, Staff is recommending the approval of a petitioner request and to approve the installation of permit parking on Catalina Street.

7. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

At this time, Commissioners may report on items not included on the agenda, but no such matter may be discussed, nor may any action be taken in which there is interest to the community, except as to provide Staff direction to report back or to place the item on a future agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the Community Center, Museum, and City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. **Dated this 8th day of September, 2016.**

Dawn Sallade

Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – August 10, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:01 PM on August 10, 2016, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners:

Chair Daniel Patz
Vice Chair Gina Biri
Commissioner Dave Emerson (LATE: 7:03)
Commissioner Javier Mejia
Commissioner Jason Seaman
Commissioner James Wilhelm

Absent: None

Present: Staff:

Development Services Director Steven Mendoza
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
Captain Rick Moore, Police Department
Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Patz.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Patz opened the meeting for Oral Communications. There being no speakers, the Chair closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2016.

Commissioner Wilhelm pointed out a correction on:

- Page 3, second line, "Since then, *one more sign has* been added…"
- Page 3, last line in the paragraph, "…so now *the "No Left Turn" signs now have their own sign post which is precisely across from the alley."*

Commissioner Emerson pointed out with regard to Item 6A, the Consideration of a Signal Modification at Los Alamitos Boulevard at Rossmoor Way and Bradbury Road, he had been the one to ask that this

item be agendized in the first place and wasn't aware that this would have been placed on the agenda while he was on vacation. He asks that in the future this be placed back on the agenda once again so that he can expand on his thoughts regarding this subject.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Wilhelm
Carried 4/0/2 (Biri and Emerson abstained): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 13, 2016, with corrections.

INTRODUCTION
Chair Patz welcomed and introduced Farhad Iranitalab as the new Traffic Engineer.

Mr. Iranitalab indicated he'll be handling the duties of the Traffic Commission meetings in the future. He then expanded upon his experience.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Consideration of a School Sign Removal on Bloomfield Avenue to the North of Laurel High School

The Traffic Commission had previously requested the removal of school signs on Bloomfield Avenue at Laurel High School since the school is closed.

Development Services Director Steven Mendoza explained that in his telephone conversation between him and the Los Alamitos School District Superintendent Sherry Kropp, the signs should remain to provide safety for students as the site still offers Adult Transition Courses as well as having a school bus stop. He also explained that he spoke to John Eclevia from the school district who indicated that the high school children also are using the school field as well.

Chair Patz indicated that he has no problem with leaving the signs in place as they are also a traffic calming device as well.

Motion/Second: Biri/Wilhelm
Unanimously Carried 6/0/0: The Traffic Commission accepted Staff's recommendation and will receive and file this report.

B. Consideration of a Installing a "KEEP CLEAR" Pavement Marking at 10961 Bloomfield Avenue

A request was made to install "Keep Clear" pavement signage in front of the driveway at 10961 Bloomfield Avenue to prevent drivers on Bloomfield Avenue from blocking the single access point into the property.

Development Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, gave a brief history of the prior request, and indicated he's prepared to answer questions from the Traffic Commission. He explained that the City Manager, the Mayor and he meet with various businesses in the City and when they met with the owner of Semi-Dice, he explained he had ingress/egress issues.

Discussion ensued and some of the following points/issues which should be studied were:

- Since the Semi-Dice representatives aren't present at tonight's meeting to back up their request, perhaps Staff should request more information from the property owner as to the times of the day, days of the week and time of the year that they experience most of the conflict.
- Locate other keep clear signs and take a look at commonality of other "Keep Clear" areas.
- How many situations around the City where there is a business of that kind in close proximity to an important intersection and this request could be setting a precedent;

Traffic Engineer Iranitalab indicated that most of the "Keep Clear" signs are being done for public access (Fire houses, etc.) and not private access situations.

Captain Moore indicated that he met with one of the executives at the company on two separate occasions to discuss this same issue of egress and ingress. He said he suggested the Area Command Program but apparently they had already reached out to Mr. Mendoza.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission that more information from the business is needed before making a determination.

Motion/Second: Biri/Wilhelm
Unanimously Carried 6/0/0: The Traffic Commission directed Staff to gain and gather more information from the business owner as to where the issue is (ingress and egress) and when (meaning times of day and days of the week and time of year) and to take a look around the City to see if there are other "Keep Clear" signs set up specifically for a business or is it only for public service and would this be precedent setting and bring this back to the Commission at a later date for discussion.

7. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Emerson

- Felt the signs advising of construction on north bound Los Alamitos Blvd., north of Katella Ave. are too general and wondered if signs that are more specific to the work area could be erected. He said people will periodically ask him about upcoming projects in the City and it would be helpful if the Commission could know about these projects.

  Following Mr. Mendoza's explanation as to the future infrastructure projects for the next 6 or so years from various utility companies, a long discussion ensued and it was determined that it would be useful for the Traffic Commission to see a construction plan of upcoming and future major construction projects. Also, a link will be added to the City web page that lists upcoming projects.

Chair Mejia

- Requested agendizing looking at several ingresses and egresses of intersections/alleys such as: The signal controlled intersection of Katella Ave. and Cherry Street; Reagan Street and Kaylor Street; and the alley at Chase Bank. He said in his opinion there just isn't enough room for traffic in and out of these areas.

  Motion/Second: Mejia/Biri
  Unanimously Carried 6/0/0: The Traffic Commission directed Staff to agendize for next month's meeting the signal controlled intersection of Katella Ave. and Cherry Street to see if there is something that can be done to make it a safer driveway.

Commissioner Wilhelm

- Regarding the alley behind the old Rite Aid store and parallel to Los Alamitos Blvd. where the "No Left Turn" from Farquhar Avenue is. He said he had the idea after traveling south bound in the alley that if the City doesn't want people making left turns on Farquhar Avenue from the alley, why not just erect some type of barrier along the lane line that separates east and west traffic? He envisions the white barrier posts that have just been placed on the on ramp to the 605 freeway. He said he felt that that would be the ultimate solution to the alley problem as then a person couldn't physically make those left turns.

  Following a discussion among the Commission, it was determined that Commissioner Seaman had already requested agendizing this item for a future meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:21 PM.

City of Los Alamitos
Traffic Commission

Agenda Report	**September 14, 2016**
Staff Report	**Item No: 6A**

To: **Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission**

From: **Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer**

Subject: **A Request to Bring Proposed "20 Min. Parking" Restrictions (two spaces) on both Sides of Green Street to the east of Los Alamitos Boulevard to the Traffic Commission for Consideration at a Future Meeting**

Summary: This report requests the review and consideration for "20 Min. Parking" restrictions on Green Street (Nisie's Enchanted Florist and Imperial Jeweler's.

Recommendation: Approve the request to bring the proposed "20 Min. Parking" restrictions on Green Street to the Traffic Commission for review and consideration.

Background:

Ms. Whitney Howard the owner of Nisie's Enchanted Florist and on behalf of the Imperial Jeweler's owner is requesting that the Traffic Commission consider painting Green curb for "20 Min. Parking" for 25 feet at each side of Green Street at the corner of Los Alamitos Blvd. According to Ms. Howard, outsiders, especially employees from the Rossmoor Car Wash and tenants from apartments are parking their cars for a long period making it difficult for their customers to find parking. It will make it easier for customers to load and unload their vehicles if the "20 Min. Parking" were to be installed.

Discussion

If this request is approved by the Traffic Commission, Staff will conduct a field review to informally assess the parking demand and report to the Traffic Commission at a future meeting.

Recommendation

Authorize Staff to bring the request for "20 Min. Parking" for the businesses on Green Street to the east side of Los Alamitos Boulevard.

City of Los Alamitos
Traffic Commission

Agenda Report	September 14, 2016
Staff Report	Item No: 6B

To: Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission

From: Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer

Subject: Consideration of a Handicap Parking at 4112 Green Avenue

Summary: A request has been received by the resident to install a handicap parking marking and a sign on Green Avenue to assist the mobility-impaired resident.

Recommendation: Based on the findings of our analysis, the installation of one handicap parking is recommended.

Background

Ms. Lisa Klemin resides on 4112 Green Avenue, Apt. A. She is suffering from Cerebral Palsy, which limits her mobility and ability to walk. There are parking spaces available in back of the building, however, she has lost the ability to walk the distance from parking to her apartment. She has lived at her apartment for the last seventeen years, and the parking at the back of the building is accessible from the alley, however, it is too narrow for the van to negotiate the turn. The parking on Green Avenue is limited because of the number of apartments adjacent to the street. (See Attachment 2 for the location map.)

Recommendation

At the present time, on Green Street, the street parking is very limited because of number of multi-residential buildings along the street. Based on Staff discussion with Ms. Klemin, she is aware of the fact that other residents can and may park in the stall as well. She is also aware that the City does not have funds to install a ramp but she mentioned that her father owns the building and he is willing to pay for the installation of the ramp.

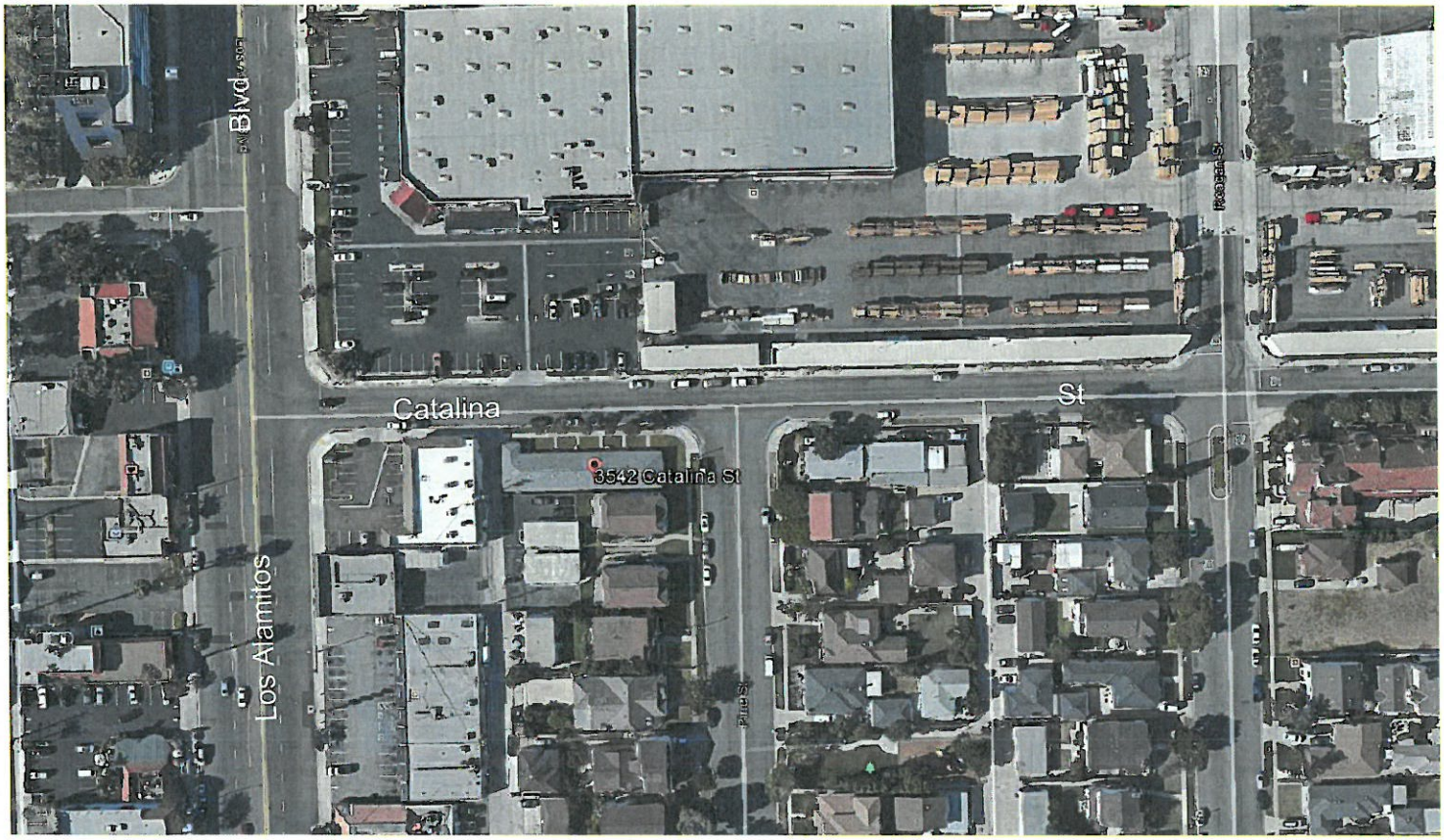
Based on our analysis, Staff recommends the installation of one (1) on street handicap parking stall on Green Avenue in front of 4112 Green Avenue.

Attachments: 1. Location Map

ATTACHMENT 1

NOT TO SCALE

EXHIBIT A.1
LOCATION MAP
CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS



NOT TO SCALE

EXHIBIT A.2
LOCATION MAP
CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

City of Los Alamitos
Traffic Commission

Agenda Report	**September 14, 2016**
Staff Report	**Item No: 6C**

To: **Chair Patz and Members of the Traffic Commission**

From: **Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer**

Subject: **"Permit Parking" Restriction on the South side of Catalina Avenue between Los Alamitos Blvd. and Pine Street**

Summary: A request has been received by Davis Management Company requesting the Traffic Commission to consider the installation of "Residential Permit Parking" on South side of Catalina Street between Los Alamitos and Pine Street.

Recommendation: Based on the findings and analysis, staff is recommending the approval of a petitioner request and to approve the installation of permit parking on Catalina Street.

Background:
Mr. Derek Davis is the owner of an apartment building located on Catalina Avenue between the alley to the east of Los Alamitos Boulevard and Pine Street.

CATALINA STREET LOOKING WEST

The building was built in 1956, at that time the Los Angeles County did not require off-street parking for this type of development. Therefore, residents were required use curbside to park their vehicles. Future commercial developments limited the available space for the residents and made it difficult for them to find on street parking.

On May 14, 2001 the City Council approved (Resolution No. 1817) and established on-street permit parking for residents only on designated streets as shown on Exhibit A. However, this section of Catalina Street was not included as part of these designated streets.

To reduce the number of vehicles that parked on the street for all day, in 2016 the City installed three (3) hour limit parking signs on Catalina Avenue between Reagan Street and Los Alamitos Blvd.

Recommendation

At the present time, on street parking on Catalina Street between Regan and Los Alamitos Boulevard is limited to three (3) hours parking. According to Mr. Davis the majority of tenants are senior adults including some with disabilities. Staff believes this section of Catalina Avenue is experiencing the same issue as the other designated sections as shown on Exhibit A. The recommendation is to include Catalina Street between the alley to the east of Los Alamitos Blvd. and Reagan Avenue as part of designated street by amending the existing Resolution 1817.

Attachment: 1. Resolution No. 1817

RESOLUTION NO. 1817

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING ON-STREET PERMIT PARKING FOR RESIDENTS ONLY AT DESIGNATED STREETS IN THE OLD TOWN EAST AREA.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS HEREBY FINDS, RESOLVES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That pursuant to provisions of Section 22507 of the California Vehicle Code, and Section 10.24.070 of the Los Alamitos Municipal Code, no person shall park or leave standing any vehicle on the following described areas without prominently displaying a valid parking permit:

A. NORTH SIDE OF FLORISTA STREET: From the southeast terminus of the curb return at the northeast corner of the intersection of Florista Street and Pine Street to the southwest terminus of the curb return at the northwest corner of the intersection of Florista Street and Reagan Street; from the southeast terminus of the curb return at the northeast corner of the intersection of Florista Street and Reagan Street to the southwest terminus of the curb return at the northwest corner of the intersection of Florista Street and Cherry Street.

B. EAST AND WEST SIDES OF PINE STREET: From the northeast terminus of the curb return at the northwest corner of the intersection of Florista Street and Pine Street to the southeast terminus of the curb return at the southwest corner of the intersection of Catalina Street and Pine Street; from the northwest terminus of the curb return at the northeast corner of the intersection of Florista Street and Pine Street to the southwest terminus of the curb return at the southeast corner of the intersection of Catalina Street and Pine Street.

C. EAST AND WEST SIDES OF REAGAN STREET: From the northeast terminus of the curb return at the northwest corner of the intersection of Florista Street and Reagan Street to the southeast terminus of the curb

return at the southwest corner of the intersection of Catalina Street and Reagan Street; from the northwest terminus of the curb return at the northeast corner of the intersection of Florista Street and Reagan Street to the southwest terminus of the curb return at the southeast corner of the intersection of Catalina Street and Reagan Street.

D. SOUTH SIDE OF CATALINA STREET: From the northeast terminus of the curb return at the southeast corner of the intersection of Reagan Street and Catalina Street to the northwest terminus of the curb return at the southwest corner of the intersection of Catalina Street and Cherry Street.

E. EFFECTIVE PERIODS: Requirement to display valid parking permit in the areas described in Subsections A through D, inclusive, of this Resolution shall be from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Mondays through Fridays, inclusive, and from 6:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon on Saturdays.

F. REMOVAL OF VEHICLES: Pursuant to California Vehicle Code, Section 22651, any vehicle parked or left standing in violation of Subsection A through D, inclusive, of this Resolution may be removed.

No such removal shall occur until signs are posted giving notice of the removal authority.

SECTION 2: That the City Engineer be and he is hereby directed to cause the appropriate signs and/or markings to be installed and placed to designate the restrictions contained as required by the provisions of the California Vehicle Code and City Ordinance.

PASSED, APROVED, AND ADOPTED, this 14th day of May, 2001.

Alice B. Jampsa

Mayor, City of Los Alamitos

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Los Alamitos

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan C. LeRoy, Interim City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS)

I, C. D. Cordova, City Clerk of the City of Los Alamitos, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 14th day of May, 2001, by the following vote:

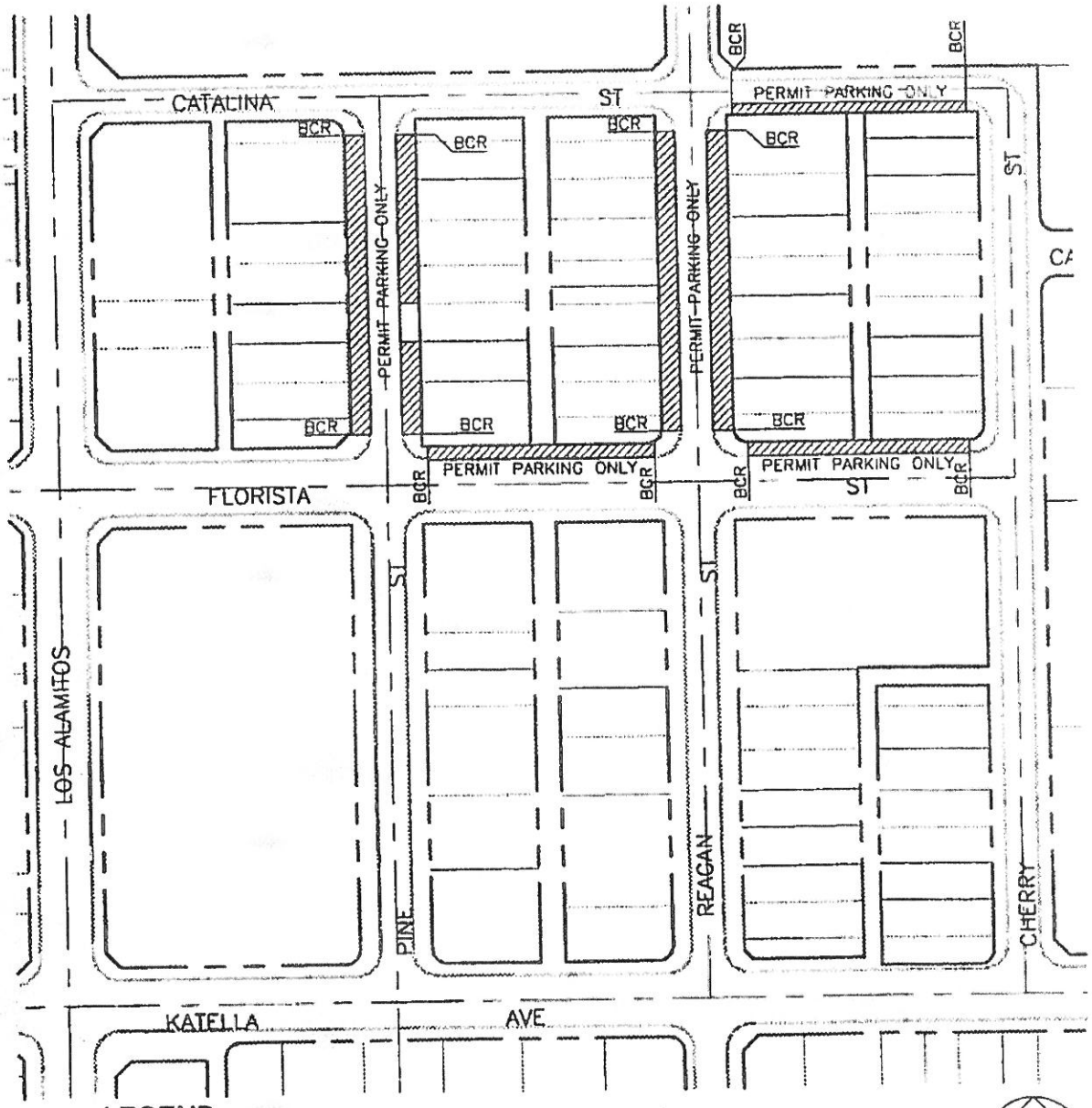
AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Bates, Poe, DeBolt, Parker and Jempsa
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

City Clerk of the City of Los Alamitos

EXHIBIT "A "

RESOLUTION No.1817

FLORISTA ST. N/S FROM CHERRY TO PINE E/S
PINE ST AND REAGAN ST. E/S AND W/S
FLORISTA ST TO CATALINA ST.
CATALINA S/S FROM REAGAN ST TO CHERRY ST.



LEGEND

DESIGNATED LOCATIONS FOR RESIDENCE ONLY PERMIT PARKING