

April 29, 2019

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager 

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Subject: **OTR Special Permit Parking Area – Flex Parking Spaces**

Background

At its meeting on March 13, 2019, City Council authorized the conversion of up to 200 Special Permit Parking Area (SPPA) spaces within the Over-The-Rhine Special Permit Parking Area into flex parking spaces. Under Ordinance 84-2019, the flex parking spaces are to be available to the public by paying a meter or other per-space fee during the 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. period and to holders of SPPA residential permits only from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m.

Evaluation and Selection Process

The City's Department of Community & Economic Development (Parking Division) met with both members of the Over-the-Rhine Chamber of Commerce on March 26 and members of the Over-the-Rhine Community Council on April 4 to solicit additional feedback on each groups' desires for the location of the 200 spaces. In addition to discussions with both groups and consideration of other stakeholders who have previously expressed a parking availability concern, the Administration also considered factors like availability of existing on-street parking supply and business hours of operation in identifying the 200 spaces.

For an efficient and low-cost rollout of the flex parking spaces, these 200 spaces will be pay-by-cell only parking spaces during 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., which will be identified by signage affixed to the existing residential parking permit signage. The flex parking signage will indicate the hours of operation for the flex parking (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Due to the implementation of the flex parking spaces as pay-by-cell only parking spaces, the Administration can implement these changes within existing resources.

Implementation Timeline

Concurrent with this FYI Memo, the Department Transportation & Engineering will begin the process of ordering signage and coordinating the installation within the identified areas. Depending on the availability of Public Services crews to fabricate the signage and perform the installation, it is presently estimated the installation can be completed within approximately 45 days.

Attachment: OTR SPPA Map with Flex Spaces

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