



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

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Sponsoring Court Members: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

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AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action regarding zoning issue at the 700 Lavaca Building garage.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Travis County Parking Committee brought to the attention of the Facilities Management Department (FMD) that there were issues regarding reserved employee parking in the 700 Lavaca garage. Specifically, they advised that the 700 Lavaca garage was a 'zoned' parking structure, which currently has only one zone, excluding the parking that is designated for use by visitors and current tenants of the building. With only one zone for Travis County employee parking, there should not be any reserved parking slots identified in the structure, with exception of the parking slot for Commissioner Gomez, which is considered grandfathered since her move occurred prior to the garage being identified as a single zone garage in August 2011.

FMD recently installed reserve parking signs for elected officials who moved to the 700 Lavaca location in August 2012. FMD has since met with Daniel Bradford and Sydnia Crosbie of the Parking Committee. We determined that the parking garage should have two zones. Under this two zone system, one zone would be designated for Specified Positions in a Zoned system as per paragraph 11.013 (b) of the proposed replacement parking policy and will be called Zone 1. The second zone would be for all other Travis County employees assigned to this garage and will be called Zone 2. Per the parking policy, once a Specified Position is assigned parking in a Specified Position Space or Specified Position Zone, he or she will cease using the previously assigned space or zone, which will be reassigned in serial order of the Waitlist. Per paragraph 11.013 (b) Zoned: In a zoned system, the following positions are defined as Specified Positions.

- (1) Each Elected Official receives one space.
- (2) Each County Executive receives one space,
- (3) Each Judge receives one space.

Elected Official under the policy is defined as “the appointed or elected individuals holding the following offices so long as the primary location of the office is within the downtown central campus: Auditor, Commissioners, Constables, County Attorney, County Judge, District Attorney, District Clerk, Justices of the Peace, Purchasing Agent, Treasurer.” To have parking at the 700 Lavaca garage, the Elected Official as defined above would need to have their assigned office within the 700 Lavaca Building. Similarly, County Executives to have parking at the 700 Lavaca garage would need to have their primary office space within the 700 Lavaca Building.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

FMD recommends the Commissioners Court designate the 700 Lavaca building garage as a two zone parking structure, one for Specified Positions and the second for other Travis County employees with parking privileges in the garage.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

With direction from the Commissioners Court, FMD will identify the appropriate assigned parking spaces within the second floor of the parking garage where zone 1 is located. FMD will coordinate with the Elected Officials and County Executives as defined in the parking policy and properly identify the reserved parking with appropriate signage.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

N/A