



Legislation Text

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Pass the ordinance granting an extension to the temporary use allowing for the operation of a temporary parking facility at 141 Aurora Avenue through December 31, 2024.

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Allison Laff, AICP, Deputy Director

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

Not required.

BACKGROUND:

At their November 6, 2006 meeting, the City Council approved a temporary use to allow for the construction and use of a parking lot on the northeast corner of Water Street and Webster Street for a period of one-year. The temporary use was requested to allow the employees of 121, 123, and 125 Water Street to park their vehicles near their offices during Council consideration of the Water Street Project.

Since 2006, the Council has extended the temporary use five times (November 2007, November 2008, May 2009, December 2011, and December 2016) to allow the existing parking lot to continue to operate while the development plans and later construction of the Water Street Project were underway. The existing temporary use will expire on December 31, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

The petitioner is currently requesting that the temporary use approval be extended to December 31, 2024. As noted by the petitioner in the attached letter, while the subject property is planned for a three-story office building, construction of this building is not anticipated in the near future due to market conditions. Accordingly, the petitioner seeks continued use of the subject property as a temporary parking lot for valet parking purposes in the interim. Staff finds that the continued use of this parking area prior to development occurring on this property will benefit the overall downtown parking system and assist in valet options.

To date, staff has not received any Code complaints related to the temporary parking lot. In addition, the petitioner has notified the adjacent businesses on Aurora Avenue of the requested extension to the temporary use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None