

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 14
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: April 1, 2009
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Development Services Department
SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ANGLE PARKING AT 312 and 314 FOWLES STREET**

SYNOPSIS

Staff and the Transportation Commission recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing angle parking at 312 and 314 Fowles Street.

BACKGROUND

The City has received a request from the homeowner at 314 Fowles Street to allow angle parking in front of his home (see exhibit A).

ANALYSIS

Fowles Street was built in the early 1960s and has an unusual bulb, or partial cul-de-sac, in the area of 312 and 314 Fowles Street (see exhibit B). The width of the bulb is approximately 80' curb to curb and three homes have driveways in this area.

The homeowner at 314 Fowles parks his vehicle at a right angle (head-in) into the curb for convenience and to allow more parking. Occasionally this has led to parking citations for not parking parallel with the curb per the California Vehicle Code (CVC). Section 22503 of the CVC allows the local authority to authorize angle parking. The City's traffic code requires a resolution to allow angle parking on public streets.

Angle parking will permit four parking spaces to be installed where only two spaces are provided by parallel parking for two lots (a typical residential lot on a straight roadway will allow two vehicles to park in front of each residence). The bulb area is not a typical roadway feature such as a cul-de-sac. Staff would typically not support angle parking in a cul-de-sac due to the decrease in turn around area and interference with adjacent driveways. Allowing angle parking will also reduce any confusion about the proper angle to park vehicles in this area. The homeowner has a petition supporting the angle parking from the homeowners in the bulb area of Fowles Street. Angle parking in this area would not interfere with traffic on the main roadway section of Fowles Street and would not affect vehicles turning in the bulb area.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of painting the four parking spaces is approximately \$100 with an increase in annual maintenance of one work hour.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

At their February 17, 2009 meeting, the Transportation Commission reviewed and approved the proposed angle parking.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

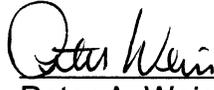
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PREPARED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:



Paul J. Pace
Transportation Operations Engineer



Peter A. Weiss
City Manager

REVIEWED BY:

Michelle Skaggs Lawrence, Deputy City Manager

George Buell, Development Services Director

David DiPierro, City Traffic Engineer

Scott O. Smith, City Engineer



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Exhibit A: Request
Exhibit B: Map

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROLS
4 WITHIN THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

(ANGLE PARKING AT 312 & 314 FOWLES STREET)

5 WHEREAS, based on staff recommendation, this Council finds that public health and
6 safety will be benefited by establishment of certain traffic controls within the City of
7 Oceanside;

8 WHEREAS, angle parking will increase on-street parking in the bulb area of the
9 roadway;

10 WHEREAS, the California Vehicle Code Section 22503 and Oceanside Traffic Code
11 Section 10.17 allow the City to establish angle parking,

12 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

13 SECTION 1. There is established four angle parking spaces at 312 and 314 Fowles Street.

14 SECTION 2: Staff is directed to affect the foregoing controls as soon as possible.

15 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
16 this _____ day of _____, 2009, by the following vote:

17 AYES:

18 NAYS:

19 ABSENT:

20 ABSTAIN:

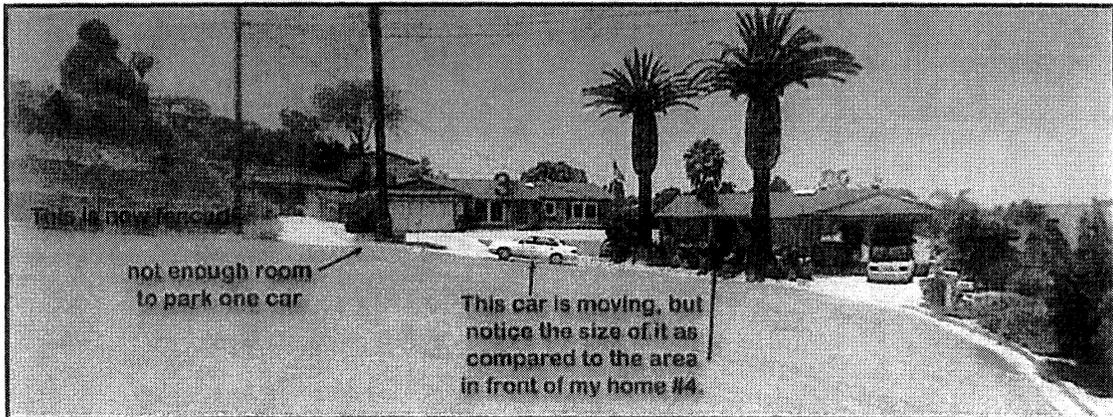
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23 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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25 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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27 _____
28 CITY CLERK


CITY ATTORNEY



In the two photos above from Google Maps, I have attempted to show our (lack of) parking situation. One is an aerial view of the cul de sac, showing an overall view of our neighborhood, the other is a street view of the same scene, giving a more common aspect of the same situation. Please note the descriptions on each, including the five homes that have property on this cul de sac.

December 7, 2008

Parking Citation Administration
City of Oceanside
300 N. Coast Hwy
Oceanside, CA 92054-2860

On December 6, 2008 I received two parking citations (#1117184947 and #1117184948) and my neighbor received one more (#1117184946), for parking in front of my home at 314 Fowles St. in Oceanside.

The ticket was for head-in parking rather than parallel parking.

This is the third time that our family, who has lived at this address for over 30 years, has had to appeal these actions. I originally received citation #111310235 on August 31, 2002, which I appealed through the process, and my ticket was dismissed by the hearing officer after I came in with the same information I am providing in this letter. And then on October 26, 2005 a visitor to our home received citation #11518274, and through a letter my wife wrote to the City, that one was also dismissed.

The crux of the problem lies in the fact that there are five houses which surround this cul de sac on Fowles St, a street which is not a thoroughfare nor does it have any direct connection to any main artery. One of these homes has absolutely no street parking, and my home along with my neighbor's at 312 Fowles St., only has room for one car each. We are the only homes on all of Fowles St. that have such limited street parking. Somehow this oversight made it through the City's planning commission, traffic commission, as well as the council when the project was approved in the late fifties.

Quite frankly, I do not believe it is proper for me to park my car in front on my neighbor's home, instead I should always park my car in front of my home. To accomplish this, my neighbors and I park head-in on the portion of the cul de sac that is mostly in front of my home. We'd like to continue to do this, and believe that the cul de sac offers ample room to accomplish this. The below photos show the that large diameter cul de sac, but also highlight the limited amount of curb space due to a fire hydrant, four mailboxes, and three driveways, on my side of Fowles St.

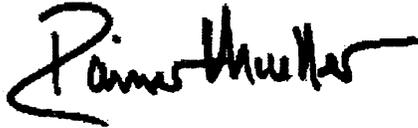
I believe the best fix for this persistent problem is to create, with marking and signage, four head-in parking spaces in front of my and my neighbor's at 312 Fowles St. homes.

I realize in these cash strapped times, the City might need some budget assistance with this project, and I would be more than willing to assist with this.

I have asked in the past after appealing my previous citations, that a notation be placed somewhere in the record regarding our parking situation. I have been told that it would be, but I don't believe it has, so now, about every three years, I must attempt re-explain our parking difficulties in this cul de sac. I'd like to avoid this, if at all possible, and with your help, I believe it can be finally accomplished.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rainer Mueller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rainer C. Mueller
314 Fowles St.
Oceanside, CA 92054

[REDACTED]
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cc: Jerry Kern, Oceanside City Councilman

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Paul Pace
Transportation Operations Engineer
Traffic Engineering
City of Oceanside
300 North Coast Highway
Oceanside, CA 92054

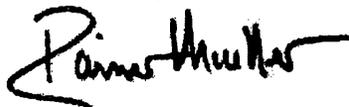
Dear Paul,

Enclosed please find five (5) signed petitions of my neighbors on my cul de sac at 31~~2~~4 Fowles St. I would have had one more, but that homeowner is currently in Japan on business, but I imagine that I can get his signature on my petition when he returns.

If there's anything else I need to do to turn the parking in front of 312 and 314 Fowles Street into angular parking from its existing parallel parking, please let me know.

Thank you for all you've done so far in getting this issue this far.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rainer Mueller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rainer Mueller
314 Fowles St.
Oceanside, CA 92054

January 17, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I support Rainer Mueller's effort to change the parking in front of 312 and 314 Fowles Street from parallel to angular parking, with up to four (4) parking spots.

Signed: Brit Merkey

Printed Name: Brit Merkey

Street Address: 310 Fowles St.

Oceanside, CA 92054

January 17, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I support Rainer Mueller's effort to change the parking in front of 312 and 314 Fowles Street from parallel to angular parking, with up to four (4) parking spots.

Signed: Paul Hefferlin

Printed Name: Paul Hefferlin

Street Address: 311 Fowles

Oceanside, CA 92054

January 17, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I support Rainer Mueller's effort to change the parking in front of 312 and 314 Fowles Street from parallel to angular parking, with up to four (4) parking spots.

Signed: Marlene V. Lockhart

Printed Name: MARLENE V. LOCKHART

Street Address: 312 Fowles St.

Oceanside, CA 92054

January 17, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I support Rainer Mueller's effort to change the parking in front of 312 and 314 Fowles Street from parallel to angular parking, with up to four (4) parking spots.

Signed: Richard Lennon

Printed Name: RICHARD LENNON

Street Address: 318 FOWLES ST SIDE

Oceanside, CA 92054

January 17, 2009

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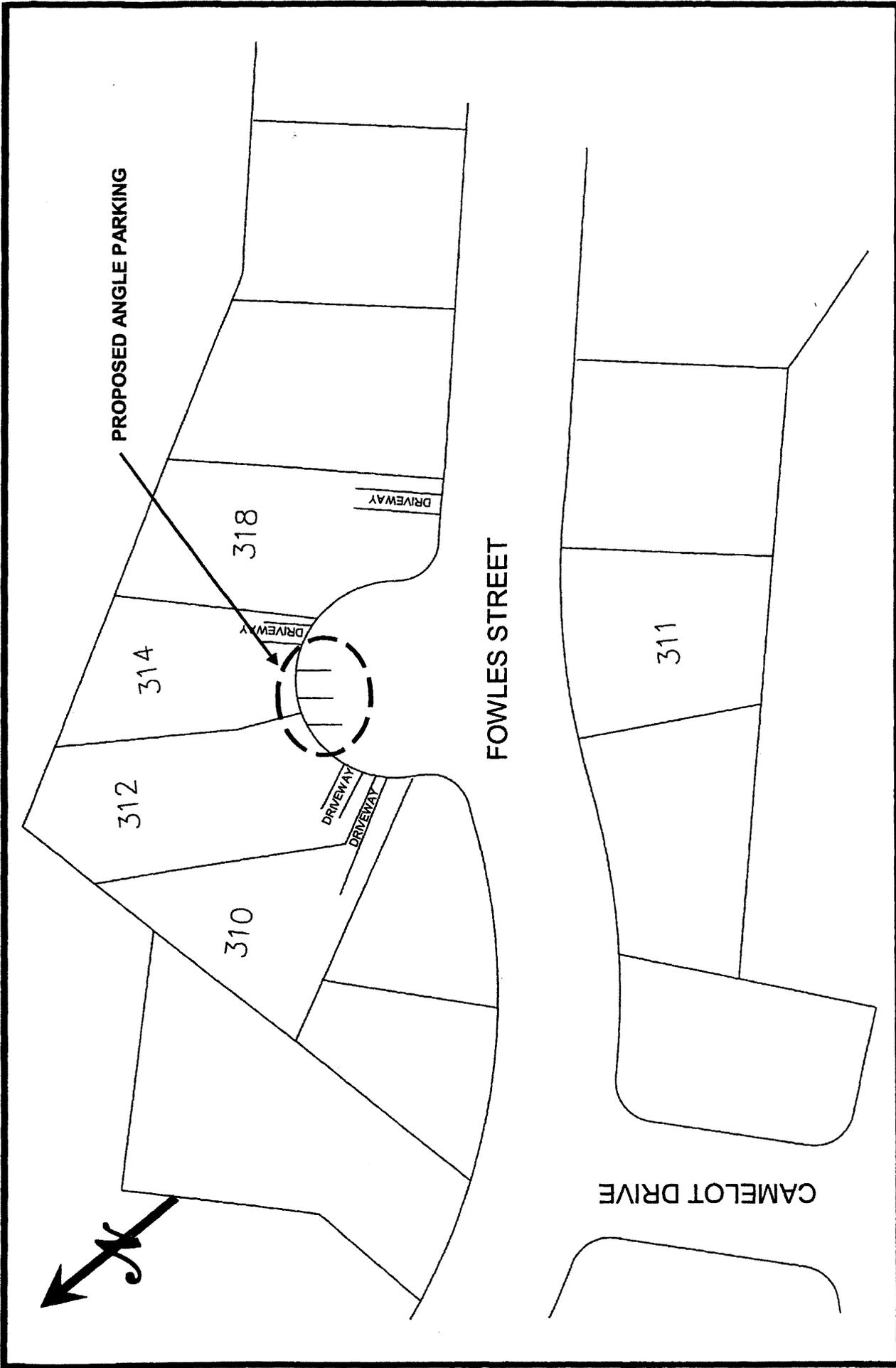
I support Rainer Mueller's effort to change the parking in front of 312 and 314 Fowles Street from parallel to angular parking, with up to four (4) parking spots.

Signed: Christine C. Lennon

Printed Name: ~~318~~ Christine C. Lennon

Street Address 318 Fowles St.

Oceanside, CA 92054



PROJECT:

PROPOSED ANGLE PARKING ON FOWLES STREET

EXHIBIT
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