



SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR

July 15, 2016

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
City Hall Room 244  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: BOS File No. 160590 [Public Works Code – Street Space Occupancy Permits]

Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: **Approval**

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On July 11, 2016, the Small Business Commission voted unanimously (6-0, 1 absent) to recommend approval of the legislation.

The Commission raised an additional point for consideration. In the past, if construction had not commenced at a site by 12:00pm, the restriction on parking spaces was lifted during the afternoon. In cases of non-continuous work throughout the day, the restricted street space could be barricaded (with cones, for example) during short absences from the site. This would indicate that the day's work had commenced, but would protect the restricted space from public use so that the permittee could return to perform additional work later in the day. This section of the law was amended in 2002 (Ord 180-02): the 12:00pm provision was deleted and the Good Neighbor Policy was added instead. The Good Neighbor Policy states that "if a permittee does not require use of the permit area for all hours covered by the permit, the permittee shall allow members of the public to park vehicles in legal parking spaces." However, there is presently no active enforcement of this policy, which leaves some commercial parking spaces unnecessarily restricted even during periods of worksite dormancy. The Commission recommends reconsideration of time limits for the permittee to start work and that the Department of Public Works coordinate signage with contractors so that it is clear to the public that they may park in such spaces. Given the shortage of parking in commercial corridors of the City, this would make it more likely that spaces are restricted only during periods of use by the permittee, but available for public use when a worksite is not active.

Sincerely,

Regina Dick-Endrizzi  
Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Mark Farrell, Board of Supervisors

Nicole Elliott, Mayor's Office  
Todd Rufo, Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
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