



City of Galveston

FLEET FACILITIES STAFF REPORT

January 15, 2019

Brian Maxwell, City Manager
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

Subject: Consider for the approval of an ordinance of the City of Galveston that would allow overnight parking and/or camping on Seawall Blvd. during the first weekend of the annual Mardi Gras event and in addition, increase the parking violation fine from \$50 to \$250 per incident (night) for overnight parking and/or camping during the preceding Monday through Thursday of the first weekend of the annual Mardi Gras event.

I. Background

- A. In the past, islanders and some out of town guests would park on Seawall Blvd. during the first weekend of the annual Mardi gras event which resulted with overnight parking and/or camping.
- B. Galveston has a no camping ordinance (Chapter 8, Section 8-6) which prohibits overnight camping from midnight to 5:00 A.M. on Seawall Blvd.
- C. Each year an action item was passed by council allowing overnight parking which benefited these islanders and some out of town guests.
- D. Additionally, vehicles (and other items) would park on Seawall during the preceding Monday through Thursday of the first weekend of the annual Mardi gras event in attempt to reserve a location to watch parades. The fine for this parking violation is \$50 per night.
- E. Staff has requested an ordinance that would eliminate the annual action item allowing overnight parking and/or camping and in addition, increase the parking violation fine from \$50 to \$250 nightly in order to discourage the reserving of parking spots during the onset of the first weekend event.
- F. This ordinance does NOT eliminate the paid parking fees that will still be required to park.

II. Current Situation

The City Council will have to approve an ordinance of the City of Galveston that would allow overnight parking and/or camping on Seawall Blvd. during the first weekend of the annual Mardi Gras event and in addition, increase the parking violation fine from \$50 to \$250 per incident (night) for overnight parking and/or camping during the preceding Monday through Thursday of the first weekend of the annual Mardi Gras event.





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III. Alternatives in order of priority

A. Approve:

1. Cost - none - revenue from parking violation fines
2. Timing - as soon as possible.
3. Departmental Improvements - will reduce reserve parking problems

B. Do not approve;

1. Cost - None
2. Timing - N/A
3. Departmental Improvements - reserve parking problem will occur

IV. Recommendation

Concur in Alternative A; approve an ordinance of the City of Galveston that would allow overnight parking and/or camping on Seawall Blvd. during the first weekend of the annual Mardi Gras event and in addition, increase the parking violation fine from \$50 to \$250 per incident (night) for overnight parking and/or camping during the preceding Monday through Thursday of the first weekend of the annual Mardi Gras event.

V. Fiscal Impact Report

Requested by	David Smith Executive Director
Funding Source	N/A
Cost	Will create revenue
Savings Estimation	Will create revenue

Respectfully Submitted,

David Smith
Executive Director

