Sec. 20-216. - Designation of preferential parking districts; dissolution of preferential parking districts.

(a) The city council may, by resolution, and at its discretion or upon receipt of a petition signed by at least fifty-one percent of a residential area, designate that area or areas to be a preferential parking district.

(b) A preferential parking district shall be created only where the city council has found that unrestricted parking creates a situation in which the streets cannot be used for parking by the residents or their guests and that such unrestricted parking substantially and unreasonably, regularly interferes with the use of eighty-five percent of the available public street parking, is the source of unreasonable noise, traffic hazards, environmental pollution, or of other interference with the residential environment and detrimentally affects the public welfare.

(c) Resident Requests to Add or Remove Program Areas. Residents of any residential area may petition the City of Salinas Department of Transportation and Engineering to add or to remove areas from the city's preferential parking program. To add or remove an area, residents of the area must submit a general petition of interest representing at least fifty-one percent of the residences of the area support for a preferential parking program. Based on the petition the city will evaluate the city's ability to serve the area and may include a wider range of adjacent streets or street segments in the program area that represent potential spill over parking impacts. Residents of the proposed area will be notified of the proposed preferential parking program at least thirty days prior to implementation. Residents of the proposed area will be given the opportunity to opt out of the preferential parking program during this notification period. When new preferential parking program areas are established, individual street segments may opt out of the permit parking restrictions by submitting a qualified petition to the Transportation and Engineering Department. Those street segments which opt out of the program area may not rejoin the program area for a period of two years once they have opted out of the area by petition.

(d) Resident Requests to Add or Remove Street Segments to an Existing Program Area. Residents may submit a qualified petition to request adding or removing a street segment to an existing program area. These petitions must be submitted to the Transportation and Engineering Department which will evaluate the city's ability to serve the area. Residents of the proposed street segment will be given at least thirty days' notice prior to implementation of the preferential parking program.

(e) Dissolution of Preferential Parking Districts. The designation process set forth in this section shall be utilized by the city council in determining whether to dissolve a preferential parking district.

(Ord. No. 2498(NCS), § 1, 12-1-09)