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City of Berkeley

ACTION CALENDAR
February 27, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmembers Linda Maio and Kate Harrison

SUBJECT: Restricting the Number of Vehicles Being Parked on Our Streets

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the Transportation Commission to establish an ordinance that would prevent the parking of many multiples of vehicles on any given Berkeley street, or contiguous streets, by an individual owner.

BACKGROUND

Neighbors have complained about households with an inordinate number of vehicles parked on the street, preventing them from parking. In one case an owner is either a “collector” or has vehicles for resale and keeps them on the street, in large numbers. The owner moves them to avoid the 72 hour limit or moves them when officers place the 72 hour sticker on the windshield (which they do regularly in response to complaints). The upshot is that other residents cannot find parking on their own street and our *police resources are being squandered*. Here is an excerpt from an exchange with a Police Lieutenant about this particularly difficult situation:

“The simple answer to your question is, BMC 14.26.050 local and California Vehicle Code (CVC) section 22651 (k) both state no person may leave a vehicle on city streets (public roadway) for more than 72 hours. There is no law limiting the number of cars a person may own. The owner claims to be a collector. State and local laws allows the parking of the majority of vehicles on public roadways for up to 72 hours. This owner is well aware of this and complies with these laws. We in parking have been monitoring this issue for quite some time. The owner is no stranger to us. If a neighbor calls and says a car has been there for more than 72 hours we go and mark it and the owner moves it. We do this six days a week with the exception of Sundays and holidays. We will continue to enforce the area in a fair and pragmatic way.”

This referral will allow the Commission to research and recommend either a preferred way, or options for the Council to consider, to address using spaces to be shared with others for personal advantage.

Some possible options: limit the number of cars that can be registered at one address; establish a limit of 2 or 3 times a car can be in violation of the 72 hour rule in a specific time frame after which a citation would occur.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No environmental sustainability impact.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None at this time.

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