

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6pm remotely through the Zoom web application.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors Rosa DiFlorio and Fred Capone. Member absent was Councilor Stephanie Martins.

Communication received from Councilor Martins that she would be unable to attend.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, as President: That the Everett City Council hereby amends the following ordinance as follows: Section -18-149 Resident Sticker Program.

Traffic Planner Jay Monty and Mayors Chief of Staff Erin Deveney were also present remotely.

Mr. Monty provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation (attached) that explained they were updating the City's resident sticker parking ordinance to restrict the number of parking stickers given to new large developments (5 or more units). He explained the reason why they are doing this with the key being that new developments have the potential to require the City to issue thousands of new resident stickers even though the supply of on-street spaces is unchanged and that residents feel rightly concerned that new development will threaten their existing on-street parking supply. He also listed why the city was not creating more off-street parking with cost of construction of a single off-street space in an urban area is approximately \$50,000 or higher being a main reason. He noted that for new developments with 5 or more units the number of parking stickers issued to that address would be proportional to the length of street frontage. Mr. Monty stated that the change being made to the Ordinance is that Property Owners of affected properties would be responsible for procuring and distributing resident parking stickers to their residents and that residents at these addresses would no longer be required to obtain parking stickers but would still be required to register their vehicle in the City of Everett. He assured the Committee that this does not affect residents of existing multi-family or single family properties and ensures that preservation of existing on-street parking for existing residents regardless of the size and scope of any new development in the City. Councilor Capone questioned the reference to Property Owners distributing parking stickers with vehicles being required to be registered in the City of Everett with potential issues that may arise. Mr. Monty acknowledged that there were enforcement mechanisms in place and that it would now be the Property Owners responsibility for parking. Councilor Capone expressed concern that someday someone could challenge the Ordinance if they had a registered vehicle in City and was denied a parking sticker. Mr. Monty remarked that he believed by adjusting the Ordinance that they closed the loophole in that occurring. Councilor DiFlorio suggested that be referred out of Committee but postponed at the regular meeting to the next regular meeting so that the entire City Council could review the PowerPoint presentation and actual language change in Ordinance.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with no recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley  
Clerk of Committees