

August 12, 2026

City Traffic Commission

Written Public Comments

Item #4.2

From: Kelsey Bultsma

Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 11:45 AM

To: Jose A La Torre <jalatorre@cityoforange.org>

Subject: Comments Regarding Proposed Parking Permit for Washington St.

Dear City Council,

I am writing regarding the proposed request to add Washington Avenue, between Grand Street and Center Street, to the neighborhood parking permit program. I am most likely unable to attend the City Council meeting, but I would like my comments to be considered at the meeting, if possible.

Based on my observations, parking on Washington Avenue between Grand Street and Center Street is generally adequate. While there is increased demand during student pick-up hours at St. John's School and on the weekends, parking availability returns to normal outside of that limited period. As a result, I do not believe a residential permit parking program is necessary for this section of Washington street at this time.

I have concerns about the community input process. I learned that the newer homeowners on our street did not receive the opportunity to participate in the initial vote. If accurate, this means not every affected resident had an equal opportunity to provide input before the proposal moved forward.

I am also concerned about the practical impact a permit parking program would have on families and caregivers. As a mom, I do have caregivers and frequent visitors throughout the week such as grandparents, babysitters, friends, health-service providers, etc. Requiring permits for these routine visits would create an unnecessary administrative burden and make it more difficult for families to receive the support they rely on.

Having to remember to distribute, collect, or manage guest permits for each visitor adds another layer of complexity to an already busy schedule without addressing a significant parking issue.

More broadly, I believe a permit parking program would introduce ongoing costs and inconvenience for residents and visitors while providing limited benefit. Given that parking demand is only temporarily affected during school dismissal, a permanent permit parking program appears disproportionate to the actual need.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Council to reconsider implementing a neighborhood parking permit program for Washington Avenue between Grand Street and Center Street.

If parking was an issue on this street, I would have no problem with the permits. However, parking is truly NOT a problem on Washington between Center and Grand.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Bultsma.

Tricia Del Rio

From: Lisa Bannermar
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2026 12:03 PM
To: Jose A La Torre <jalatorre@cityoforange.org>
Subject: Neighborhood Parking Permit Program

Dear Mr. La Torre,

We have received your notification letter regarding an upcoming meeting to discuss the Neighborhood Parking Permit Program. While we are thrilled that this topic is finally being addressed, I would like to make a suggestion, if I may.

The parking problem actually begins one street farther down than the letter mentions. The parking situation has always been an issue in Old Town due to the high number of ADUs that were built without any consideration of the number of cars that would be coming with the tenants. It's an issue that we cope with on a daily basis. However, ever since the implementation of the new parking meters, it has become an unbearable nightmare. This is a result, not of visitors to the Circle, but of the employees from the Circle that have no where else to park.

From Glassell all the way to Center Street, Washington Street is covered in cars all day. They park on Washington and also on Orange Street and Grand Street for the entirety of their shifts, all day every day. This leaves the homeowner with no parking anywhere remotely close to their own home.

We can no longer have guests or visitors over as there is no where for them to park, even for a short visit. Our friends used to come over and we would all walk to the Circle for lunch and dinner. That can no longer happen. No body wants to park six or seven blocks away and then walk a few blocks just for a meal.

This is a very unfair and unfortunate situation for the actual homeowners of the city, the ones who live here and pay the taxes. We can no longer enjoy our own neighborhood.

Please consider extending the parking permit program to include Orange Street, all of Washington up to Center, and Grand Street from Almond to Palmyra. We, the people who actually live here, should be allowed to enjoy the lifestyle we live here for.

Thank you for considering permits in the neighborhood, we only ask that you extend the reach of these permits.

Thank you for your time!

Lisa Bannerman

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Meeting Time: 08-12-26 17:30

eComments Report

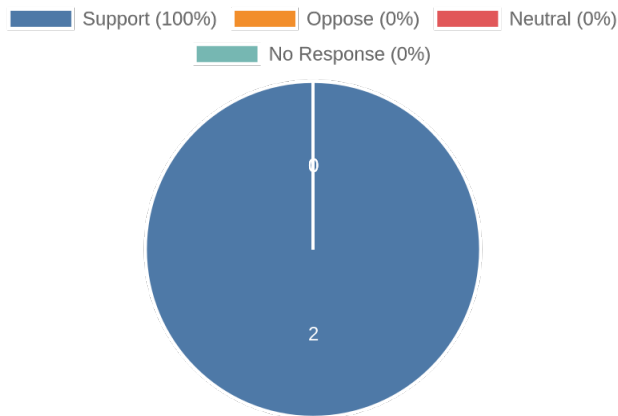
Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Traffic Commission	08-12-26 17:30	15	2	2	0	0

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08-12-26 17:30

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
4.4 Request for overnight parking restrictions on Poplar Street, north of Orangewood Avenue, and Sequoia Avenue, east of Eckhoff Street	2	2	0	0

Agenda Item: eComments for 4.4 Request for overnight parking restrictions on Poplar Street, north of Orangewood Avenue, and Sequoia Avenue, east of Eckhoff Street

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:03pm 08-12-26

I work on 641 No. Poplar St. My Warehouse Mgr. has to close our gates in the evening and he has encountered issues with the people parking overnight on our street being aggressive towards him and trying to start fights. My customers don't feel safe when they come to our business and see all the trash and people hanging out in front of our drive way. Our grass in front of our building serves them as a place to urinate and defecate and our gardener has complained plenty of times that he shouldn't have to pick up human waste, I agree. Working late is sometimes questionable because that's when they all arrive and you get looks as if you were in the wrong for being in their (space). We have spent thousands of dollars making repairs to our gates, locks, sprinkler systems and more. We have had to call fire dept. for fires they have caused and have called the police numerous times for different issues. It's time to put a stop to this!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:37pm 08-12-26

Overnight Parking has become a nuisance in this area, particularly with the homeless element that own vehicles, motorhomes and trailers. Some of theses individuals are confrontational and combative, often being threatening and using profanity. They use our property on the weekends for gatherings, yard sales and picnics, then leave the trash behind. They use the bushes for restrooms. They have pets that urinate and leave feces on our lawns as well a dig holes. They take water from our water spigots. We have had multiple occurrences of broken glass in our parking lots. Enough is enough. This needs to stop, now!