



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Item
REGULAR MEETING**

#13-0912

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 20, 2013

TITLE: Resolution to Approve Parklet Pilot Program – Case 7T13

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a one-year Parklet Pilot Program.

Background

Parklets are semi-permanent decks that expand the pedestrian realm beyond the sidewalk into a parking lane, allowing adjacent business owners to provide outdoor seating, without the need for permanent street re-design and construction. Parklet areas may include elements such as tables and chairs with or without food and beverage service, planters, and other associated improvements, generally located in front of and developed and operated by an adjacent business.

The Parklet concept was originally developed in San Francisco. Its success there has led to Parklet programs in Oakland, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Jose, Birmingham, Michigan and other cities. Miami recently announced the launch of its own program.

To date staff has discussed implementation of Parklets in the following general locations, based on interest from the property owners:

- SE 6th Street at the 110 Tower property
- A bakery-café on 1200 block of E. Las Olas Boulevard
- A bar property on 2400 block of E. Commercial Boulevard

Staff is recommending implementation of a one-year pilot program to permit up to five Parklets on a temporary basis and subject to proposed criteria (See Application, Exhibit 1), in areas that can benefit from enhanced pedestrian activity and improved streetscape design.

The pilot program is proposed to be limited to:

- Areas where existing on-street parking spaces are present;
- The following zoning districts: Boulevard Business (B-1), Community Business (CB), Regional Activity Center-City Center (RAC-CC) and Regional Activity Center-Urban Village (RAC-UV)
- City-controlled thoroughfares where speed limit is limited to 25 miles per hour; and up to 35 miles per hour on a case-by-case basis.

Upon approval of the resolution, staff intends to commence the one-year pilot program in September 2013. Tasks to be undertaken in conjunction with a Parklet Pilot Program include Application in-take and review and program monitoring. Prior to the end of the one-year pilot period, staff will provide the City Commission with a report on the status of the program, and provide recommendations as to whether a full-time Parklet program should be established.

Resource Impact:

As per ULDR Sec. 26-161, Rates and hours for on and off-street parking, upon recommendation of the parking and fleet services [transportation and mobility] department, the city manager may authorize the execution by the director of parking services [transportation and mobility] of contracts by which the city agrees to rent or lease parking spaces within any municipal parking lot, garage, or area. Such contracts shall be for a term of not less than one (1) month nor more than one (1) year. The minimum contract fee shall be not less than seven dollars (\$7.00) per parking space per month. The fees shall be paid monthly, in advance.

Because Parklets will be located within metered on-street parking spaces, staff proposes a \$650 fee per parking space to off-set the parking meter revenue loss.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Promotional flyer

Exhibit 2 - Parklet Pilot Program Application

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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