

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 28, 2013

TO: Town Commission

FROM: Dave Bullock, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2013-31 Amending Town Code Chapter 74, Parking Schedules

At the May 3, 2010 Regular Meeting, the Town Commission adopted Ordinance 2010-17 (copy attached) establishing a "No Parking Zone" on Bay Isles Road at the entrance/exit of Town Hall. This Ordinance was adopted resulting from safety concerns created during the Preliminary (January) and General (March) 2010 election cycle when candidates were utilizing Bay Isles Road with their parked vehicles which restricted the visibility of vehicles entering and exiting Town Hall.

During the election cycle in March 2013, there were numerous incidents relating to the overnight parking and daytime parking in and around Town Hall which again created hazardous pedestrian and vehicular conditions. Ingress and egress to the Town Hall complex, the Bank of America, Sun Trust Bank, and the Shoppes of Bay Isles facilities were restricted by the number of vehicles parked on both the North and South sides of Bay Isles Road due to candidate's and their supporters parking on the roadway. Several times on the designated election day, the excess road parking created confusion and drivers were utilizing the left turn lane into Town Hall as parking spaces.

To alleviate future safety concerns, Ordinance 2013-31 was drafted to further restrict parking on Bay Isles Road during the month of March each year and also provide discretion to the Town Manager to enact further restrictions as may be deemed necessary to ensure public safety and the safe flow of traffic.

The Commission considered the draft Ordinance at the October 21, 2013, Regular Workshop Meeting and suggested amendments to the parking restrictions to include an additional portion of Bay Isles Road between the Town Hall and Planning, Zoning, and Building Department buildings.

Staff has furthered considered the comments made during the discussion of the Ordinance and has subsequently met with representatives of Sun Trust Bank and Longboat Management Corporation to determine the extent of the impact that would result if a "No Parking" zone was created. Both businesses have indicated their willingness to work with the Town to alleviate any impacts.

As a result, Staff has amended the Ordinance to reflect a "No Parking Zone" from the intersection of Gulf of Mexico Drive and Bay Isles Road to one hundred (100) feet east of the most easterly ingress/egress to the Town Hall complex and has limited the timeframe of the "No Parking" zone to coincide with dates established for early voting and the General Election date of March 25, 2014. By utilizing the revised language, the Town Commission will have the flexibility to adjust the "No Parking" zone annually based on the established election schedule.

Staff will be coordinating with Publix to ascertain the availability of utilizing their property to provide alternate parking options for Town Staff and Poll Workers during the March election cycle.

ORDINANCE 2010-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO CHAPTER 74, PARKING SCHEDULES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING SCHEDULE I: PROHIBITED PARKING TO ADD BAY ISLES ROAD ADJACENT TO TOWN HALL; AMENDING SCHEDULE II: RESTRICTED PARKING TO ADD THE PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE LINLEY STREET BOAT RAMP; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key has experienced problems with overnight parking on the north side of the Linley Street boat ramp and parking on the north side of Bay Isles Road at the entrance driveway to Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to revise the schedule for prohibited parking in the Town's Code of Ordinances ("Code") to prohibit parking on the north side of Bay Isles Road at the entrance driveway to Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to revise the schedule for restricted parking in the Town's Code to prohibit overnight parking at the Linley Street boat ramp; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission, after careful consideration of the issues, finds that the proposed amendments are in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Longboat Key.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Whereas clauses above are ratified and approved as true and correct.

SECTION 2. Chapter 74, Parking Schedules, Schedule I: Prohibited Parking of the Code is hereby amended to incorporate the following:

Street	Between	Side
<u>Bay Isles Road</u>	<u>Fifty-five (55) feet to the west and thirty (30) feet to the east of the entrance driveway at 501 Bay Isles Road (Town Hall)</u>	<u>North</u>

SECTION 3. Chapter 74, Parking Schedules, Schedule II: Restricted Parking of the Code is hereby amended to incorporate the following:

(F) No person shall park a vehicle on the property on the north side of the Linley Street boat ramp between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Town Commission.

Passed on the first reading and public hearing the 5th day of April, 2010.

Adopted on the second reading and public hearing the 3rd day of May 2010.


George Spoll, Mayor

ATTEST:


Trish Granger, Town Clerk



ORDINANCE 2013-31

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LONGBOAT KEY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 74, PARKING SCHEDULES, SCHEDULE I: PROHIBITED PARKING, AND SCHEDULE II: RESTRICTED PARKING, TO AMEND PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BAY ISLES ROAD ADJACENT TO TOWN HALL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key has experienced problems with parking on the north side of Bay Isles Road at the ingress/egress to the Town Hall Complex and on the south side of Bay Isles Road at the ingress/egress to the Shoppes of Bay Isles (f.k.a. Avenue of the Flowers Shopping Plaza), the Bank of America facility, and the Sun Trust Bank facility, during the month of March; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to revise the schedule for prohibited parking in the Town's Code of Ordinances ("Code") to prohibit parking on the north and south sides of Bay Isles Road at the ingress/egress areas herein referenced; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to revise the schedule for restricted parking in the Town's Code to prohibit overnight parking on the north and south sides of Bay Isles Road during the month of March; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission, after careful consideration of the issues, finds that the proposed amendments are in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Longboat Key.

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Bay Isles Road	<u>Except as otherwise noted herein: Fifty-five (55) feet to the west and thirty (30) feet to the east of the entrance driveway at 501 Bay Isles Road (Town Hall)</u>	North
	<u>During the month of March, in accordance with Early Voting dates and on the General Election date, as designated by the Town Commission: No parking shall be permitted from the intersection of Gulf of Mexico Drive and Bay Isles Road to one hundred (100) feet east of the most easterly ingress/egress to</u>	<u>Both</u>

~~the Town Hall complex at 501 Bay Isles Road on both the north and south sides of Bay Isles Road. No closer than one hundred (100) feet to any ingress/egress on the north side of Bay Isles Road to the Town Hall Complex at 501 Bay Isles Road and no closer than one hundred (100) feet on the south side of Bay Isles Road to any ingress/egress accesses to the Shoppes of Bay Isles, the Bank of America facility, and the Sun Bank facility. Additional restrictions may be enacted at the discretion of the Town Manager or his designee, to ensure public safety.~~

SECTION 3. Chapter 74, Parking Schedules, Schedule II: Restricted Parking of the Code is hereby amended to incorporate the following:

(G) No person shall park a vehicle overnight on the north or south side of Bay Isles Road from the intersection of Gulf of Mexico Drive easterly to within one hundred (100) feet of the most easterly ingress/egress to the Town Hall Complex at 501 Bay Isles Road or on the south side of Bay Isles Road the ingress/egress to the Avenue of the Flowers Plaza, the Bank of America facility, and the Sun Trust Bank facility during the month of March dates established to conduct Early Voting and the Town's General Election as designated annually by the Town Commission.

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Passed on the first reading and public hearing the ____ day of _____, 2013.

Adopted on the second reading and public hearing the ____ day of _____ 2013.

James L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trish Granger, Town Clerk



End of Agenda Item