

May 9th, 2019

To: Officer David Surwilo, Western Division
Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, District 2
CC: Seamus Kennedy, District 2 Staff
RE: Longer Parking Lot Closures at Ocean Beach Dog Beach

All,

Since the overturn of the Vehicular Habitation ordinance, the Ocean Beach Planning Board has received numerous requests to enforce stricter parking times. Specifically, the closure at the Dog Beach parking lot between 2am - 4am has been called into question.

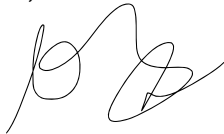
The OBPB is concerned as kicking cars out for two hours hardly seems to deter persons living in their cars from then coming back and camping out the remaining 22 hours in a day. This has caused various community complaints including availability of beach parking during the day, and criminal behavior occurring at night.

The OBPB is officially requesting that SDPD enforce restrictions on parking in the Dog Beach lot from 12pm - 5am. This coincides with what the lifeguards advise as closure times for the fire pits, and we believe, will not disrupt community members from being able to access the beach.

Ideally this will deter campers from coming back in the day, as finding a place to park near by for five hours will prove more difficult than the current two hours.

We ask SDPD as well as the Councilmembers office be supportive of our goals to maintain parking lot availability during the day and decrease crime in OB. Hopefully, this will lead to bigger conversation about how to deal with these problems long term. In the short term the OBPB believes this is the optimal solution.

Best,



Andrea Schlageter
Chair, Ocean beach Planning Board