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Marin County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: Ordinance to Restrict Parking on a Portion of Muir Woods Road (Franks Valley Road) and Establish a Preferential Parking Program Under Which National Park Service May Issue and Charge Fees for Parking Permits

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Conduct merit hearing; and 2) adopt ordinance.

SUMMARY: On June 30, 2015, your Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Parks Service (NPS). The MOU included an agreement to reduce parking on Muir Woods Road (Franks Valley Road) downstream of Redwood Creek Bridge to 80 spaces by June 1, 2016. On October 2, 2015, your Board adopted Ordinance 3637 which amended County Code Section 15.33.033 and established the Muir Woods Road parking fine zone. This zone restricted parking and authorized fines on sections of Muir Woods Road downstream of the Redwood Creek Bridge and at locations where shoulder width was not sufficient to accommodate on-street parking. These locations have since been signed and are actively enforced. In accordance with the MOU, the number of parking spaces downstream of Redwood Creek Bridge will be incrementally reduced over the next 5 years from 80 spaces to 0 (zero) spaces.

The MOU also includes a provision for the County to adopt an ordinance to provide preferential parking privileges to NPS which would allow NPS to develop and implement a reservation parking program for available on-street parking spaces along Muir Woods Road. The proposed ordinance will establish a preferential parking corridor that is consistent with the provisions of the MOU. The proposed preferred parking corridor does not include areas where parking is restricted as per County Code section 15.33.033. The preferential parking corridor limits will be reduced in the future as the parking spaces downstream of Redwood Creek Bridge are incrementally reduced from 80 spaces to 40 spaces by December 31, 2018, and from 40 spaces to 0 (zero) spaces by June 1, 2021, as specified in the MOU. If this proposed ordinance is adopted, NPS will be able to further design the parking reservation program and hire a contractor to implement the program. However, enforcement of preferential parking in the corridor will not occur until the program is implemented and the preferential parking areas have been adequately signed.

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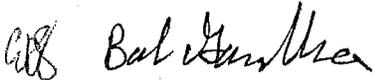
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Staff recommends establishment of a preferred parking corridor on Muir Woods Road beginning at the driveway of Conlon Avenue (milepost 1.77) and extending southerly and westerly to mile post 2.32, except for locations within the Muir Woods Road parking fine zone specified in County Code section 15.33.033

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no impact by this action.

REVIEWED BY:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Department of Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Goralka, P.E., T.E.
Principal Civil Engineer

Attachment: Ordinance

c: Robert Mota, Lieutenant, CHP
Mike Ridgway, Undersheriff
Steve Delao, Lieutenant, Marin County Sheriff's Office
Darren Brown, Transportation Planner, National Park Services
Victor Bjelajac, California State Parks/Marin Sector
Eric Steger, Assistant Director, DPW

ORDINANCE NO. 3648

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RESTRICT PARKING ON A PORTION OF MUIR WOODS ROAD (FRANKS VALLEY ROAD) AND ESTABLISH PREFERENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM UNDER WHICH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MAY ISSUE AND CHARGE FEES FOR PARKING PERMITS

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MARIN HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. 15.36.010 of the Marin County Code is hereby added to read as follows:

Pursuant to the power provided Marin County under California Vehicle Code Section 22507, the Board of Supervisors prohibits the parking of vehicles on Muir Woods Road (Franks Valley Road) in the portion of said road designated within the Muir Woods Road Preferential Parking Corridor, as defined below, other than parking by vehicles of visitors of the Muir Woods National Monument which have been issued a permit for such parking by the National Park Service (NPS), owner of the Muir Woods National Monument adjacent to Muir Woods Road (Franks Valley Road). The Board of Supervisors authorizes NPS to establish a preferential parking program whereby NPS may issue, and charge and retain a reservation fee for, permits for vehicles to park in the Parking Management Corridor, which is reasonable and necessary to ensure the effectiveness of the preferential parking program. Violations for motorists infractions of preferential parking for NPS and/or its permittees shall not be enforced until the locations have been adequately signed. The Muir Woods Road Preferential Parking Corridor shall begin at mile post 1.77 and extend southerly and westerly to mile post 2.32 except for locations within the Muir Woods parking fine zone designated in Marin County Code 15.33.033.

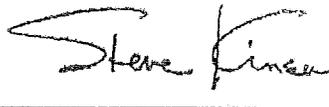
SECTION II. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be in full force and effect as of thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage and shall be published once before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, with the names of the supervisors voting for and against the same in the INDEPENDENT JOURNAL, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Marin.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin, held on the 7th day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Judy Arnold, Katie Rice, Damon Connolly, Kathrin Sears, Steve Kinsey

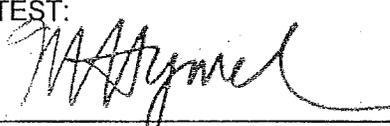
NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE



PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:



CLERK

