



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Discuss Options for Shared Rosemary Parking Lot

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is to discuss options for management and maintenance of the shared parking lot at Rosemary and Sunset.

DEPARTMENT: Economic and Community Development

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INFORMATION: The Town of Chapel Hill has requested that Town of Carrboro allow them to take over management and maintenance of a public parking lot that is currently owned jointly by Carrboro and Chapel Hill. The lot is located at the corner of Rosemary and Sunset; it is currently managed and maintained by Carrboro. Chapel Hill has acquired the right to lease a parcel immediately adjacent (east) to this lot and would like to expand and develop the new lot and redevelop the existing shared Rosemary lot, consistent with other parking lots that are metered in downtown Chapel Hill.

The new lot being created by Chapel Hill (see attachment 1) contains 23 spaces, 12 of which are being reserved as private parking and leased back to the owner of the lot, 7 spaces are being created for monthly permit only parking (\$95/mo) and 5 new, including 1 handicap, paid public parking spaces. Chapel plans to meter the 13 existing public spaces that are located on the Chapel Hill side of the Rosemary lot and have offered to meter the entire lot.

Town staff has identified four possible options for this lot.

- 1) Do nothing and leave the spaces as they are, unmarked.
- 2) Install signs on the Carrboro spaces stating that the spaces are reserved for Carrboro businesses and their customers only with no leases.
- 3) Install signs and lease the spaces to Carrboro businesses and their employees for \$350 annual fee for their private use.
- 4) Allow Chapel Hill to number and add the spaces to their parking management system, but keep them free and enforce time limits; 4a) or don't enforce time limits.
- 5) Allow Chapel Hill to number and add the spaces to their parking management system. This option would include charging fees of \$1.50 per hour with a 10 hour maximum time limit. Chapel Hill would be responsible for enforcing time limits. Town of Chapel Hill Parking Services Parking Superintendent Brenda Jones estimated lot revenue to be \$11,600 and \$2,500 in citations. The cost for Chapel Hill to manage the lot is estimated to be \$6,750.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Fiscal & staff impact will depend on policy direction taken by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board discuss options.