

# Parking mess may bring meters

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Crowded parking conditions in beach neighborhoods of Live Oak has become a matter of increasing concern for Santa Cruz County supervisors.

The county public works director has recommended a public hearing be held on whether or not parking meters be installed along the beach from 5th to 41st Avenues.

And supervisors have received letters from many Live Oak residents complaining about the lack of parking spaces in their beach neighborhoods.

Public works director Don Porath has told supervisors a parking meter zone along the beach would generate revenue and also might be a solution to the parking problems.

"This area is now experiencing problems of trespass, litter, and other violations of personal property rights. Such abuses will only increase in the future, if no positive actions are taken," Porath has said in a letter to supervisors.

Porath added the parking meter zone would not only pay for itself, but could pay for some extended police protection, street improvements, life guards, litter collection, property for public parking lots and more restroom facilities.

Operating and maintenance costs for the district which would reach back into the neighborhoods 1,000 feet from the coast, would be \$76,000 per year, according to Porath. Surplus

revenues could amount to \$93,000 annually, he added.

In a letter to supervisors from Dr. Werner J. Stamm, who lives on 16th Avenue, the doctor says residents are "weary and tired of the continuous erosion of their rights to privacy, peace, and enjoyment of their home and property . . ."

He adds the neighborhoods are plagued by "constantly increasing and intolerable traffic congestion, noise and air pollution; with endangerment of their and their childrens' lives by joyriding young beachgoers racing through the narrow streets in cars and on motorcycles; with thefts from their properties, the tearing down of fences for firewood for the beach; with mounting garbage dumps on the beach, along the sides of the streets and in their own front yards; with people urinating and defecating openly and in plain view . . ."

Forbus has forwarded to his colleagues a petition from 20 13th Avenue residents which asks an ordinance be passed so that only residents be allowed to park outside their beach houses.

In response to the petition Forbus also recommended a no parking zone along 13th Avenue near Prospect Street and the ocean be established.

Supervisor scheduled the matter for their Jan. 18 meeting.

On Nov. 23 they are to receive a report from Porath on parking problems on Sixth Avenue.

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