



# City of Sunnyvale

## Agenda Item

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**Agenda Date: 1/30/2015**


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### 2015 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

#### **NUMBER**

CDD 15-06

#### **TITLE** Design Guidelines for Parking Structures

#### **BACKGROUND**

**Lead Department:** Community Development

#### **Sponsor(s):**

Board/Commission: Planning Commission

#### **History:**

1 year ago: N/A

2 years ago: N/A

#### **SCOPE OF THE STUDY**

##### **What are the key elements of the study?**

Higher density projects (residential and non-residential) typically include underground or structured parking areas. Although the City has general design guidelines that could apply to parking structures, a specific set of guidelines would provide applicants, the public, staff and decision-makers with more information when considering a project with structured parking. The design of these structures is more significant when the structures can be seen from a public street or adjacent properties.

The study would include a review of the current standards and research into what type of criteria can be included in the City design guidelines. Topics covered could include site location, architecture, landscaping, circulation, bicycle parking, and area compatibility.

##### **What precipitated this study?**

There has been an increase in parking structures proposed in recent years due to developer interest in higher density and clustered projects. The Planning Commission sponsored this study after reviewing a parking garage for a project in Peery Park.

**Planned Completion Year: 2015**

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

##### **Cost to Conduct Study**

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost): Moderate

Amount of funding above current budget required: \$20,000

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Funding Source: Will seek budget supplement

Explanation of Cost: The expected cost would cover the hiring of a consultant to help write and illustrate the guidelines.

**Cost to Implement Study Results**

No cost to implement.

**EXPECTED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS**

Council-approved work plan: No

Council Study Session: No

Reviewed by Boards/Commissions: Planning Commission

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Position:** Support

**Explanation:** The design and location of parking structures can have a visual impact on the city. This study would provide more guidance to the public, developers and decision-makers as to how a parking garage or structure should be designed and built.

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