

**AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

**DATE:** April 1, 2025  
**DEPARTMENT:** County Manager  
**REQUESTER:** Dave Harner  
**TITLE:** Direct to Public Hearing Gasparilla Island Parking Ordinance Amendments

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**I. MOTION REQUESTED**

- A. Direct to public hearing on April 15, 2025 amendments to the Gasparilla Island Parking Ordinance that: limits parking in Downtown Boca Grande, the Gilchrist Avenue median, and along 5th Street East and East Railroad Avenue; identifies additional locations for signage for parking enforcement; and increases parking violation fine amounts.
- B. Direct staff to impose fees and time limits at the 5th Street Beach Access in accordance with the Lee County Parks and Recreation Ordinance 06-26, as amended.
- C. Direct staff to install signage conforming with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) in locations necessary for enforcement of the proposed amendments to the Gasparilla Island Parking Ordinance upon adoption.

**II. ITEM SUMMARY**

Directs to public hearing on April 15, 2025 amendments to the Gasparilla Island Parking Ordinance that: limits parking to two hours in Downtown Boca Grande, the Gilchrist Avenue median to Sundays from 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., along the southside of 5th Street West between Gilchrist Avenue and Park Avenue, and along East Railroad Avenue north of 7th Street; identifies additional locations for signage for parking enforcement; allows for towing and impoundment of vehicles; and, increases parking violation fines of up to \$150 and \$300. Also provides staff with direction to impose fees, tow away zones, and time limits at the 5th Street Beach Access in accordance with the Lee County Parks and Recreation Ordinance 06-26, as amended, and to install signage necessary for the enforcement of the proposed amendments to the Gasparilla Island Parking Ordinance.

**III. BACKGROUND AND IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION**

The Board directed staff on February 18, 2025 to draft amendments to the Gasparilla Parking Ordinance including limiting locations and hours of parking and increasing fine amounts for violations of the Ordinance.

**IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Current Year Dollar Amount: No funding required.  
Included in the Current Budget?: N/A  
Fund: N/A  
Comments:

Is this a revenue or expense item? N/A  
Is this Discretionary or Mandatory? Discretionary  
Will this item impact future budgets? N/A  
Program:  
Project:  
Account Strings:  
Fund Type?

**V. RECOMMENDATION**

Approve

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Draft amendments with staff notes, Draft Ordinance

**REVIEWERS:**

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