

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: June 22, 2010

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Introduce Ordinance Authorizing Angle Parking in Downtown Lancaster**

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**Recommendation:**

Introduce **Ordinance No. 948**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, authorizing the Director of Public Works to establish angle parking on Lancaster Boulevard and other streets within the Downtown Lancaster Specific Plan area.

**Fiscal Impact:**

No direct fiscal impact.

**Background:**

In September 2008, the City established the Downtown Lancaster Specific Plan (SP 08-01) to serve as the framework for land use development and revitalization of an area surrounding and including Lancaster Boulevard between 10<sup>th</sup> Street West and Sierra Highway. More recently, The BLVD Project was launched to transform Lancaster Boulevard into the prime visitor destination in the Antelope Valley and showcase urban community life in Lancaster.

On-street parking and convenient access to retail and service businesses on Lancaster Boulevard are a critical part of The BLVD. To optimize the utilization of limited space within the Specific Plan area, angle parking can be employed where appropriate. In fact, the Ramblas style of parking, where angle parking stalls are placed in the roadway median, is a defining and strategic feature of The BLVD.

The California Vehicle Code provides that local authorities may by ordinance permit angle parking on any roadway (Section 22503). Currently, the City of Lancaster Municipal Code has no provision for angle parking.

The designation of parking areas on public streets and private streets which are open to the public is the responsibility of the Department of Public Works through its Traffic Engineering function.

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**Attachment:**

Ordinance No. 948