RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL   DATE 1 August 2018

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Question from Craig Anderson

Q1:   Mr Anderson raised issues relating to parking in the Coventry/Moray/Tope Street area of South Melbourne. Mr Anderson expressed concern that over the last few days residents have started receiving parking fines for parking in driveways, a practice that has been accepted until very recently. This issue was taken on notice for response.

Response

Many areas of the municipality are changing through redevelopment and road upgrades to improve connectivity, visibility and safety for bike riders, pedestrians and road users.
The Parking Enforcement unit is receiving increased complaints from the community about vehicles being parked on or across driveways outside properties particularly in the South Melbourne area. This activity creates a hazard with the potential to cause serious safety issues.

Vehicles are not permitted to stop on the footpath or nature strip including driveway crossovers as required by the Road Safety Road Rules 2009, Rules 197/198.
An awareness campaign commenced on our Social media sites and letters were hand delivered to raise awareness for businesses and residents of the requirement to park vehicles legally and the need to change parking behaviour.

Council's Parking Enforcement Officers will commence enforcement action for vehicles parking illegally on or across driveways/crossovers from mid-August. Providing a two-week grace period to allow drivers to change their current illegal parking habits.
In the first instance cautions will be issued for a first detected offence and then infringements issued for any subsequent offences. Infringements incur a penalty amount of $97 for this offence.

An assessment of the number and locations of Loading zones in the area plus the removal of a few redundant crossovers may provide some further parking options for motorists.

Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.