

## IV. ENFORCEMENT

This chapter discusses the existing techniques that the Brentwood Police Department uses to enforce parking in Downtown Brentwood. The information provided in this chapter is based on an extensive interview with the Brentwood Police Department.

### ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES

#### *History*

Initially, a flat two-hour parking limit was implemented in the entire downtown. Enforcement officers would chalk all the tires on sweep of the downtown, and then two hours later make another sweep and write tickets for vehicles parked over the limit. It was found that students who could not find parking in the Liberty High School parking lot would park on-street, and move or roll-back their cars every two hours. This would reduce available parking on-street for patrons and employees of downtown businesses and offices, especially for visitors to the library and the Recreation Center. To mitigate this problem, shorter time limits were put into place on Maple Street between Second and Third Streets.

The time limits were reduced to ninety-minutes on streets adjacent to Liberty High School and several 30-minute parking spaces were created in the core downtown for patrons who do not need a two-hour parking space for a quick drop-off or pick-up. The various parking limits are shown on Figure 8. Regardless of the reduced parking limits, students continued to move their cars. As a result, the City further reduced the parking limits to 45-minutes by the high school. This has reduced the number of students parking on-street but has caused problems for patrons of the Recreation Center and the library that would like to park for more than 45-minutes. To resolve this issue, special permits were distributed to various users (such as the elderly and Meals-On-Wheels) which make them exempt from the parking time limits (valid in posted areas only).

Another aspect of the parking enforcement plan is the use of residential permits. Due to students parking on residential streets, the residents decided to implement the use of parking permits. This has reduced the student parking problem, but many of the residents who originally requested the permit program no longer live in the area and the current residents may not be fully knowledgeable or familiar with the program.

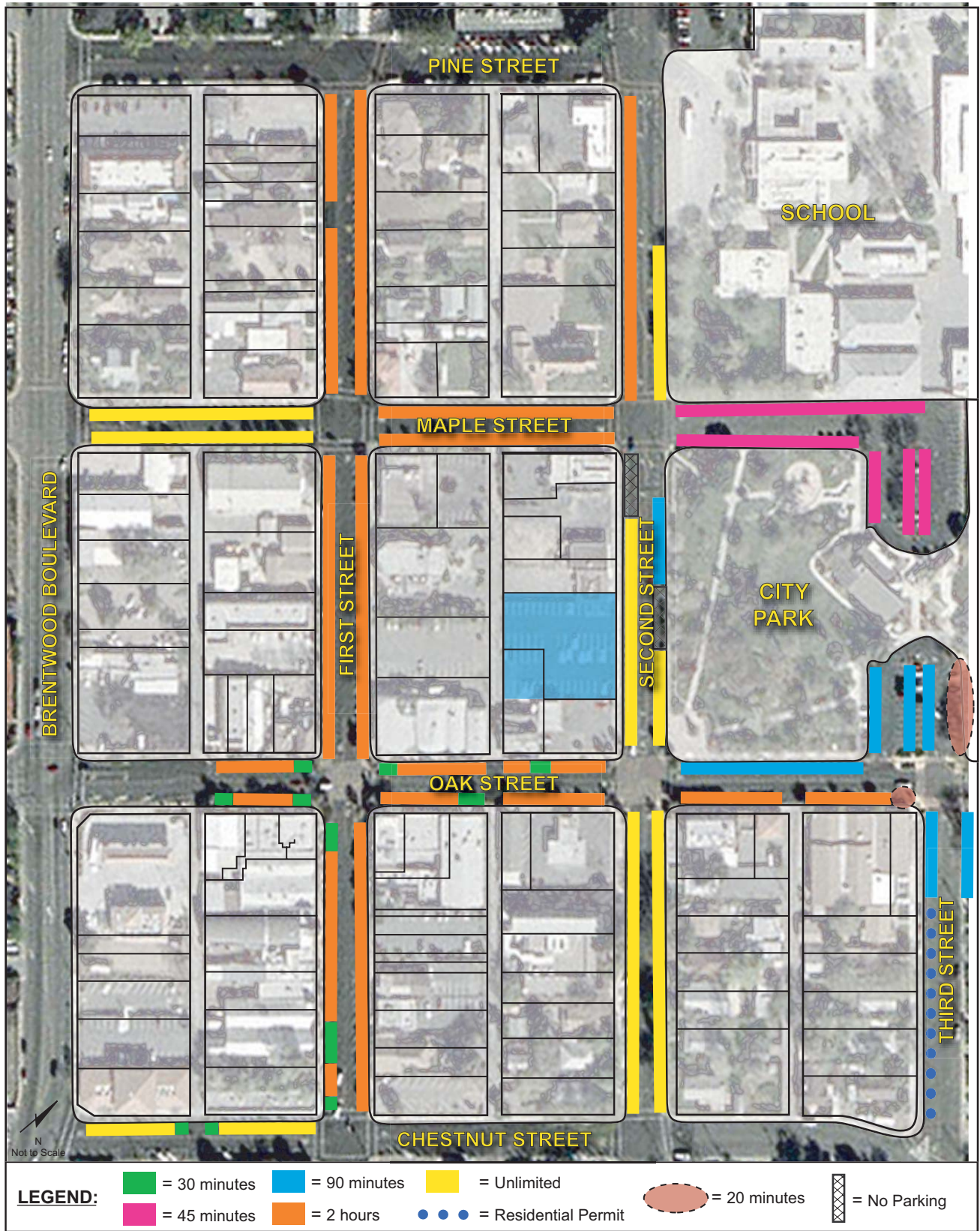
### **Existing Strategies**

The Brentwood Police Department parking enforcement program includes:

- One full-time officer committed to parking enforcement (chalking tires), currently issuing 25 tickets on an average day, at a cost of \$20 per ticket
- Residential parking permits that allow residents unrestricted parking on their street
- Four parking limits enforced: 2-hours, 90-minutes, 45-minutes, and several 30 minutes
- Student permits (that hang on rear-view mirror to allow them to park in the Liberty High School parking lot)
- Exemption permits that allow certain drivers to be exempt from certain parking limits (especially near Liberty High School)

Problems with the current system of enforcement include:

- Downtown employees are often the ones who park beyond the parking limits, and most will incur a parking ticket every day, but still do not change their habits
- The practice of tire chalking to identify vehicles can be circumvented



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**PARKING HOUR LIMITS**

**FIGURE 9**