

**Crown Harbor Homeowners Association**

November 3, 2012

Dear Neighbors:

The old signs outside the Crown Harbor entrance read:

**No overnight parking**

You asked yourself, what the heck does that mean? Now the new signs read:

**Sun-up to Sun-down:** Pathway users have an easement to use these spaces to walk the seaside path only. Parking is limited to 4 hours per space during hours of daylight.

**Sun-down to Sun-up:** Parking spaces are reserved for residents of Crown Harbor HOA only. Parking in these spaces anytime during the hours of darkness requires an HOA-issued dashboard placard.

**Violations:** Violators may be towed without notice at owner expense.

Whether you have realized it or not, the parking spaces outside the Crown Harbor entrance are actually private property owned and maintained by the Association. The city of Alameda requires that Crown Harbor make these spaces available to the public so that they can park and then walk along the seaside path. As such even our own residents cannot park there during daylight hours. Instead, the public is allowed to park in these spaces for up to 4 hours during the day. At night, the spaces revert to normal private property spaces exclusively for use by Crown Harbor residents.

Realistically we know that during the day most of these spaces will be empty; however we are going to enforce the 4-hour limit to avoid being admonished by the city for not living up to our commitment that was established when these parking spaces were created. At night we will be able to identify Crown Harbor vehicles by individually numbered dashboard placards that we will issue to our residents. We know that very few residents will actually use these spaces after dark – preferring to park inside our gate. Nevertheless we feel that uncongested space near our front gate provides a more attractive entrance to our community. We have a few units for sale in the Association and want to help these owners get as much as they can. Curb appeal comes in many forms.

We recognize that this policy is a disappointment to many of you, but these spaces are not a substitute for on-the-street parking along Central Avenue. We have contracted with **ACT Towing** to begin towing vehicles on **November 18**. When we have cars towed, the Association makes no money from the resulting transactions, only the towing company, so we request your cooperation in this matter.

Thank you,  
Crown Harbor Board of Directors