

SRI LAKSHMI NARASIMHA TEMPLE

Plan of Operation and parking

- Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Temple is a small religious organization of Hindu faith and is devoted to a small segment of a vast pantheon of Hinduism. By design it caters to a small group of devotees who will visit the temple.
- The temple is currently operating from a renovated building with a prayer hall. There are 15 parking spaces to accommodate 50 people. This space has rarely been fully occupied in the last 8 years.
- The additional space proposed is for the purpose of housing the deities and not based on the number of people projected to visit the temple. The additional parking proposed is more than adequate to accommodate visitors to the temple. The current prayer hall will not be used once the new addition is built.
- The temple hours on weekdays will be limited from Monday to Friday, 9 to noon and 6 to 8pm. On weekends the temple will be open from 9am to 8pm. On weekdays there will be very few people visiting the temple. On weekends the devotees will visit at different times so that the parking space will never be full.
- The temple has ample open space with 5 acres for people to park on grass in case there is a need during summer/spring/fall months.
- On special occasions when there is an anticipation of more people visiting the temple such as dedication ceremony, remote parking will be utilized and people will be brought to temple by shuttle.
- Unlike churches the temple does not have pews. Devotees sit on the floor to observe ceremonies or rituals on a weekly basis.
- Devotees do not spend more than 15 minutes when they visit the temple, so that parking lot will not be full.
- The lesson learned due to recent and continued pandemic is that the temple has the right to limit the number of people visiting at any given time.