



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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TITLE: 90-MINUTE PARKING ZONE AT 431 ABBOTT STREET

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution establishing a total of 80 feet of 90-minute parking zone located at 431 Abbott Street.

BACKGROUND:

On June 13, 2023, City Council denied a resolution establishing a 20-minute green zone designation located at 431 Abbott Street citing that the 20-minute green zone designation would not provide sufficient time for a customer to visit the business and indicating visits would most likely exceed the 20 minutes allowed by the green zone designation.

On June 22, 2023, Carlos Andalon, owner of Empire Motors, submitted a revised application requesting a 90-minute parking zone along the business frontage located at 431 Abbott Street (Attachment 2) to allow his customers more time to visit and conduct business. According to the requestor, vehicles parked for extended periods along the business' frontage are limiting access for customers. Customers spend an average of 60 to 90 minutes per visit at his business. The requestor is aware that the proposed green zones, if approved, are not for the exclusive use of the requestor. The 90-minute parking zone restricted space are for the public's use. Enforcement is generally done based on complaints received.

The proposed 90-minute parking zone is effective only from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm of any day except Sundays and holidays (Salinas Municipal Code Section 20-79). After 6:00 pm the restriction parking zone is available for general public parking.

Abbott Street, between Chamberlain Street and Malarin Street, is a four-lane arterial street with on-street bike lanes and on-street parking. The street is approximately 65 feet wide, from curb face to curb face. Parking is generally permitted on both sides of Abbott Street. Currently there are 90-minute parking designations located across 431 Abbott Street at the 400 & 500 block on Abbott Street and Alameda Avenue.

The City's 2002 General Plan Circulation Element calls out for improvements to Abbott Street. The ultimate condition of Abbott Street is planned to have a raised median and the removal of on-

street parking. Additionally, Abbott Street is a Focused Growth Overlay District, per Municipal Code Section 37-40.210(a)(4), that promotes mixed-use development that is pedestrian-oriented, compact, active, vital, and safe. The applicant has been informed that the proposed green zones on Abbott Street may need to be removed in the future to be consistent with the City General Plan and Municipal Code.

On August 8, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 22756 approving the 2023-2024 Special Curb Markings List. If approved, staff is requesting an amendment to that resolution to incorporate this new limited parking zone designation.

On August 23, 2023, the City Council approved an ordinance update that would allow similar curb marking requests to be approved by the City Engineer. The ordinance will take effect 30 days after adoption. The request for the 90-minute parking zone is more quickly expedited by presenting to City Council on September 12, 2023.

Traffic and Transportation Commission

The recommendation of establishing a total of 80 feet of 90-minute parking zone designation at 431 Abbott Street was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its August 10, 2023, meeting. The Commission voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend approval of the proposed timed parking zone.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Designation of parking restrictions on City street is exempt under CEQA 15301, Class 1(c) since the actions consists of operation and minor alteration of an existing City street.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The 90-minute parking zone supports the Council goals of “Effective and Culturally Responsive Government” and “Economic Development.”

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

90-minute parking zone is installed and maintained by Public Works staff. Parking enforcement is provided in coordination with Parking Enforcement contractor (LAZ) and the City Police Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund. Carlos Andalon, owner of 431 Abbott Street, has submitted payment to fund the costs and the installation of the 90-minute parking zone.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Attachment 1: Application

Attachment 2: Location Map