



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS
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TITLE: “NO PARKING” RED ZONES ALONG CARIBBEAN AVENUE & HAWAII PLACE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution approving the establishment of 50 feet of “No Parking” red zones along Caribbean Avenue and Hawaii Place to provide a passing zone.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council is recommended to establish a total of 50 feet of “No Parking” red zones along Caribbean Avenue and Hawaii Place to provide a passing zone.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff received a request to establish red zones on Hawaii Place. Staff performed a field visit with the requester, and found existing roadway conditions are inconsistent with present day standards and contribute to maneuverability challenges for the residents. However, no common engineering standards would warrant the application of a “red zone” at this intersection. Staff found no case files or City records which indicate the establishment of a red zone. In consultation with the Salinas Fire Department, Public Works has established that fire emergency response has not indicated any extraordinary access issues at this intersection. The State collision database has reported zero recorded collisions at this intersection within the past 5 years. Without any technical basis for the red zones, staff surveyed the residents to determine if this request was substantially supported. Eight residents responded to the survey and eighty-eight (88) percent support and twelve (12) percent oppose. Therefore, staff is recommending the establishment of total of 50 feet “No Parking” red zones along Caribbean Avenue and Hawaii Place.

BACKGROUND:

Staff responded to a request for red zones on Hawaii Place. Staff performed a field visit with the requester and found no common engineering standards for which staff could recommend the establishment of red zones. However, staff found existing roadway conditions are inconsistent with present day standards and contribute to maneuverability challenges for the residents. The

Salinas General Plan states “A Local Cul-de-Sac roadway is typically constructed within a right-of-way of 56 feet and a curb-to-curb pavement width of 36 feet.” Staff found that the existing roadway width for Hawaii Place was 28 feet and Caribbean Avenue was 32 feet. Both streets have rolled curbs and some vehicles park with one side of the vehicle on the sidewalk. The width of a standard design vehicle for a large passenger car is approximately 7 feet wide and given the roadway width, two-way traffic with parking is constrained. Two-way traffic on Hawaii Place is difficult if cars park on both sides of the street without using the rolled curbs, which cause maneuverability issues for the residents. The high percentage of large cars and trucks in the neighborhood exacerbate this issue.

At the time the streets were built, this area was within the County of Monterey and it was later annexed to the City of Salinas. The City has no case files or records on Hawaii Place that establish Hawaii Place as a “No Parking” zone or establish one-lane-two-way traffic conditions. Furthermore, public works staff checked with the Fire Department regarding any known access issues and the Fire Department responded as follows: *“No extraordinary traffic conditions. Motor vehicle parking is impacted on these streets, same as in other parts of the city. However, the Fire Department found no conditions that obstruct traffic flow or emergency vehicle access.”* Additionally, staff reviewed the state collision database and found zero recorded collisions at this intersection during the past five years.

In summary, staff therefore finds that there are no common engineering standards that warrant the application of a “red zone”; no case files or City records indicating the establishment of a red zone; no indication from the Salinas Fire Department of any extraordinary access issues at this intersection. Furthermore, records are absent of collisions that may indicate operational issues.

However, understanding the non-conforming nature of the street, staff polled the residents to determine if this request was substantially supported. Nineteen residences were surveyed on Hawaii Place and the affected area on Caribbean Avenue. Eight residents responded to the survey and eight-eight (88) percent support and twelve (12) percent oppose. Therefore, staff is recommending the establishment of total of 50 feet “No Parking” red zones along Caribbean Avenue and Hawaii Place to assist residents by providing more room for passing at the intersection.

The community was mailed notices regarding the proposed establishment of 50 feet of “No Parking” red zones along Caribbean Avenue, and Hawaii Place to provide a passing zone. At the writing of this report, staff has not received any comments from the residents.

Traffic and Transportation Commission:

The establishment of a total of 50 feet of “No Parking” red zones along Caribbean Avenue and Hawaii Place was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its January 2019 meeting. The Commission voted 7-0 to recommend to the City Council to approve a resolution to adopt 50 feet of “No Parking” red zones along Caribbean Avenue and Hawaii Place.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The “No Parking” Red Zones along Caribbean Ave, Pacific Ave and Bermuda Way supports the Council of “Well planned city and excellent infrastructure.”

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Public Works Department staff installs and maintains established red zones. Parking enforcement is provided in coordination with Parking Enforcement Staff (SERCO). For this report, staff also consulted with the Salinas Fire Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install the “No Parking” Red Zones along Caribbean Ave, Pacific Ave and Bermuda Way is estimated to be \$300.00. Sufficient funding is available in the Public Works General Fund Street Maintenance budget to fund said installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Attachment 1: Survey Results (showing proposed 50 feet of NO Parking Zone)