



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS
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TITLE: “NO PARKING” RED ZONES ALONG CARIBBEAN AVE,
PACIFIC AVE AND BERMUDA WAY

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve the establishment of a total of 250 feet “No Parking” red zones at the intersections of Caribbean Avenue at Tahiti Place, Caribbean Ave at Pacific Avenue and Bermuda Way at Pacific Avenue to provide sufficient corner sight distance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council approve the establishment of a total of 250 feet of “No Parking” red zones at the intersections of Caribbean Avenue at Tahiti Place, Caribbean Ave at Pacific Avenue and Bermuda Way at Pacific Avenue.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff received a request to evaluate sight lines at the intersections of Caribbean Avenue at Tahiti Place, Caribbean Ave at Pacific Avenue and Bermuda Way at Pacific Avenue. Staff conducted a traffic study and determined that parked vehicles obstructed sightlines necessary to provide the minimum stopping sight distance. Staff is recommending the designation of approximately 250 feet of “No Parking” Red Zones at the intersections of Caribbean Avenue at Tahiti Place, Caribbean Ave at Pacific Avenue and Bermuda Way at Pacific Avenue, approximately 10 parking spaces in total, to provide sufficient sight lines.

BACKGROUND:

Staff has received multiple requests from a resident of Hawaii Place, to evaluate sight lines at the intersections of Caribbean Avenue at Tahiti Place, Caribbean Ave at Pacific Avenue and Bermuda Way at Pacific Avenue. According to the requestor, parked cars at the intersections obscure approaching vehicles. Staff conducted an analysis and determined sight lines necessary to make a safe turning movement based on gap acceptance decision. The analysis considers the gap acceptance decision for turning movements from the minor-roadways while providing necessary

stopping sight distance for vehicles on the major-roadways. Based on the traffic analysis and design standards established by state and federal design guidelines, staff is recommending the removal of approximately 250 feet of parking at the intersections of Caribbean Avenue at Tahiti Place, Caribbean Ave at Pacific Avenue and Bermuda Way at Pacific Avenue (see Attachment 2).

Intersection sight distance criteria for stop-controlled intersections is typically longer than stopping sight distance to allow the intersection to operate smoothly. Minor-road vehicle operators (such as drivers approaching Pacific Avenue from Bermuda Way) can wait at the approach until they can adequately evaluate sufficient gaps in traffic so that they can proceed safely without forcing a major-road vehicle to stop or unduly interfering with major-road traffic operations. For this application, staff is recommending stopping sight distance as the minimum standard to apply to provide adequate sight lines and also minimize the impacts to on-street parking capacity.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

The establishment of a total of 250 feet of “No Parking” red at the intersections of Caribbean Avenue at Tahiti Place, Caribbean Ave at Pacific Avenue and Bermuda Way at Pacific Avenue was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its September, 2018 meeting. The Commission voted 5-0 to recommend to the City Council to approve a resolution to establish a total of 250 feet of “No Parking” red zones at the intersections of Caribbean Avenue at Tahiti Place, Caribbean Ave at Pacific Avenue and Bermuda Way at Pacific Avenue.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15301, Class 1(c)) because the actions consists of operation and minor alteration of an existing City street.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The “No Parking” red zones proposed for at the intersections of Caribbean Avenue at Tahiti Place, Caribbean Ave at Pacific Avenue and Bermuda Way at Pacific Avenue supports the Council of “Well planned city and excellent infrastructure.”

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Red zone curb markings are installed and maintained by Public Works staff. Parking enforcement is provided in coordination with Parking Enforcement Staff (SERCO) and the Police Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install the “No Parking” red zones at the intersections of Caribbean Avenue at Tahiti Place, Caribbean Ave at Pacific Avenue and Bermuda Way at Pacific Avenue is estimated to be \$415.00. Sufficient funding is available in the current streets budget to fund the installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

Attachment 2: Proposed No Red Zone Exhibits