



**CITY OF SALINAS  
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** OCTOBER 8, 2019  
**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC WORKS  
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**TITLE:** “NO PARKING” RED ZONES AT THE INTERSECTION OF ARCHER STREET AND WEST STREET

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to adopt a resolution establishing 55 feet of “No Parking” red zone marking(s) at the intersection of Archer Street and West Street to provide sufficient corner sight distance.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a Resolution approving the establishment of a total of 55 feet of “No Parking” red zone marking(s) at the intersection of Archer Street and West Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff received a request to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of Archer Street and West Street. Staff determined that parked vehicles obstructed sightlines necessary to provide the minimum stopping sight distance. Staff is recommending the designation of approximately 55 feet of “No Parking” red zone marking(s) at the intersection of Archer Street and West Street, equivalent to roughly 2 parking spaces in total, to provide sufficient sight lines.

BACKGROUND:

Staff has received a request to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of Archer Street and West Street. Staff conducted an analysis and determined sight lines necessary to make a safe turning movement based on the gap acceptance decision for turning movements from the minor-roadway (Archer Street) while providing necessary stopping sight distance for vehicles on the major-roadway (West Street). Based on the traffic analysis and design standards established by state and federal design guidelines, staff is proposing the removal of approximately 15 feet and 40 feet of parking along West Street (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 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 55 feet of “No Parking” red zone marking(s) at the intersection of Archer Street and West Street was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its September 2019 meeting. The Commission received a copy of the attached letter opposing the proposed red zone. At the Commission meeting, Jesse Hernandez, a resident of the area also spoke in opposition of the red zones because of parking demand in the area. Staff’s recommendation responds to an inherent safety concern at the intersection. As mentioned earlier in the report, staff’s use of the stopping sight distance already minimizes the loss of parking and still address the safety concern.

The Commission voted 4-0, with one Commissioner abstaining, to recommend to the City Council the establishment of 55 feet of “No Parking” red zone marking(s) at the intersection of Archer Street and West Street to provide sufficient corner sight distance.

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 zone marking(s) propose for the intersection of Archer Street and West Street supports the Council of “Well planned city and excellent infrastructure.”

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Red zone 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 zone marking(s) along Archer Street and West Street is estimated to be \$220.00. Sufficient funding is available in the current streets budget to fund the installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

Attachment 2: Proposed No Parking Exhibit

Attachment 3: Letter Opposing Parking Removal