



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC DIVISION

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TITLE: “NO PARKING” RED ZONES ADJACENT TO THE DRIVEWAY
OF LA TERRAZA APT/CONDOS ALONG N. MADEIRA AVENUE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution approving the establishment of “No Parking” red zones adjacent to the driveway of La Terraza Apartments/Condominiums along N. Madeira Avenue to provide sufficient corner sight distance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended that City Council approve the designation of “No Parking” zones adjacent to the driveway of La Terraza Apartments/Condominiums along N. Madeira Avenue to provide sufficient corner sight distance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff received a request to evaluate corner sight distance at the driveway of La Terraza Apartments/Condominiums along N. Madeira Avenue. Staff conducted a field review and determined sightlines necessary to provide the minimum stopping sight distance. Staff is recommending the designation of approximately 105 feet and 85 feet along each side of to the driveway of La Terraza Apartments/Condominiums along N. Madeira Avenue, equivalent to roughly 8 parking spaces in total, to provide sufficient departure sight triangles.

BACKGROUND:

Staff has received a request from a resident of La Terraza Apartments/Condominiums, to evaluate corner sight distances at the complex’s driveway along N. Madeira Avenue. Staff conducted a field review and determined the recommended sightlines to be appropriate to make a gap acceptance decision for turning movements from the driveways while providing necessary stopping sight distance for vehicles on N. Madeira Avenue. Accordingly, staff is proposing the removal of approximately 105 feet and 85 feet of parking along each side of to the driveway of La Terraza Apartments/Condominiums along N. Madeira Avenue to provide sufficient departure sight triangles.

Private driveways are assumed to operate similarly to a stop controlled approach from a minor-road. Minor road vehicle operators can wait at the edge of the driveway and adequately evaluate sufficient gaps in traffic before proceeding safely without forcing a major-road vehicle to stop or unduly interfering with major-road traffic operations. In this specific application stopping sight distance was considered to be the minimum criteria because of the significant impact to on-street parking capacity.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

The recommendation for red zones at the driveway of La Terraza Apartments/Condominiums along N. Madeira 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 the removal of an estimated 105 and 85 feet of parking to provide sufficient departure sight triangles.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that implementing these parking restrictions is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15301, Class 1). The project consists of the operation, repair, or minor alteration of public streets involving no expansion of use. There would be no significant effect on the environment

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The “No Parking” red zones adjacent to the driveway of La Terraza Apartments/Condominiums along N. Madeira Avenue supports the Council of “Well planned city and excellent infrastructure.”

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

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

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and materials cost to install signage and paint for “No Parking” Red Zones at the driveway of La Terraza Apartments/Condominiums is estimated to be \$250.00. Sufficient funding is available in the current budget to fund the installations. Staff finds these red zones necessary for safety on City streets; however, maintaining and enforcing them will be a continuing sustainability challenge for the City. Staff is beginning to track these curb markings in the City GIS in order to help manage this City program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

Attachment 2: Location Map