



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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TITLE: “NO STOPPING” RED ZONES AT THE INTERSECTION OF
TOWT STREET AND SECOND AVENUE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution establishing a total of 90 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Towt Street and Second Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

Staff received a request (Attachment 1) to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of Towt Street at Second Avenue. Staff conducted an analysis and determined sight lines necessary to make a safe turning movement based on gap acceptance decision for turning movements for the minor roadway (Second Avenue) while providing necessary stopping sight distance for vehicles on the major roadway (Towt Street). Based on the traffic analysis and design standards established by state and federal design guidelines, staff is recommending the removal of approximately 90 feet of parking along Towt 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 minimize the impacts to on-street parking capacity.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

The recommendation for the establishment of 90 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Towt Street and Second Avenue was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its December 8, 2022 meeting. The Commission voted (4-0) to recommend City Council to approve a Resolution establishing 90 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Towt Street and Second Avenue.

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:

“No Stopping” red zones support the Council’s goal of “Public Safety.”

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

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

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install the “No Stopping” red zones along Towt Street are estimated to be \$200. Sufficient funding is available in the current streets budget to fund the installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Attachment 1: Service Request 81692

Attachment 2: Exhibit