



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

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TITLE: PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG BRIDGE ST AND EAST LAKE ST

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution approving the designation and installation of red zones along Bridge Street, and the designation and installation 20-minute green zones along East Lake Street in support of the Salinas Police Department Homeless Outreach Team station in Chinatown.

RECOMMENDATION:

Traffic staff recommends the approval of red zones along Bridge Street to provide designated on-street parking for Police vehicles. Additionally, staff recommends the designation of 20-minute Green Zones along the East Lake Street frontage of properties adjacent to 23 East Lake Street. This will provide approximately ten (10) on-street parking spaces for short-term parking.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Public Works received a request from the Salinas Police Department to restrict on-street parking along Bridge Street and East Lake Street to support Police Department activities in the area. Parking will be restricted to Police and emergency vehicles only along both sides of Bridge Street from Lake Street to its northerly terminus. In addition, the station will need time restricted parking for customers, therefore staff also recommends the designation of 20-minute Green Zones along the frontage of properties of 19, 23 and 109 – 101 East Lake Street.

BACKGROUND:

The Salinas Police Department Homeless Outreach Team will be operating at 23 East Lake Street. The requested parking restrictions will also help discourage the ongoing illegal activities in the area. At the new Police sub-station, there is effectively no off-street parking available to accommodate the parking needs for the SPD Homeless Outreach Team. The Police Chief requested restricting parking on Bridge Street for Police and emergency vehicles only. This will be accomplished with red curb markings and the appropriate signs from Lake Street to its northerly terminus (Exhibit 1). Additionally, the Police Chief's request includes installing 20-minute Green Zones along the property's frontage of 19, 23 and 109 – 101 East Lake Street. The Green Zones

will provide needed parking for customers needing access to fronting properties including 23 East Lake and the Health Services facility.

Staff supports this request, as the on-street parking restriction will assist the police with their parking needs and activities in the area. Additionally, the 20-minute Green Zones requested will provide parking spaces for customers who need access to 23 East Lake or the Health Center (115 East Lake Street). Please see Exhibit 1.

The PD's Homeless Outreach Team begins operations at 23 East Lake Street in February. In order to support the operations, staff is forwarding this recommendation directly to City Council and bypassing the Traffic and Transportation Commission. The PD has met with the occupants of affected properties. Staff therefore requests Council approval of these parking zone designations.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Parking restrictions on City streets are exempt under CEQA 15301, Class 1(c) since the actions consists of operation and minor alteration of parking designations.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The parking restrictions along Bridge Street and East Lake Street supports the Council's initiative for revitalizing Chinatown and supports the Council goals of Safe, Livable Community.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Traffic staff has coordinated with the Salinas Police Department, Serco (Parking Enforcement) and the City's Street Maintenance Services on this item. Staff also coordinated with the Community Development Department to ensure the designations remain consistent with Chinatown Planning and Housing development in the area.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install "Police Parking Only" signage with painted red zones on Bridge Street and green zone on E Lake Street is estimated at \$1,000. There is sufficient funding available in the Street Maintenance budget for installation of signs and for red zones/green zones.

Staff finds these parking restrictions necessary to assist Salinas Police Department in their efforts to enhancing safety in the area. However, maintaining and enforcing them may be a sustainability challenge for the City. Staff is beginning to track curb markings in the City GIS in order to help manage this City program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Attachment 1: Exhibit

Attachment 2: Request (Email)