



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: JUNE 21, 2022

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: “NO STOPPING” RED ZONES AT CLEVELAND AVENUE AND LOUISE STREET

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution to approve a total of 55 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and Louise Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the establishment of a total of 55 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and Louise Street.

BACKGROUND:

Staff received a request from a resident to evaluate the potential for no parking red zones at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and Louise Steet (Attachment 1). 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 (Louise Street) while providing necessary stopping sight distance for vehicles on the major-roadway (Cleveland Avenue). Based on the traffic analysis and design standards established by state and federal design guidelines, staff is proposing the removal of approximately 55 feet of parking along Cleveland Avenue (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:

At its June 9, 2022 meeting, the Traffic and Transportation Commission voted 6-0 to recommend the City Council the establishment of a total of 140 feet “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Eucalyptus Drive at Circle Drive.

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 Cleveland Avenue “No Stopping” red zones support the Council 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 Police Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Attachment 1: Service Request 77844

Attachment 2: Proposed No Stopping Red Zones Cleveland Avenue at Louise Street