



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC WORKS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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**TITLE:** 2-HOUR PARKING ZONE ALONG WEST GABILAN STREET  
BETWEEN CHURCH STREET AND LINCOLN AVENUE  
SIGN PLAN

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a Resolution establishing the proposed 2-hour parking zone designations along West Gabilan Street between Church Street and Lincoln Avenue.

**BACKGROUND:**

City Hall is planned to be under construction this summer for emergency roof repair and asbestos abatement. While City Hall is under construction, the front entrance will be closed to the public and residents will have to enter through the back entrance to do business. Currently the on-street parking in front of the City Hall main entrance located on Lincoln Avenue has 2-hour and 20-minute time restrictions to facilitate parking turnover. Once construction begins, it is anticipated visitors will want to park in areas closest to the back entrance. Downtown parking demand is generally high during business hours and where there is limited off-street parking opportunities. There are existing time limited parking zones throughout Downtown in an effort to create a reasonable turnover of parking spaces where parking demand is high, as shown in Attachment 1. City staff recommends the designation of 2-hour parking zones along West Gabilan Street between Church Street and Lincoln Avenue, to prevent long term parking and to facilitate parking turnover.

West Gabilan Street extends from Capitol Street to Main Street, and it is a two-lane local street approximately 44-feet wide. The block between Lincoln Avenue and Church Street is roughly 240 feet long and currently parking is generally permitted on both sides of the street with one ADA designated stall. The proposed sign plan recommends the installation of four (4) signs to designate eleven (11) parking stalls with 2-hour restrictions, while keeping the existing ADA stall unchanged. The proposed 2-hour parking zones will be effective only from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm of any day except Sundays and holidays (Section 20-79 of the Salinas Municipal Code). The 2-hour parking restricted spaces are for general public use and not exclusively for City Hall or other government buildings. Because parking demand is expected to shift to West Gabilan Street once the front entrance of City Hall closes, staff recommends the 2-hour parking zone designations along West Gabilan Street between Church Street and Lincoln Avenue as shown in Attachment 2.

### TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

The recommendation of 2-hour parking zone designation along West Gabilan Street between Church Street and Lincoln Avenue was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its June 8, 2023 meeting. The Commission voted (3-2) to recommend City Council approve a Resolution establishing 2-hour parking zone designation along West Gabilan Street between Church Street and Lincoln Avenue. Commissioners Cox, Davis and Howell voted in support of the recommendation and Commissioners Canseco and Quigley voted against the recommendation.

### 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:

The 2-hour parking zone supports the Council goals of “Effective and Culturally Responsive Government” by making parking adjustments that supports local businesses.

### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

2-hour parking zone designations are installed and maintained by Public Works staff. Parking enforcement is provided in coordination with Parking Enforcement contractor (LAZ) and the City Police Department.

### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is some General Fund liability. The estimated cost to install the parking signs is \$2,500. The Downtown Parking District (5446) has sufficient funding available, however any budget shortfall will need to be backed up by the General Fund and historically the district has not had sufficient revenues to cover its annual expenses.

### ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution  
Attachment 1: Downtown Salinas On-Street Parking  
Attachment 2: Sign Plan