



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: **DECEMBER 17, 2019**

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

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TITLE: **PARKING FOR THE COLLISION REPORTING CENTER**

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution establishing three “No Parking Tow-Away, Except Police” parking stalls along the frontage of 215 Lincoln Avenue in support of the Salinas Collision Center.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the City Council approve a Resolution establishing three “No Parking Tow-Away, Except Police” along the frontage of 215 Lincoln Avenue in support of the Salinas Collision Reporting Center.

BACKGROUND:

On October 17, the Salinas Collision Reporting Center (CRC) opened its doors to the public at 200 Lincoln Avenue. The center provides a safe and user-friendly format to Salinas community members wishing to document traffic collisions.

Motorists involved in collisions not involving injuries or criminal conduct are directed to file a report at the CRC, which is developed as the one-stop service opportunity for all collision reporting needs. Supporting insurers fund the program; there is no cost to the police or the public for these services.

The City of Salinas Police Department officials contacted the Public Works Department and expressed desire to restrict parking along the frontage of 215 Lincoln Avenue. The request is for three (3) parking spaces between driveways as shown in “Exhibit A: Proposed Parking Restrictions 215 Lincoln Avenue”. Police Department officials are requesting this on-street parking reserved to support the operations of the new CRC. If approved, this on street parking restriction will remain at the proposed location after the Police Department moves to its new location; however, after the Police Departments moves, the City could consider relocating CRC parking to a City surface parking lot.

Staff is seeking to formalize the parking restrictions associated with providing the collision reporting services to the community.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

The establishment of a total of three (3) “No Parking Tow-Away, Except Police” parking designations along the frontage of 215 Lincoln Avenue was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its November 14, 2019 meeting. The Commission voted 5-0 to recommend to the City Council to approve a resolution to establish a total of three parking designations of “No Parking Tow-Away, Except Police” along the frontage of 215 Lincoln Avenue in support of the Salinas Collision Center.

Staff received communication from the Salinas City Center Improvement Association (SCIAA) expressing concern for the permanent loss of parking in downtown. Staff provided a response that the three (3) on street spaces will remain at the proposed location after the Police Department relocates to the new Public Safety Building, and after the relocation and the decrease demand in parking in the area surrounding City Hall is realized, the proposed restricted parking spaces may be relocated to a nearby surface lot.

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 Parking Restrictions along the frontage of 215 Lincoln Avenue support the current City Council’s goals of a Safe Livable Community by supporting the collision reporting services for Salinas residents and travelers.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Police Department has worked closely with the Public Works Department to initiate the request for on-street parking restrictions. Public works is responsible for preparing the staff reports, implementation and maintenance of parking restriction signage.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install signage to indicate the parking restrictions at the Salinas Collision along the frontage of 215 Lincoln Avenue is estimated to be \$700.00. Sufficient funding is available in the current streets budget to fund the installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

Exhibit A- Exhibit to the Resolution