



CITY OF SALINAS

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC DIVISION

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TITLE: POLICE PARKING RESTRICTION ON LINCOLN AVENUE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Traffic and Transportation Commission is requested to consider recommending the designation of **“NO PARKING TOW-AWAY, EXCEPT POLICE”** along the 200 block of Lincoln Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the City Council adopt a Resolution for the designation of **“NO PARKING TOW-AWAY, EXCEPT POLICE”** along the 200 block of Lincoln Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Salinas police department officials contacted public works staff and expressed desire to restrict parking along the 200 block of Lincoln Avenue. Specifically three parking spaces between driveways as shown in “Attachment 1: Parking Restrictions Exhibit”. Police department officials are requesting this on-street parking reserved to support the operations of the new Salinas Collision Reporting Center (CRC).

On October 17, the Salinas CRC opened its doors to the public at 200 Lincoln Avenue, and is the 2nd Collision Reporting Center in California.

“Salinas Police Department is looking forward to implementing our new Collision Reporting Center in partnership with Accident Support Services International Ltd. The center will provide a safe and user-friendly format to Salinas community members wishing to document traffic collisions. This new simplified reporting process will allow officers to be readily available to answer more urgent types of calls for service. In addition, officers will be able to interact with the community and be more proactive during daily patrol duties.” Roberto Filice, Assistant Chief, Salinas PD

Participation in the Collision Reporting Center program allows participating Police Departments to reallocate officers from collision reporting to higher priority calls for service. Collision reporting is moved from the side of the road to a safe and comfortable location, preventing possible

secondary collisions and injuries. Access to local collision data through ASSI's Microsoft and Insurance-Canada Technology award winning Collision Reporting and Occurrence Management System (CROMS) enables police to determine collision causes and hot-spots to create and deploy pro-active traffic safety campaigns to make roads safer for all. In addition, Accident Support Services' employees complete the data entry for all official state collision reports, saving police administrative time and capturing the information for analysis and focused policing initiatives.

Motorists involved in collisions not involving injuries or criminal conduct are directed to file a report at the CRC with ASSI personnel, reviewed and signed off by police and shared electronically by ASSI with police records and the insurance carrier. Upon arrival at the CRC, citizens are greeted by a staff member who helps them to complete the official police report, photographs their vehicle damage and applies the 'Damage Reported to Police' sticker. Drivers are offered an information handout on next steps from their insurance company and the opportunity to contact family, broker or insurance company directly from the Center. The citizen is provided with a one-stop service opportunity for all their reporting needs. Supporting insurers fund the program; there is no cost to the police or the public for these services.

Staff is therefore seeking Commission's recommendation to the City Council to formalize the parking restrictions associated with providing the collision reporting services to the community.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The Parking Restrictions on the 200 block of Lincoln Avenue support the current City Council's goals of Safe by providing improved roadway for Salinas residents and travelers.

DEPARTMENT 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.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Parking Restriction Exhibit