



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: “NO STOPPING” RED ZONES AT THE INTERSECTION OF
FRONT STREET AT WINHAM STREET

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion approving a Resolution to establish 85 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Front Street and Winham Street to provide sufficient intersection sight triangles.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution establishing a total of 85 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Front Street and Winham Street to provide sufficient intersection sight triangles.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff received a request to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of Front Street at Winham Street. Staff conducted a field review and determined that parked vehicles obstructed sightlines necessary to provide the minimum stopping sight distance. Staff is recommending the designation of approximately 85 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Front Street at Winham Street, equivalent to roughly four parking spaces in total, to provide sufficient sight lines.

BACKGROUND:

Staff has received a request to evaluate sight lines at the intersection of Front Street at Winham Street (QAlert Service Request 46505). 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 (Winham Street) while providing necessary stopping sight distance for vehicles on the major-roadway (Front Street). Based on the traffic analysis and design standards established by state and federal design guidelines, staff is proposing the removal of approximately 30 feet and 55 feet of parking along Front Street (see 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 May 3, 2021 meeting, the Traffic and Transportation Commission voted 6-0 to recommend to the City Council to the establishment of a total of 85 feet of “No Stopping” red zones at the intersection of Front Street and Winham Street.

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 Front Street at Winham Street “No Stopping” red zones support the Council of “Public Safety”.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Red zone markings are installed and maintained by Public Works staff. Parking enforcement is provided in coordination with Parking Enforcement Staff (LAZ) and the City Police Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install the “No Stopping” Red Zones along Front Street is estimated to be \$200.00. Sufficient funding is available in the current streets budget to fund the “No Stopping” red zone installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Attachment 1: QAlert Service Request 46505

Attachment 2: Proposed No Stopping Exhibit