



## **CITY OF SALINAS**

### **TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

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

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**TITLE:** “NO STOPPING” ZONES AT DEAD END STREETS

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to City Council recommending the establishment of a total of 120 feet of “No Stopping” zones at the dead end of Burke Street, Wiren Street, Avelar Street, Capitol Street, and San Gabriel Drive.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Traffic and Transportation Commission recommend to the City Council the establishment 120 feet of “No Stopping” zones at the dead end of Burke Street, Wiren Street, Avelar Street, Capitol Street, and San Gabriel Drive to provide a clear space for large vehicles to turn around where no cul-de-sac is present.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Staff received a request to evaluate the dead ends of Burke Street and Wiren Street. Staff evaluated and consulted with the Fire Department to determine clear no stopping zones that are needed for large vehicles to turn around where no cul-de-sac is currently provided. The Fire Department also identified Avelar Street, Capitol Street, and San Gabriel Drive as similar dead end streets without cul-de-sacs. Staff is recommending the establishment 120 feet of “No Stopping” zones at the dead end of Burke Street, Wiren Street, Avelar Street, Capitol Street, and San Gabriel Drive to provide a clear space for large vehicles to turn around where no cul-de-sac is present.

**BACKGROUND:**

Staff received a request from Republic Services, who informed City staff their garbage trucks could not turn around safely on Burke Street and Wiren Street. Staff evaluated and confirmed that the streets are missing the standard cul-de-sac design. Furthermore, the City’s Fire Department supports this request stating, “In general, the Fire Department is supportive of painting curbs red to provide for less inhibited access to both residential and commercial structures. 60 feet is also a good number to start with as our engines are over 30and our ladder trucks are 60.” The Fire Department also identified Avelar Street, Capitol Street, and San Gabriel Drive as similar dead

end streets without cul-de-sacs. Staff is recommending a consistent application of 60 feet of “no stopping” red zones on both sides of the street, a total of 120 feet, at all five locations.

Staff reviewed each location and is recommending curb painting at locations with standard curbs and gutters. At locations with rolled curbs, staff is recommending the installation of signs in lieu of painted curbs. The 60 feet of red zones would be measured from the end of the dead-end street and not need to include driveways. Specific recommendations are as follows:

- 50’ of red zone along the northwest curb of Avelar St
- 30’ of red zone from the last driveway along the northeast curb of Avelar St
- 20’ of red zone between the last two driveways along the southwest curb of Capitol St
- 40’ of red zone along the southeast curb of Capitol St
- 35’ of red zone from the last driveway along the southwest curb of San Gabriel St
- 35’ of red zone from the last driveway along the southeast curb of San Gabriel St
- “No Stopping Fire Lane” signs installed 60’ from the dead end of Burke St
- “No Stopping Fire Lane” signs installed 60’ from the dead end of Wiren St

The lack of a cul-de-sac at the end of these streets prevent large trucks, including garbage trucks, fire trucks and delivery vehicles from being able to safely turn around. Large vehicles must back up the entire length of the street and reverse into traffic in order to exit or use private driveways to turn around. The 60-foot no parking red zones will provide a clear space for large vehicles to turn around at these locations.

#### 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 “No Stopping” zones at dead end streets support the Council of “Public Safety.”

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

“No Stopping” zones are requested by the Salinas Fire Department. “No Stopping” zones are installed and maintained by Public Works staff. Parking enforcement is provided in coordination with Parking Enforcement Staff (LAZ) and the Police Department.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated labor and material cost to install the “No Stopping” zones along Burke Street, Wiren Street, Avelar Street, Capitol Street, and San Gabriel Drive is estimated to be \$800. Sufficient

funding is available in the current streets budget to fund the installations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Proposed “No Stopping” Zones Exhibits