



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: PARKING REGULATIONS AT THE MONTEREY COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CENTER

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution approving two (2) parking stalls and forty (40) feet of yellow loading zones, 345 feet of Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. parking restrictions at the Monterey County Government Center's Church Street frontage, and 125 feet of "No Stopping" red zones along Monterey County Government Center's West Alisal Street frontage.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of two (2) parking stalls and forty (40) feet of yellow loading zones, 345 feet of Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. parking restrictions at the Monterey County Government Center's Church Street frontage, and 125 feet of "No Stopping" red zones along Monterey County Government Center's West Alisal Street frontage.

BACKGROUND:

On March 4, 2008 the Salinas City Council approved a resolution (Resolution No. 19418) approving a temporary yellow loading zone at the Monterey County Government Center's West Alisal Street frontage and a temporary yellow loading zone at 230 Church Street, west of the Church Street and Gabilan Street intersection. The temporary yellow loading zone along West Alisal Street was to revert to 2-hour parking and the temporary yellow zone loading zone at 230 Church Street to unrestricted parking after the completion of construction of the Monterey County Government Center.

Steven Fisher, Facilities and Security Manager for County of Monterey, was notified of the removal of the temporary yellow loading zones and requested the installation of new yellow loading zones along the County Government Center's Church Street frontage since the "space is more user-friendly to the court and café."

Additionally, an encroachment permit, ENC19-0355, was issued to the County of Monterey on July 3, 2019, and expired July 3, 2020, for the temporary installation of “No Parking Wednesdays 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.” signage at 16 parking stalls along Church Street. The County is also requesting that these signs be made permanent.

Staff conducted a field review and in addition to the County’s parking requests, Staff is recommending the installation of 125 feet of “No Stopping” red zones along Monterey County Government Center’s West Alisal Street frontage. Stopped vehicles along the Monterey County Government Center’s West Alisal Street frontage conflicts with the Downtown Complete Streets Project’s newly installed bike lanes.

The proposed yellow loading zones is effective only from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm of any day except Sundays and holidays for any purpose other than loading or unloading of passengers or materials; provided, that the loading or unloading of passengers do not consume more than five minutes or the loading or unloading of materials more than twenty minutes (Section 20-74 of the Salinas Municipal Code).

In coordination with the County, additional modifications to Church Street are being planned. This includes modifying Church Street into a one-way street with front-in angled parking. The change would increase parking capacity, and match similar improvements proposed on Lincoln Avenue. Front-in parking was specifically requested by the California Department of Corrections (CDC) van drivers to park their vehicles. Supply shortages are holding up the proposed roadway changes, and the future modifications to Church Street are planned to be installed next Spring. In the interim, staff proposes installing the proposed parking regulations at the Monterey County Government Center.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The recommendation for two (2) parking stalls and forty (40) feet of yellow loading zones, 345 feet of Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. parking restrictions at the Monterey County Government Center’s Church Street frontage, 125 feet of “No Stopping” red zones along Monterey County Government Center’s West Alisal Street frontage, and Church Street modifications was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its September 9, 2021 meeting. The Commission voted 6-0 to recommend to City Council to approve a resolution approving two (2) parking stalls and forty (40) feet of yellow loading zones, 345 feet of Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. parking restrictions at the Monterey County Government Center’s Church Street frontage, 125 feet of “No Stopping” red zones along Monterey County Government Center’s West Alisal Street frontage, and Church Street modifications.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Designation of parking restrictions on City streets 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:

This action does not support a specific Council goal.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Parking Enforcement is provided in coordination with Parking Enforcement Staff and the Police Department. Special curb markings, such as yellow loading zones and red zones, are maintained by Public Works Staff.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The estimated cost for the installation of the parking restrictions is \$900. The County of Monterey has committed to pay for the installation of requested parking restrictions. There is no impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Attachment 1: Parking Regulation Exhibit

Attachment 2: Resolution 19418