Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:
Mary Hamann, Assistant City Engineer

SUBJECT:
Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to restrict parking on portions of Huisache Avenue.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 6

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
Staff received a request from the New Braunfels Police Department to restrict parking on portions of Huisache Ave due to safety concerns with sight distance in the curves near the intersection with Elliot Knox Blvd. According to the request, there are large commercial vehicles that park along both sides of Huisache Ave that restrict driver sight distance for approaching vehicles and pedestrians.

Huisache Ave connects Elliot Knox Blvd and the southbound IH-35 Frontage Road. It has a posted speed limit of 30 mph and is surrounded by commercially zoned properties in the requested portion. There are limited sidewalks on Huisache Ave.

Section 126-334 (c) prohibits oversized or commercial motor vehicles with a rated capacity in excess of 20,000 pounds from parking in public right-of-way within the city that is zoned as residential. This portion of Huisache Ave is zoned commercial, so this ordinance does not apply.

ISSUE:
Proposed parking restriction on the east side of Huisache Ave from the intersection with Elliot Knox Blvd south for a distance of 505 feet and on the west side of Huisache Ave beginning a distance of 400 feet from the intersection with Elliot Knox Blvd for a distance of 85 feet in a southern direction.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Traffic control signs cost approximately $150 each. Sufficient funding is available in the FY 2022 approved streets and drainage budget.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends creating a no parking, tow away zone on the east side of Huisache Ave from the intersection

with Elliot Knox Blvd south for a distance of 505 feet and on the west side of Huisache Ave beginning a distance of 400 feet from the intersection with Elliot Knox Blvd for a distance of 85 feet in a southern direction.