

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 126-346 of the Code of Ordinances to add a no parking zone on Comal Avenue at East Jahn Street.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

Council District: 5

A citizen has requested a no parking zone on Comal Avenue at the intersection with East Jahn Street to address sight distance issues at this intersection.

Comal Avenue is a two lane roadway with a speed limit of 30 mph. Vehicles parked within the intersection that restricts sight distance can create hazards for drivers on East Jahn Street attempting to make left or right turns.

Public Works evaluated the intersection and found vehicles consistently parked near or at the fire hydrant and stop sign, and within the intersection restricting intersection sight distance. Additionally, vegetation was restricting intersection sight distance.

Public Works installed supplemental signs on East Jahn Street to post the state law restrictions related to parking at a fire hydrant and stop sign. Furthermore, staff worked with the property owner to remove the vegetation restricting sight distance. Staff also worked with the property owner to locate the proposed no parking signs while maintaining parking for the affected properties. The proposed no parking zones on both sides of East Jahn Street will allow for two vehicles to park along the affected properties while still maintaining the sight distance at the intersection with Comal Avenue.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

2006 Comprehensive Plan: Transportation Goal 21: Provide a system of convenient and safe transportation facilities through comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing transportation system planning and development.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Traffic control signs cost approximately \$135 each. Sufficient funding is available in the FY16-17 approved streets and drainage budget.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board unanimously approved the recommendation to add a

no parking zone on Comal Avenue at East Jahn Street on March 9, 2017.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of establishing a no parking zone on the southwest side of Comal Avenue for 40 feet on the north side of the intersection with East Jahn Street and for 50 feet on the south side of the intersection with East Jahn Street to prevent obstruction of intersection sight distance.