

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of the first reading of an ordinance to create parking restrictions in river-related areas.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

Council District: 5

In preparation for the upcoming river recreation season, the parking areas in areas related to river recreation were reviewed with the River Operations Manager. The following items were identified as proposed parking restrictions to improve safety:

No Parking Zone on East San Antonio Street

A portion of the west side of East San Antonio Street from the Comal River bridge towards South Liberty Avenue is proposed to be a no parking zone. The roadway is narrow in this area leading up to the bridge and restricting parking would provide a safer environment for drivers on East San Antonio Street. The proposed no parking zone would start 260 feet from the intersection with South Liberty Avenue and extend a distance of 367 feet in a southwesterly direction to the beginning of the Comal River bridge (parking is restricted on the bridge by state code).

No Parking Zone on Meusebach Street

Upon review of the existing ordinances and posted signs for no parking zones, it was determined that signs were posted to restrict parking on the northwest side of Meusebach Street from the intersection with North Market Avenue to a point 88 feet in a northeasterly direction without an ordinance for this area. Due to the proximity to the railroad track and the tubing outfitter transportation traffic, it is recommended that parking be restricted in this area to accommodate the increased flow of traffic during the river recreation season.

No Parking Zone on East Mill Street

Upon review of the existing ordinances and posted signs for no parking zones, it was determined that signs were posted to restrict parking on the northwest side of East Mill Street from the railroad crossing to a point 130 feet northeast at the City Tube Chute parking lot without an ordinance for this area. Due to the proximity to the railroad track and the traffic near the City Tube Chute, it is recommended that parking be restricted in this area to accommodate the increased flow of traffic during the river recreation season.

Reserved Parking Spaces at the City Tube Chute

There are currently signs posted at three parking spaces in the parking lot at the City Tube Chute reserving these spaces for police or other city vehicles. This parking restriction is not enforceable

because these parking spaces are not currently covered by an ordinance.

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 establish a no parking zone on the west side of East San Antonio Street from a point 260 feet from the intersection with South Liberty Avenue for a distance of 367 feet in a southwesterly direction to the beginning of the Comal River bridge, a no parking zone on the northwest side of Meusebach Street from the intersection with North Market Avenue to a point 88 feet in a northeasterly direction, on the northwest side of East Mill Street from the railroad crossing to a point 130 feet northeast at the City Tube Chute parking lot, and reserving three marked parking spaces in the City Tube Chute parking lot for police or city vehicles on April 13, 2017.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of establishing a no parking zone on the west side of East San Antonio Street from a point 260 feet from the intersection with South Liberty Avenue for a distance of 367 feet in a southwesterly direction to the beginning of the Comal River bridge, a no parking zone on the northwest side of Meusebach Street from the intersection with North Market Avenue to a point 88 feet in a northeasterly direction, on the northwest side of East Mill Street from the railroad crossing to a point 130 feet northeast at the City Tube Chute parking lot, and reserving three marked parking spaces in the City Tube Chute parking lot for police or city vehicles.