

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 restrict parking in front of the Fire Department Connection (FDC) on North Seguin Avenue at the Comal County Courthouse.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

Council District: 5

Engineering staff received a request from the Fire Department to restrict parking in front of the Fire Department Connection (FDC) at the Comal County Courthouse on North Seguin Avenue. This request is due to concerns about lack of space for fire trucks trying to access the hookups that are located outside of the right of way.

There are currently parking spaces marked on the pavement in front of the courthouse on North Seguin Avenue, with a gap to accommodate access for fire trucks. There is concern that these pavement markings are not enforceable and are ignored by drivers, so an ordinance is requested to formalize this parking restriction. Current ordinance restricts standing or parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; however, the FDC is outside of the right of way. There are no marked parking spaces that are being removed.

The Fire Department is in favor of the proposed no parking zone.

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 \$150 each. Sufficient funding is available in the FY17-18 approved streets and drainage budget.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of restricting parking on the northeast side of North Seguin Avenue from 91 feet northwest of the traffic circle for a distance of 52 feet in a northwesterly direction.