

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 126-346 of the Code of Ordinances to restrict parking on both sides of Gruene Park Drive.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

Council District: 4

Engineering staff received a request from a citizen to review parking along Gruene Park Drive. This request is due to concerns about lack of space for safe passage of vehicles, including concerns about the accessibility for emergency vehicles. Gruene Park Drive is approximately 28 feet wide and has a speed limit of 30 mph. At the time of the request, there was no traffic control at the intersection of Gruene Park Drive and E. Common Street. There is now stop control on Gruene Park Drive at this intersection.

A sight distance investigation was conducted in accordance with *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets*. Additionally, field observations were conducted and the intersection crash history was reviewed. Based on the result of these investigations, staff recommends restricting parking along the south side of Gruene Park Drive to the cul-de-sac at the end of Gruene Park Drive. However, at the April 12, 2018 Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board meeting, the Board recommended that parking be restricted on both sides of Gruene Park Drive.

Notices were mailed to property owners that are adjacent to the proposed parking restriction prior to the first reading at a City Council meeting.

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:

The Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board approved a parking restriction on both sides of Gruene Park Drive at their meeting on April 12, 2018 by a vote of four in favor and one opposed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends establishing a no parking zone on the south side of Gruene Park Drive