Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Section 126-346 of the Code of Ordinances to restrict parking, standing or stopping along a portion of Rainy Creek.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

Council District: 5

City Council unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 126-346 of the Code of Ordinances to restrict parking, standing or stopping along a portion of Rainy Creek on February 11, 2019.

Engineering staff received a call from concerned citizens requesting that the parking in the entrance to the West Village at Creekside subdivision be reviewed, specifically during afternoon school pick up times for Canyon Middle School. There is an existing no parking zone on both sides of Rainy Creek between FM 1101 and Oxbow Circle.

Observations conducted by staff in December 2018 during school pick up times showed that there were multiple compliance issues including vehicles parked in the existing no parking zone, parked in front of fire hydrants, and parking within 30 feet of stop signs. In addition, there were vehicles stopped in the middle of the road picking up children that had crossed FM 1101 from Canyon Middle School (Figures 1 and 2 attached). There were not any vehicles parked in front of driveways to homes that were observed during that afternoon, which was part of the initial request.

The New Braunfels Police Department has been notified of the existing parking compliance issues at this location. The Safety and Security Coordinator with Comal ISD was also contacted, and he said that parents of students at the school have been sent messages throughout the school year asking them not to pick up their children in the subdivision.

Based on the observations conducted, staff is recommending that the existing no parking zone be revised to a no parking, standing or stopping zone to provide for better student safety.

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 funds are available in the FY 2018-19 Public Works budget.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board unanimously approved revising the existing parking restriction along on Rainy Creek between FM 1101 and Oxbow Circle to be a no parking, standing or stopping zone at their meeting on January 10, 2019.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of revising the existing no parking zone on Rainy Creek between FM 1101 and Oxbow Circle to be a no parking, standing or stopping zone.