

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

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SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to amend Section 126-346 to establish a no parking zone on the south side of Elliot Knox Boulevard between South Peach Avenue and Magnolia Avenue.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 1

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City of New Braunfels Police Department has identified a safety concern with vehicles parking along the TxDOT right-of-way on the south side of Elliot Knox Boulevard (Business IH 35) in order to access the Comal Tubes property. Elliot Knox Boulevard is a two-lane roadway at Peach Avenue and transitions to a three-lane roadway at Magnolia Avenue. In front of Comal Tubes, Elliot Knox Boulevard is a five-lane roadway. It is classified as a minor arterial in the 2012 Regional Thoroughfare Plan and has a posted speed limit of 40 mph. Patrons of Comal Tubes have been observed by staff to be jumping the curb to park in the right-of-way and walking across Elliot Knox Boulevard which poses a safety hazard to both those pedestrians crossing and the vehicles in the roadway. Staff recommends establishing this area as a no parking zone in the Code of Ordinances and installing appropriate signage. TxDOT is supportive of the ordinance, and the City will be responsible for the installation of the no parking zone.

Staff has received calls from residents in the homes adjacent to Comal Tubes with parking concerns related to customers during the summer this year and in previous years. Parking by permit has been suggested to address the resident concerns, but a completed form has not been received at this time.

ISSUE:

Proposed parking restriction on Elliot Knox Boulevard across from Comal Tubes to ensure safety for pedestrians and drivers on Elliot Knox Boulevard in this area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Traffic control signs cost approximately \$150 each. Sufficient funding is available in the FY 2021 approved streets and drainage budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends revising the city ordinance to establish a no parking zone on the south side of Elliot Knox Boulevard between South Peach Avenue and Magnolia Avenue.