

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

Garry Ford, Jr., Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT:

Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Section 126-346 of the City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances to restrict parking around the landscaped islands on the outside edges of Main Plaza.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 5

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Council unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 126-346 of the City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances to restrict parking around the landscaped islands on the outside edges of Main Plaza on July 12, 2021.

Staff received a request from the Parks and Recreation Department to restrict parking around the landscaped islands on the outside edges of Main Plaza. The attached photo shows vehicles parked along the landscaped islands in the west side of Main Plaza, obstructing the flow of traffic in these areas as well as preventing the Parks employees from accessing the landscaping and downtown public restrooms to perform cleaning and maintenance. This parking around the landscaped island on the west side of Main Plaza has also been a concern from business owners downtown, per the Economic and Community Development Coordinator.

Engineering staff reached out to the Police Department to confirm that this request for restricted parking was not already covered under an existing ordinance. The Police Department did confirm this and requested that the parking restriction be extended to all four landscaped islands around Main Plaza to avoid confusion for drivers on where parking is allowed.

Because Main Plaza is on the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) system, staff reached out to TxDOT with the proposed parking restriction; TxDOT does not have any concerns.

ISSUE:

Proposed parking restriction around the landscaped islands on the outside edges of Main Plaza to ensure safety and accessibility in these areas for the drivers utilizing the angled parking and Parks employees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board

This item was considered and discussed by the Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board at their meeting on June 10, 2021. The Board unanimously voted to recommend the creation of no parking zones around the outside edges of the landscaped islands on the outside of Main Plaza.

Staff

Staff recommends creating no parking zones around the outside edges of the landscaped islands on the outside of Main Plaza.