

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

Garry L. 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 on the east side of Hudson Lane from Hanz Drive to Bellesop Boulevard, on the west side of Hudson Lane from Hanz Drive to the intersection with the first alleyway, and on the north side of Bellesop Boulevard.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 4

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 on the east side of Hudson Lane from Hanz Drive to Bellesop Boulevard, on the west side of Hudson Lane from Hanz Drive to the intersection with the first alleyway, and on the north side of Bellesop Boulevard on September 13, 2021.

Staff received a written request from the High Cotton homeowner's association for a no parking zone on the east side of Hudson Lane from Hanz Drive to Bellesop Boulevard, on the west side of Hudson Lane from Hanz Drive to the intersection with the first alley, a restriction on overnight parking on the west side of Hudson Lane from the alley in front of 911 Hudson to Bellesop Boulevard, in the alleys, and on the north side of Bellesop Boulevard. The request is to allow enough room for emergency vehicles to drive on the streets within the High Cotton subdivision.

Staff conducted a site visit and measured the street width on Hudson Lane and Bellesop Boulevard at 24 feet for both roadways. The New Braunfels Fire Department was contacted regarding their roadway width needs within this subdivision. The Fire Department stated that a parking restriction on one side of both Hudson Lane and Bellesop Boulevard would be enough to allow emergency vehicles to drive safely on these roads.

Parking along the west side of the entrance to the subdivision, Hudson Lane from Hanz Drive north to the intersection with the first alley, is already restricted for a distance of 30 feet from the stop sign on Hudson Lane at Hanz Drive. However, parking restriction signs are not posted at this time because it is not standard practice to post them for every stop sign within the city.

The alleys within the High Cotton subdivision are private; therefore, an ordinance cannot be used to restrict parking in these locations.

A street area layout showing the proposed no parking zone and photos of vehicles parked in the area submitted by the HOA are attached.

ISSUE:

The High Cotton HOA has requested restricted parking within their subdivision due to concerns about available width for emergency vehicles.

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

Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board unanimously recommended approval of a no parking zone on the east side of Hudson Lane from Hanz Drive to Bellesop Boulevard, west side of Hudson Lane from Hanz Drive to the intersection with the first alleyway, and on the north side of Bellesop Boulevard at their August 12, 2021 meeting.

Staff

Staff recommends a no parking zone on the east side of Hudson Lane from Hanz Drive to Bellesop Boulevard, west side of Hudson Lane from Hanz Drive to the intersection with the first alleyway, and on the north side of Bellesop Boulevard.