

Legislation Text

File #: 22-522, **Version:** 1

PRESENTER:

Garry Ford, Transportation and Capital Improvements Director

SUBJECT:

Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance to amend Section 126-346 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels, to establish a no parking zone on Divine Way at the intersection with S. Walnut Ave.

DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Capital Improvements

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 2 & 6

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Council approved the first reading on May 9, 2022.

Staff was forwarded a request by from the New Braunfels Police Department regarding on-street parking along Divine Way, specifically at the entrance of North Ranch Estates near S Walnut Avenue during school pick-up and drop-off times for New Braunfels Middle School. Residents have stated that cars routinely park in the subdivision entry and exit lanes, and the Traffic Sergeant for the Police Department noted visibility and safety issues at the intersection.

Site visits were conducted during drop-off and pick-up peak hours for New Braunfels Middle School on March 23, 2022. Vehicles were observed parking along both sides of Divine Way near the intersection with S Walnut Avenue waiting to pick up children walking from NBMS in the afternoon. There were conflicts between these parked vehicles and vehicles attempting to enter the subdivision from S Walnut Avenue. In order to protect intersection operations at the intersection of Divine Way and S Walnut Avenue, a no parking zone on both sides of Divine Way is recommended.

Residential lots exist on Divine Way beyond approximately 75 ft from the intersection with S Walnut Avenue on either side of the road, and therefore no parking zones would not be recommended beyond this point.

ISSUE:

Residents have contacted the City regarding on-street parking at the entrance of North Ranch Estates, especially during school pick-up and drop-off times. Their concerns are with entry and exit lanes being blocked by parked or stopped vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Traffic control signs cost approximately \$150 each. Sufficient funding is available in the FY 2022 approved streets and drainage budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board

The Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board unanimously recommended approval at their April 14, 2022 meeting.

Staff

Staff recommends a no parking zone on both sides of Divine Way from the intersection with S Walnut Avenue for approximately 75 feet in the northeast direction.