



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works



Date: May 12, 2015
Board Meeting Date: June 16, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Establish Two (2) No Parking Zones, One (1) 30 Minute Time Limited Parking Zone, and Four (4) Loading Parking Zones at Various Locations in North Fair Oaks.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the establishment of No Parking Zones at 2601 Spring Street, along Douglas Avenue, and at 2929 Flood Avenue, along First Avenue, in North Fair Oaks
- B) Adopt a resolution authorizing the establishment of Loading Zones at Douglas Avenue, 2601 and 2605 Spring Street in North Fair Oaks
- C) Adopt a resolution authorizing the establishment of a thirty (30) minute Time Limited Parking Zone at 2938 Crocker Avenue in North Fair Oaks
- D) Adopt a resolution authorizing the establishment of a Time Restricted Loading Zone at 3282 Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks

BACKGROUND:

Your Board has adopted similar resolutions and ordinances designating various traffic controls.

Section 22507 et.al. of the California Vehicle Code provides that local authorities may prohibit or restrict the stopping, parking or standing of vehicles by resolution or ordinance.

The Department of Public Works received requests from property owners and businesses for parking restrictions at various locations in North Fair Oaks.

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DISCUSSION:

The Department evaluated the requests and determined that the recommended parking restrictions will not adversely affect the community. We recommend adoption of resolutions adding the described parking restrictions at the identified locations.

Each site has been investigated to determine if additional parking restrictions are warranted. Property owners on adjacent blocks extending a minimum of 300 feet from the proposed parking zone locations were notified of the date and time of your Board's meeting when these items will be considered. Property owner objections and support received to date are summarized in Attachment "A". In addition, the Department presented the proposed parking modifications to the North Fair Oaks Community Council (NFOCC) on May 28, 2015; and the NFOCC unanimously supported the proposed modifications.

The locations of parking zones on County maintained streets are currently shown on maps in the Department of Public Works, and will be made available on the Department's web site. The master map will be updated to reflect the recommended changes if your Board approves the proposed resolutions.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolutions as to form.

Approval of these resolutions contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Livable Community by allowing residents, business owners, and schools to help shape the neighborhood traffic controls in a way that best fits their collective needs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for staff time involved in evaluating and processing requests for traffic regulations is part of the administrative cost associated with evaluating traffic-related requests involving the County maintained road system, and is financed with Road Funds. The cost of installing signs and painting parking zone markings varies, but averages to approximately \$550 per parking zone. The cost of these signs and markings will be financed with Road Funds. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Attachment A: Proposed Parking Restrictions and Public Input Summary

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Item #1: Authorizing the establishment of a No Parking Zone for 2601 Spring Street along Douglas Avenue, in North Fair Oaks.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
2601 Spring Street	North Fair Oaks	Page 4	1	0

Item #2: Authorizing the establishment of a No Parking Zone for 2929 Flood Street along First Avenue in North Fair Oaks.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
2929 Flood Avenue	North Fair Oaks	Page 6	2	1

Item #3: Authorizing the establishment of a Loading Zone for 2601 Spring Street along Douglas Avenue in North Fair Oaks.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
2601 Spring Street	North Fair Oaks	Page 4	1	0

Item #4: Authorizing the establishment of a Loading Zone for 2605 Spring Street in North Fair Oaks.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
2605 Spring Street	North Fair Oaks	Page 4	0	0

Item #5: Authorizing the establishment of a 30 Minute Time Limited Parking Zone on Crocker Avenue in North Fair Oaks.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
2938 Crocker Avenue	North Fair Oaks	Page 8	1	0

Item #6: Authorizing the establishment of a Time Restricted Loading Zone for 3282 Middlefield Road along Semicircular Road in North Fair Oaks.

Address	Area	Description	Objections	Support
3282 Middlefield Road	North Fair Oaks	Page 10	4	2

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Description of Proposed Traffic Control Devices by Location:

Items: 1, 3 and 4 Location: Douglas Avenue, 2601 and 2605 Spring Street in North Fair Oaks

Establish a No Parking Zone along Douglas Avenue, for 2601 Spring Street.

Establish loading zones along Douglas Avenue and Spring Street, for 2601 Spring Street and along Spring Street for 2605 Spring Street.

Discussion:

Staff received requests from the owners of the businesses located at 2601 and 2605 Spring Street for various parking restrictions.

The owner of 2601 Spring Street has a Dance Studio tenant in his multiuse facility. The owner has on-site parking but finds that the parking of large trucks and campers make it difficult for his clients to access the parking lot. As students have hourly classes at this facility, he also wanted to have designated loading and unloading zones to facilitate the drop off and pick up of students.

The adjoining property at 2605 Spring Street has a business which requires the loading and unloading of large vehicles and would also like to have a restricted parking zone in front of his facility.

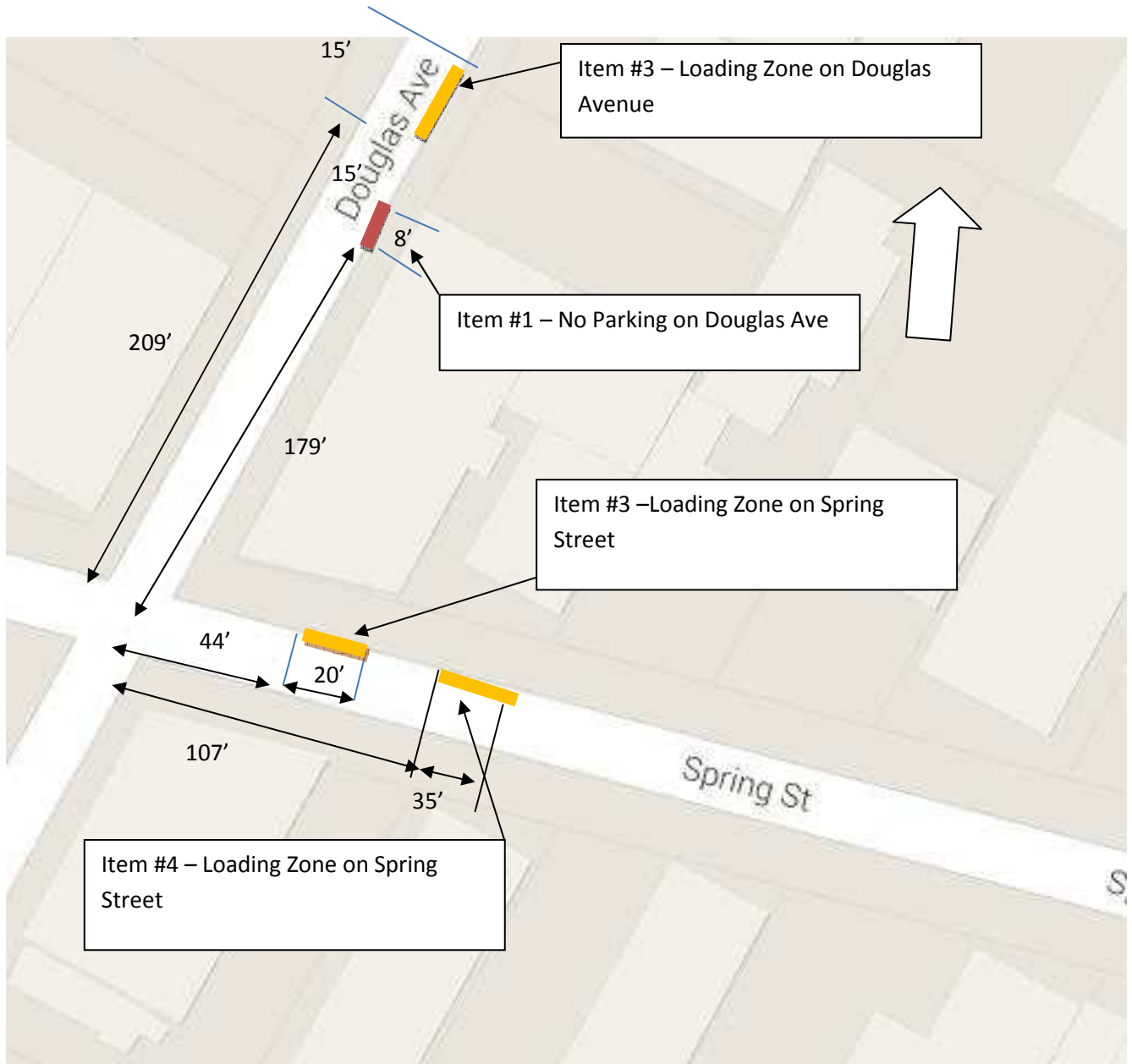
Key Facts:

- Parked vehicles cause difficulty entering and exiting driveway into property. The use of loading zones allows multiple businesses to share these parking spaces.
- There was one objection and no support for this item
- The respondent objecting to this proposal cited a general lack of parking in this area.

Staff Recommendations:

Establish a no parking zone and a loading zone along Douglas Avenue, and two loading zones along Spring Street to allow multiple businesses to use these loading zones for their clients.

**Map of Proposed Parking Restrictions
For Douglas Avenue, 2601 and 2605 Spring Street
(not to scale)**



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Description of Proposed Traffic Control Devices by Location:

Item 2 Location: 2929 Flood Avenue in North Fair Oaks

Establish a No Parking Zone along First Avenue adjacent to 2929 Flood Avenue in North Fair Oaks.

Discussion:

Staff received a request from the owner of the property for a no parking zone at 2929 Flood Avenue in North Fair Oaks because vehicles would park on the small area near his driveway which would block the access for his trucks and his customers.

Key Facts:

- The entrance to the facility is located on a tight curve. Vehicles parked near this curve make it difficult for the trucks to enter into this driveway.
- There were two objections and one support for this item. Those objecting to this proposal cited a general lack of parking in this area. And also that there were a number of undesirable vehicles (trucks, machinery, broken down equipment, etc.) parked on street.

Staff Recommendations:

Staff believes that a loss of one 4-foot length of curb will not impact the net allowable parking in the neighborhood and will improve traffic movements along the curved portion of road way.

The County has policies for abandoned vehicles left on the street for more than 72 hours which can be used to address undesirable vehicles and equipment left on the streets. The policies are enforced by the Sheriff's Department.

**Map of Proposed No Parking Zone Location
For 2929 Flood Avenue
(not to scale)**



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Description of Proposed Traffic Control Devices by Location:

Item 5 Location: 2938 Crocker Avenue in North Fair Oaks

Establish a 30-Minute Time Limited Parking Zone at 2938 Crocker Avenue in North Fair Oaks.

Discussion:

Staff received a request from the owner of the property for a time limited parking zone along 2938 Crocker Avenue in North Fair Oaks. The applicant claims that vehicles are parked on the street at all times and this limits the available parking spaces for his clients. He would like to see a more equitable use of on street parking for his business.

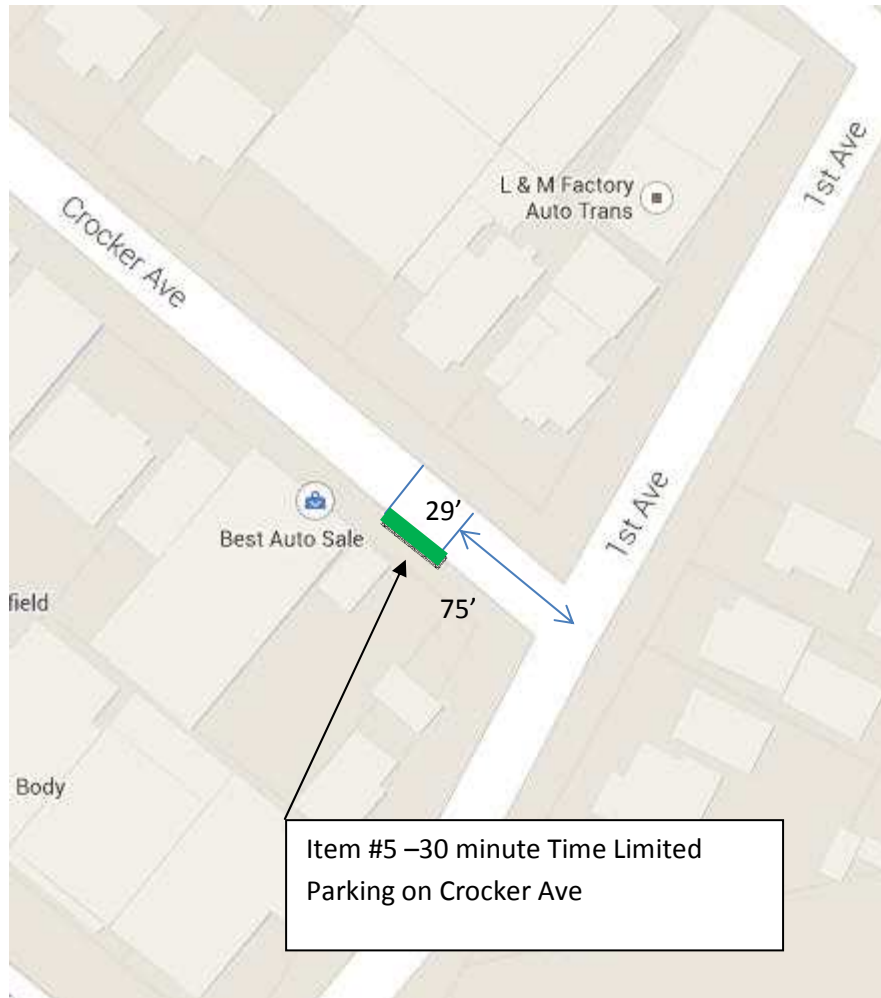
Key Facts:

- The 30-minute time limited parking zone will allow greater turnover of vehicles in this area, where parking is very limited, by limiting the time drivers can leave their vehicles on the street.
- There was one objection and no support for this item.
- The objector cited a lack of enforcement as well as a general lack of parking in this area.
- The Sheriff's Department has new mobile equipment which can now be used to facilitate enforcement of parking restrictions.

Staff Recommendations:

Establishment of a 30-minute time limited parking zone would allow businesses to share a parking space and minimize on street parking by employees.

**Map of Proposed 30-Minute Time Limited Parking Zone Location
For 2938 Crocker Avenue
(not to scale)**



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Description of Proposed Traffic Control Devices by Location:

Item 6 Location: 3282 Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks

Establish a Time Restricted Loading Parking Zone along Semicircular Road adjacent to 3282 Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks.

Discussion:

Staff received a request from the owner of the property at Chavez Supermarket for a loading parking zone at 3282 Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks. He stated that there were several occasions that the garbage trucks could not collect the garbage from his facility because parked cars were blocking access to his facility.

Key Facts:

- The establishment of a time restricted loading parking zone will allow vehicles to park for a limited amount of time to pickup and dropoff in an area where parking is very limited.
- The facility is directly across from the Garfield Elementary School and is used by parents to drop off and pickup.
- The facility is also near apartment buildings and other rental homes.
- There were four objections, two supports, and one neutral for this item
- Those objecting to this proposal believe that adding a loading zone would remove parking in this area for residents as well as parents and teachers to Garfield School. They also cited a general lack of parking in this area.
- Those in support felt that adding a loading zone would allow delivery of groceries and pick up of garbage which would otherwise be left on the street.

Staff Recommendations:

Modify the original request to establish a loading zone to one which restricts loading to the hours of 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM Monday through Friday. This will allow residents the ability to park on the street overnight while still allowing the business to have access to their garbage cans and parents to dropoff and pickup in the morning.

**Map of Proposed Loading Parking Zone Location
For 3282 Middlefield Road
(not to scale)**



Item #6 –Time Restricted Loading
Zone on Semicircular Road

7AM -12PM M-F