



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PUBLIC WORKS

File #: 19-891

Board Meeting Date: 9/17/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works
Subject: Authorizing the Establishment of a “No Parking” Zone on Loyola Avenue, in Unincorporated Menlo Park

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the establishment of a “No Parking” zone on Loyola Avenue in the unincorporated area of Menlo Park.

BACKGROUND:

Your Board has adopted similar resolutions designating parking restrictions.

Section 22507 et al. of the California Vehicle Code and Section 7.30.010 of the County of San Mateo’s Ordinance 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 (Department) received a request from a resident for a parking restriction on Loyola Avenue in the unincorporated area of Menlo Park. The resident requested a “No Parking” zone be established to increase the visible distance for residents exiting the condominium’s driveway.

DISCUSSION:

Staff investigated the request and determined that a “No Parking” zone is warranted on Loyola Avenue. Cars parked south of the driveway serving 56-70 Loyola Avenue, significantly impact sight distance when exiting onto Loyola Avenue. The lack of proper sight distance requires vehicles to encroach into the north bound traffic lane of Loyola Avenue to see oncoming traffic. The purpose of the parking restriction is to increase the sight distance when exiting the condominium’s driveway.

The Department has evaluated the request and determined that the proposed parking restriction along the east side of Loyola Avenue would benefit the residents of the condominiums. The Department recommends adoption of the resolution to restrict parking.

Property owners on adjacent blocks, extending a minimum of 300 feet from the proposed parking zone location, were notified of the date and time of your Board's meeting when this item will be considered. The objections and support received to date are summarized in Attachment "A". The majority of the responses received were in favor of the parking restriction on the south side of the condominium's driveway.

The location of parking zones and other traffic restrictions on County-maintained streets are currently shown on maps in the Department of Public Works office, and will be made available in list form on maps on the Department's website. The master list will be updated to reflect the recommended changes, if your Board approves the proposed resolution.

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

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of installing signs and painting parking zone markings varies, but averages approximately \$550 per parking zone. Costs are included in the FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS: A) Proposed Parking Restriction and Public Input Summary