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City Manager's Report
August 8, 2023, City Council Meeting
Prepared by: M. Cleve Morris, City Manager
Item #: 12.4

Subject: Review of current no-parking ordinance and list of streets.

Recommendation: Review list of streets where parking is prohibited by ordinance and provide any further direction to staff.

Purpose: To provide Council and the public an opportunity to review those streets where parking is prohibited by ordinance and propose any updates or changes.

Strategic Plan Strategy: Health & Public Safety: Strategy 1 – Wildfire Protection, Disaster Preparedness; Maintain/Improve Quality of Life: Strategy 5 – Maintain and Update Planning Documents.

Background: On January 17, 2023, the Planning Commission considered zoning code amendments to comply with State regulations regarding development of accessory dwellings units. The Commission expressed concerns regarding the City being located within a very high fire hazard severity zone and the State's reduction in parking requirements for ADUs. To address the Commission's concerns, staff recommended the addition of Section 10-4-4(E)25 to read: "Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU): One (1) stall per unit. On-site parking shall be required for projects located on sub-standard streets." And Section 10-4-12(B)2(n) to read: "One (1) stall per unit. On-site parking shall be required for projects located on sub-standard street." These changes were included in the draft ordinance considered by the City Council for the first reading on June 27, 2023.

The City Council, as part of that discussion, also raised the concern about parking and questioned the definition of "sub-standard street". The City Council introduced the ordinance, but asked staff to bring back a report on streets that currently have no parking.

Discussion: Title 9 Chapter 3 of the City's code regarding parking, was updated in 2017, 2019, and 2021. The original changes were due to changes to the City's downtown parking program but included other changes including those areas where parking was allowed and specifically prohibited.

The main section of the code which outlines those streets where parking is prohibited is Section 9-3-8. However, there are other sections such as Section 9-3-1, No Parking Areas, which outlines in general, other areas where parking is not allowed, such as next to driveways and fire hydrants. One important provision that was added during these revisions is Section 9-3-1 (A) 12, which states:

12. There shall be no parking allowed on any street where the area for parking causes the vehicle to cross the fog line, or on those streets where no fog line exists, encroaches into the lane of travel in such a manner as to create an unsafe condition.

As noted above, the table under Section 9-3-8 outlines specific streets, or parts of streets where parking is specifically prohibited.

Options:

1. Review the ordinance/report and provide any direction to staff.
2. Provide other direction if any.

Environmental: NA

Cost: None

Budget Impact: None



M. Cleve Morris, City Manager



Pierre Rivas, Development Services Director

Attachments:

- A: Municipal Code Section 9-3: Stopping Standing and Parking