



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2015

TO: Ordinance Committee

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Ordinance For Curb Marking For Parking Regulations

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Ordinance Committee forward to Council for introduction An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Chapter 10.48 of the Municipal Code by Amending Section 10.48.040, Curb Markings to Indicate Parking Regulations – Authority of the Transportation Engineer.

DISCUSSION:

Section 10.48.040 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code (SBMC) authorizes the Transportation Engineer to regulate street parking by use of colored curb markings. Within this section of the SBMC, the meaning of different colored curbs is established. Currently:

- Red indicates no stopping or standing, except at bus stops.
- Yellow means loading zone between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- White indicates passenger loading only, at all times, unless otherwise indicated by curb markings or posted sign.
- Green indicates 15-minute parking, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to provide flexibility during the time-of-day limits that currently exist in the SBMC for green (15-minute) and yellow (loading) zones. Occasionally, there is a need for a green (15-minute) or yellow (loading) zone during times of the day that do not presently match the times established in SBMC.

If this ordinance amendment is approved, the Transportation Engineer will have greater flexibility to establish green or yellow zones with alternate time-of-day limits through the combination of curb colors and signage, in order to better meet the community's needs. Further, by allowing the use of signs in combination with curb colors, parking zones can

be more clearly marked, and drivers are less likely to mistakenly park in a time-limited parking or loading zone.

White zones currently have flexible time limits per the SBMC, so the changes are only recommended for green and yellow zones.

ATTACHMENT: Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.48 of the Municipal Code

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION DRAFT 05/05/15
SHOWING CHANGES FROM CURRENT CODE
NEW PROVISIONS SHOWN IN UNDERLINE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AMENDING
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BY AMENDING SECTION 10.48.040, CURB
MARKINGS TO INDICATE PARKING
REGULATIONS – AUTHORITY OF THE
TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10.48 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code is revised to read as
follows:

10.48.040 Curb Markings to Indicate Parking Regulations - Authority of
Transportation Engineer.

A. The Transportation Engineer is authorized subject to the provisions and
limitations of this title, to place, and when required shall place, the following curb
markings to indicate parking or standing regulations, and the curb markings shall have
the meanings as herein set forth:

1. Red means no stopping, standing or parking at any time except as
permitted by the Vehicle Code, and except that a bus may stop in a red zone
marked or signed as a bus loading zone.

2. Yellow means no stopping, standing or parking at any time between seven
a.m. (7:00 a.m.) and six p.m. (6:00 p.m.) of any day except Sunday, unless otherwise
indicated by posted signage, for any purpose other than the loading or unloading of
passengers or freight, providing that the loading or unloading of passengers or the
loading or unloading of freight shall not extend beyond the time necessary therefore
and in no event exceed the time limits as follows:

a. Commercial vehicles, stopping, standing or parking in any yellow zone
for the purpose of loading and unloading freight shall be limited to thirty (30)
minutes, and during such time no person shall leave any such commercial vehicle
unattended for longer than ten (10) minutes.

b. Noncommercial vehicles stopping, standing or parking in any yellow zone
shall be limited to three (3) minutes, and during such time no person shall
leave any such vehicle unattended.

c. For the purposes of this Section 10.48.040(A)(2), "Freight" is defined as goods ordinarily transported by common carrier.

3. White means no stopping, standing or parking for any purpose other than loading or unloading of passengers which shall not exceed three (3) minutes, or the depositing of mail or books in an adjacent designated container. Such restrictions shall apply twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, unless otherwise indicated by curb markings or posted signs.

4. Green means no standing or parking for longer than fifteen (15) minutes at any time between nine a.m. (9:00 a.m.) and six p.m. (6:00 p.m.) of any day except Sunday, unless otherwise indicated by posted signage.

5. Blue means no stopping, standing or parking at any time except for those physically handicapped persons whose vehicles display a distinguishing license plate or placard issued to disabled persons pursuant to the Vehicle Code.

B. When the Transportation Engineer as authorized under this chapter has caused curb markings to be placed, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle adjacent to any such legible curb marking in violation of any of the provisions of this section.

C. Any person parking adjacent to blue curb markings without displaying a distinguishing license plate or placard issued to disabled persons pursuant to the Vehicle Code shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). (Ord. 5353, 2005; Ord. 4842, 1993; Ord. 4080, 1980; Ord. 3913, 1977; Ord. 3483, 1971; Ord. 3465, 1971; Ord. 2713 §1(part), 1959; prior Code §31.83.)