



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 19, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Introduction Of Ordinance For Curb Marking For Parking Regulations

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, 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 or yellow zone during times of the day that do not presently match the times established in SBMC.

This ordinance amendment will give the Transportation Engineer 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.

Ordinance Committee has recommended this ordinance be forwarded to Council for approval.

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