



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 8, 2015

TO: Ordinance Committee

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Ordinance Allowing Taxicab Loading And Unloading In Green, Yellow, And White Zones

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 Revising Sections 10.48.110, Taxicab Stands – Curb Markings, and 10.48.130, Taxicab Parking.

DISCUSSION:

The City's Municipal Code address taxicab stands and taxicab parking. Currently, taxicabs are prohibited from picking up or dropping off passengers in any marked green zone (15-minute parking zone), yellow zone (loading zone), white zone (passenger loading zone), or red zone in the City. This prohibition limits the available loading and unloading areas to taxicab stands and regular on-street parking spaces. There are few established taxicab stands in Santa Barbara, and regular on-street parking spaces are typically fully occupied in the downtown area, resulting in limited loading and unloading opportunities for taxicabs.

Staff recommends that Section 10.48.130 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code be amended to allow active loading and unloading of passengers from taxicabs in green, yellow, and white zones while maintaining the prohibition for taxicabs to stop, stand, or park in a red zone. Public Works consulted with the Santa Barbara Police Department, who concur with this recommendation.

Section 10.48.110 defines the curb and pavement markings for established taxicab zones. Currently, white curb with blue "taxicabs only" stencils are required, plus a white outline painted on the street. Staff recommends that Section 10.48.110 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code be amended to remove the requirement for a white outline painted on the street.

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Ordinance

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AMENDING CHAPTER 10.48 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY REVISING SECTIONS 10.48.110, TAXICAB STANDS – CURB MARKINGS, AND 10.48.130, TAXICAB PARKING

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

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

10.48.110 Taxicab Stands - Curb Markings.

Taxi stands as designated by the City Council in the Central Traffic District shall be designated by white paint upon the surface of the street curb with the letters "taxicabs only." ~~in blue letters thereon. and a white line four inches (4") wide to be painted on the surface of the streets; such line to extend seven feet (7') out from the curb and to run the length of the cab stand. The words "taxicabs only" shall be painted on the surface of the street.~~ (Ord. 3913 §2,1977; Ord. 2713 §1(part), 1959; prior Code §31.90.)

10.48.120 Taxicabs' Use of Stands.

No owner or driver of any taxicab shall park, stop, or stand upon any street in the City for any period of time longer than is necessary to discharge or receive passengers then occupying or then waiting for such taxicab; provided, that the owner or driver of a taxicab may park in the taxicab stand authorized by the City Council. (Ord. 2713 §1(part), 1959; prior Code §31.90(part).)

10.48.130 Taxicab Parking.

Notwithstanding any other provision in Section 10.48.100 - 10.48.120 to the contrary, one (1) taxicab of each taxi company may park in each block of the City for the solicitation of business, subject to the following conditions:

- A. No taxicab shall be ~~parked~~ stopped in excess of the time designated by the zone in which such taxicab is ~~parked~~ stopped:

B. In any block in which taxi stands are designated on the curb, no taxicab shall be parked in such block other than in such designated taxi stand;

C. No taxicab shall be ~~parked~~stopped within a green or yellow zone in any block between the hours of nine a.m. (9:00) and six p.m. (6:00) of any day, Sundays and holidays excepted, ~~except as otherwise provided in this title~~ while actively loading or unloading passengers;

D. No taxicab shall be parked within a white zone in any block during such time as any parking limitation is in effect therein, ~~except~~ while actively loading or unloading passengers;

E. For the purpose of this section, a "taxi company" shall be defined as a corporation organized for the purpose of operating a taxi business, regardless of the various names under which such taxicabs operate, ~~and~~ the word "block" includes both sides of the street, and "active loading and unloading" shall mean passengers entering or exiting the taxicab with the doors to the taxicab open. (Ord. 3090 §1, 1965; prior Code §31.90A.)

F. No taxicab shall stop, stand, or park in a red zone.