



STAFF REPORT

SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: 2019-NOV-12

AGENDA TITLE: Amend Parking Regulations to Establish a NO PARKING TOW AWAY ZONE fronting a vacant lot on Glen Drive

LEAD DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution amending parking regulations to establish a NO PARKING TOW AWAY ZONE fronting Assessor's Parcel No. 065-103-33, a vacant lot between 78/80 Glen Drive (APN 065-103-22) and 88 Glen Drive (APN 065-103-38) from the easterly edge of the driveway at 88 Glen Drive to a point where a No Parking Zone was established under Resolution 2945

SUMMARY

Pursuant to Sausalito Municipal Code ("SMC"), Section 15.04.080, the City Council "... may, by resolution, prohibit or restrict the parking or standing of vehicles on certain streets or portions thereof during all or certain hours of the day It is unlawful to disobey any such prohibitions or restrictions." On August 8th, 2019 the Southern Marin Fire Protection District (SMFD) notified Public Works staff regarding an obstruction to the travel way for emergency vehicles along Glen Drive where a single parallel parking stall fronts parcel number 065-103-33. Public Works staff has concluded that the matter will best be resolved by prohibiting parking at this location and granting the authority to tow an offending Vehicle.

This parking space is situated between two red zones established by a fire hydrant to the west and City Council Resolution 2945 (adopted 1980, see attached) to the east. The distance between these two red zones was measured to be 15 feet effectively making the space only compatible with compact vehicles.

On August 13, Public Works staff measured the roadway width at this location as 16 feet and 9 inches wide from face of curb to face of curb. With a vehicle parked in the space the width of the travel way to be constricted to less than 10 feet from parked car to edge of pavement. This can be further restricted when a vehicle is parked on the shoulder directly across the street where parking is permitted.

Southern Marin Fire Protection District reported experienced difficulty in safely driving emergency vehicles past a car parked in the location. Without a NO PARKING regulation in force the Police Department cannot cite or tow a vehicle that appears to be legally parked.

Staff therefore respectfully requests that the City Council enact a prohibition of parking from the easterly edge of the driveway serving 88 Glen Drive to a point where a no parking zone is established under Resolution 2945 effectively making a continuous red curb between the driveways of 88 Glen Drive and 80 Glen Drive. Should the owner of the undeveloped lot, APN 065-103-33, submit a design review application, frontage improvements and off street parking requirements will be part of the review process.

BACKGROUND

Public Works staff visited and photographed the Site on August 8th. Photos are attached. The City Engineer and staff visited, measured and observed the condition on August 13th. The City Vehicle, a 2006 Honda Accord, was parked across the street on the paved shoulder for a brief moment. Staff had to re-locate the vehicle to allow a concrete mixer truck to pass using the shoulder. This class of vehicle along with emergency vehicles should not be obstructed by legally parked vehicles.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Safe passage of emergency vehicles is paramount to safety. The contemplated regulation will not have environmental impacts and is expected to improve the safety and efficiency of vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle operations in the affected area. A notification letter was sent to a total of 60 residents and non-resident property owners in the immediate area to provide notification on Friday August 16th. No negative feedback has been provided to staff as of the drafting of this report.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are proposed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed change in regulations will require installation of new signage and painting of curb. These costs can be borne by the Department of Public Works maintenance division's operational budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council of the City of Sausalito adopt a Resolution Amending Parking Regulations to establish a NO PARKING TOW AWAY ZONE fronting Assessor's Parcel No. 065-103-33, a vacant lot between 78/80 Glen Drive (APN 065-103-22) and 88 Glen Drive (APN 065-103-33) from the easterly edge of the driveway at 88 Glen Drive to a point where a No Parking Zone was established under Resolution 2945.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1- Draft Resolution for approval
- Attachment 2- Photographs from Loren Umbertis, 2019
- Attachment 3- Local area map.
- Attachment 4- Resolution 2945, 1980

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Attachment 1



Attachment 2



Attachment 3



Attachment 4

