



STAFF REPORT	
SUBJECT: Consideration of Adoption of Resolution 2026-20 A Stop Sign Installation and Evaluation Policy	MEETING DATE: June 18, 2026
SUBMITTED BY: Adeline Leyba, Public Works Director	
PURPOSE OF REPORT: <input type="checkbox"/> Information only <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item	

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:

The City Council is being asked to adopt a Stop Sign Installation and Evaluation Policy.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The proposed Stop Sign Installation and Evaluation Policy establishes a standardized process for reviewing, evaluating, and approving requests for stop sign installations on City-maintained roadways. The policy is intended to improve traffic safety, promote consistency in decision-making, ensure compliance with applicable engineering standards, and provide transparency to residents requesting traffic control measures.

The City of Clearlake regularly receives requests seeking installation of stop signs at intersections throughout the community. These requests are often based on concerns regarding speeding, visibility, pedestrian safety, or perceived collision risks.

While stop signs can be effective traffic control devices when appropriately placed, traffic engineering research demonstrates that improperly placed stop signs may reduce compliance, increase rear-end collisions and create unnecessary traffic delays. The California Vehicle Code and California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) require that traffic control devices be installed based on engineering judgment and traffic studies.

Adoption of this policy will provide the city with a consistent, objective, and defensible process for evaluating stop sign requests. The policy will improve transparency, support traffic safety objectives, and ensure that traffic control devices are installed in accordance with accepted engineering practices and state standards. The policy acknowledges that stop signs are generally not intended as speed-control devices and should not be installed solely to reduce speeding. The fiscal impact associated with implementation of this policy is expected to be minimal and can be accommodated within existing Public Works operating budget.

OPTIONS:

1. Move to adopt Resolution 2026-20.
2. Other direction

FISCAL IMPACT:

None Budgeted Item? Yes No

Budget Adjustment Needed? Yes No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): General Fund Measure P Fund Measure V Fund Other:

Comments:

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

- Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City
- Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City
- Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities
- Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake
- Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City
- Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards
- Goal #7: Support Economic Development

SUGGESTED MOTIONS: Adopt Resolution 2026-20

Attachments: Stop Sign Installation and Evaluation Policy

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE ADOPTING A
STOP SIGN INSTALLATION AND EVALUATION POLICY**

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Clearlake is responsible for promoting public safety and the efficient movement of traffic on public streets; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clearlake regularly receives requests seeking installation of stop signs at intersections throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, stop signs are an important traffic control device that should be installed based on engineering judgment, traffic studies, and recognized traffic safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clearlake shall evaluate all requests using engineering studies and established traffic control standards and engineering standards: and

WHEREAS, the City of Clearlake desires to establish a consistent, transparent, and objective policy for the evaluation, installation, maintenance, and review of stop sign controls;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the following Stop Sign Installation and Evaluation Policy is hereby adopted:

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 18th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

DIRK SLOOTEN, Mayor

ATTEST:
