



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	10/22/2024
AGENDA SECTION:	Old Business
SUBJECT:	Ordinance No. 1348 – An Ordinance of the City of Folsom Amending Sections 10.20.220 and 10.20.230 of the Folsom Municipal Code Pertaining to Parking in Alleys in the Historic District (Second Reading and Adoption) (Continued from 10/08/2024)
FROM:	Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1348 - An Ordinance of the City of Folsom Amending Sections 10.20.220 and 10.20.230 of the Folsom Municipal Code Pertaining to Parking in Alleys in the Historic District.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

This item was initially discussed at the October 8, 2024 City Council meeting but was continued to the October 22, 2024 meeting to provide residents and property owners within the Historic District additional time to respond to the written notice regarding the proposed Ordinance that was mailed on October 1, 2024. The City Council also requested the following additional information:

- A report on the number of calls for service received by the Fire Department for alleys in the Historic District
- A map of alleys in the Historic District and their widths
- A summary of which Historic District alleys have been reported as having parking obstructions that have impeded waste collection

This information is being compiled by staff and will be presented to the Council at the meeting.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Sections 10.20.220 and 10.20.230 of the Folsom Municipal Code (FMC) to prohibit parking in public alleys in the Historic District. FMC Section 10.20.220 currently pertains to parking on Folsom Dam Road, and Section 10.20.230 currently addresses the removal of illegally parked vehicles on Folsom Dam Road. These sections have not been valid since 2003 when public access to Folsom Dam Road was restricted by the Federal Government. Staff therefore proposes to replace Section 10.20.220 in its entirety and the title of Section 10.20.230 with the proposed, new parking regulations.

The proliferation of new Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in the Historic District has resulted in an increase in vehicles parking in the alleys. Most of these alleys are used for weekly waste collection by the Public Works Department and also serve as secondary emergency access routes for the Fire Department. The alleys are not sufficiently wide enough to allow parking to continue without impeding both waste collection and emergency access; therefore, staff has prepared this amendment to the FMC to make it a violation to park in a Historic District alleyway if such regulations have been posted.

The ordinance was introduced, and the first reading occurred at the September 24, 2024 Council meeting, at which time the City Council approved revised wording, which has been incorporated into the attached ordinance. The City Council also directed staff to send written notification to affected property owners to make them aware of the proposed ordinance and the date of the City Council meeting at which adoption is scheduled.

POLICY / RULE

Amendments and revisions to the Folsom Municipal Code must be reviewed and approved by the City Council.

ANALYSIS

If approved, residents living in Historic District ADUs would need to park their vehicles on nearby public streets; staff has determined that there is adequate parking available for the displaced vehicles.

Staff initially considered posting “No Parking on Waste Collection Days” or similar regulations, but such signs would only address the impact to waste collection. Emergency vehicle access is required at all times, on all days, and therefore requires a blanket parking prohibition.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approving this FMC amendment has no direct financial impact on the City; in order to implement the new ordinance, the Public Works Department will need to manufacture and install appropriate signage to notify the public of the new regulation and enable enforcement. There is sufficient funding in the Public Works Department Fiscal Year 24-25 operating budget to implement the sign program.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project has been deemed Categorical Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review based on Class 1: Existing Facilities.

ATTACHMENT

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Submitted,

Mark Rackovan, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

ORDINANCE NO. 1348

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM AMENDING SECTIONS 10.20.220 AND 10.20.230 OF THE FOLSOM MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO PARKING IN ALLEYS IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

The City Council of the City of Folsom does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Sections 10.20.220 and 10.20.230 of the Folsom Municipal Code to remove references to parking on Folsom Dam Road and replace them with regulations that prohibit parking on alleys in the Historic District.

SECTION 2 AMENDMENT TO CODE

Section 10.20.220 of the Folsom Municipal Code is hereby replaced and amended in its entirety as follows:

10.20.220 Historic District Alleys.

No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle on the public portion of public alleyways within the Folsom Historic District. Vehicles parked on private property adjacent to the public alleyway are not subject to this regulation.

SECTION 3 AMENDMENT TO CODE

Section 10.20.230 of the Folsom Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

10.20.230 Historic District Alleys – Vehicle Removal.

Any vehicle parked in violation of Section 10.20.220 may be removed at the owner's expense.

SECTION 4 SCOPE

Except as set forth in this Ordinance, all other provisions of the Folsom Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5 SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council declares that it would have passed each section irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective.

SECTION 6 EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its passage and adoption, provided that it is published in full or in summary within twenty (20) days after its adoption in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

This ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City Council on September 24, 2024 and the second reading occurred at the regular meeting of the City Council on October 8, 2024.

On a motion by Councilmember _____ seconded by Councilmember _____, the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Folsom, State of California, this 22nd day of October 2024 by the following roll-call vote:

- AYES:** Councilmember(s):
- NOES:** Councilmember(s):
- ABSENT:** Councilmember(s):
- ABSTAIN:** Councilmember(s):

Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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