



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 24, 2024

PRESENTER: Steve Wilkins, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Curb Markings for No Parking or Limited Parking Zones

RECOMMENDATION: Council by motion adopt resolution approving No Parking Zones and authorizing Curb Markings along Commerce Way, Church Avenue, Industrial Way and Vineland Avenue to address imminent public safety and convenience concerns as identified by the Chief of Police in several locations within the City limits.

DISCUSSION:

Several locations have been reported and identified as requiring “No Parking” signage and markings to improve vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Pursuant to Kerman Municipal Code Chapter 10.12, “at such times as the Chief of Police finds that the public safety and convenience require the establishment of no parking or limited parking zones for motor vehicles on the public streets in the city, he shall report this fact to the City Council at a meeting of that body.”

Accordingly, Staff seeks Council adoption of a resolution to authorize the installation of curb markings to address unsafe and illegal parking in several areas.

Additionally, Assembly Bill 413 was signed in to law, which prohibits drivers from parking “within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of any unmarked or marked crosswalk.” The bill also bans parking 15 feet from a crosswalk with a curb extension.

Local jurisdictions may choose a different prohibited distance on a case-by-case or citywide basis, as that distance is clearly marked with paint or signage, and gets approved through an ordinance process that incorporates traffic safety standards. The new law will not be enforced until 2025, unless a violation occurs within an area that is already “marked using paint or a sign.” The City of Kerman intends to implement AB 413 as determined to preserve public safety.

Exhibit ‘A’ is a map depicting the priority areas where installation of signage and paint markings are recommended to improve the safety, access, and line of sight associated with parking on City streets.

As indicated in Exhibit ‘A’, several problem areas are along West Church Avenue, Commerce Way, Industrial Way and Vineland primarily attributed to large vehicles, trailers and large truck

parking. Other areas recommended for new controls include red curbs along street facing fire hydrants.

COORDINATION AND REVIEW

The recommendation of the Chief of Police has been reviewed by, and is supported by, the Traffic Committee, City Manager, Public Works Director and City Engineer.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is estimated that the expense for time and materials to install immediate parking safety controls is less than \$2,500 from the Streets Maintenance Fund for this first phase of improvements. The cost to phase the implementation of AB 413 as needed, has not been estimated at this time, but will be considered on an as needed basis in future budget allocations.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution w/Exhibit

RESOLUTION NO. 24-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN APPROVING NO PARKING ZONES AND AUTHORIZING CURB MARKINGS AT COMMERCE WAY, W. CHURCH STREET, S. INDUSTRIAL WAY AND S. VINELAND AVE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 22507, local authorities (cities) may, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit or restrict the stopping, parking, or standing of vehicles, including; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.12.010A of the Kerman Municipal Code provides that the Police Chief may report his findings that the public safety and convenience require the establishment of no parking or limited parking zones for motor vehicles on the public streets in the City to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.12.010A of the Kerman Municipal Code further provides that the Police Chief may place curb markings to indicate no stopping, standing, or parking regulations and red curb markings means “no stopping, standing or parking at any time except as permitted by Vehicle Code Sections 22506, 22507, 22507.5, and 22507.6 and except that a bus may stop in a red zone marked or signed as a bus zone; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Public Works Director find that parked vehicles obstruct the view of Commerce Way, Church Street, Industrial Way And Vineland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has reported his findings to the City Council regarding the need for no parking in the areas of Commerce Way, Church Street, Industrial Way And Vineland Avenue to the City Council in accordance with Section 10.12.010A.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kerman resolves as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by reference.
2. The Chief of Police is authorized to designate no parking zones as follows: along Commerce Way from S. Madera Ave., westward to end of the street; Commerce Way from S. Madera Ave., eastward to S. Vineland Ave; S Vineland Ave. from Commerce Way north to “May” St.; S. Vineland Ave from W. San Joaquin to W. Whitesbridge Ave.; W. Church St. from Madera Ave., westward to S. Del Norte Ave.; and S. Industrial Way from W. Church Ave. to its northern terminus excepting all curb ramps, with a special emphasis on fire hydrant locations.
3. The Public Works Director is authorized to have the curbs painted red at the designated areas.
4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Kerman held on the 10th day of January 2024 and passed at said meeting by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved.

Maria Pacheco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Josie Camacho
Interim City Clerk