



PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 16, 2024

TO: Parking and Traffic Commissioners

FROM: Carlye Buchholz, PE, PLS, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Request for ADA On-Street Parking on Norlin Street

RECOMMENDATION

Take no action on the request to install an ADA complaint on-street parking space in this location, and consider performing a parking study of the Downtown area.

BACKGROUND

A resident located at 14 N. Norlin Street has requested that a handicapped parking space be placed between Yaney Street and Jackson Street on Norlin Street.

The resident and family members have recently become handicapped in the past few years, and access to their residence has become more difficult because they have a hard time finding available on-street parking. The on-street parking adjacent to the residence is often occupied by individuals who commute into the city and are unavailable to the resident during working hours.

Full resident request is attached.

DISCUSSION

At this time, the City of Sonora is not obligated to provide American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access to private/residential properties. Converting the requested on-street parking space to an ADA complaint facility would require significant modifications. In addition to the parking space, the path of travel to the residence or any other logical termini is not ADA compliant.

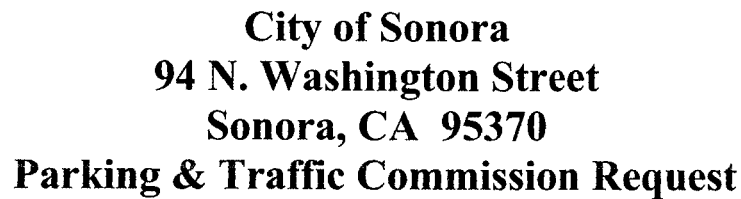
Acknowledging the age of many citizens living in the downtown areas of the City of Sonora and prior requests that have been received for ADA complaint on-street parking, the Parking and Traffic Commission should develop a plan for how to best incorporate ADA compliant on-street parking in the area. These improvements and modifications can be integrated into upcoming Capital Improvement Projects. I encourage the Parking and Traffic Commission to consider authorizing a parking study of the downtown area to obtain recommendations on where to implement ADA compliant on-street parking and how many spaces are necessary. A parking study may also include a wayfinding program to help commuters locate available parking and/or establish residential permit parking districts.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact at this time. However, should the Parking and Traffic Commission authorize a parking study, the estimated cost of that work is between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

ATTACHMENTS

Parking and Traffic Commission Request



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return to our car to find a parking space. Having a designated space for handicapped only will make our lives and others lives in similar conditions much easier.

