

# 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



## City of Sonora 94 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370

## **Parking & Traffic Commission Request**

Name: Joycie M. Lopez		Date: 02/10/24
Address: 14 N. Norlin, Sonora, CA 95	5370	
Home Phone # (209) 559-4379 Work Phone #		
Location of Concern: Norlin Stree	et (between Yaney and Jackson)	
Nature of Request:		
are four parking spaces, three un used by county employees or oth day until the workday ends. My hand our need to have easy acces years old with Parkinson Disease age with major back problems. Vocanes. We currently park on Yan illegally park our car, with emerge	rking space between Yaney St. and Jacks timed and one for loading and unloading. Her residents who reside in rental units. The nusband and I have become handicapped asibility to parking has become harder to five, legally blind and has major back problem Valking has become very problematic, we ney or wherever we can find a space close ency flashers on, to walk my husband into	The three spaces are he cars are parked all I in the past few years ind. My husband is 94 ms. I am 79 years of both need to use a to our apartment. I the apartment and
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	Use reverse for additional space if needed	
Recommendation:	City Use Only	
Action Taken:	City Use Only	
City Staff Receiving Request	Date of Re	eceipt

Meetings are held on an as needed basis. Please complete this form with a digital photo attached to the back, or a detailed sketch of the subject area, along with any backup information you feel will be helpful in processing your request.

YOU OR A REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING FOR YOUR REQUEST TO BE HEARD!

Please return this form to City Building & Planning Department at 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370 Phone (209) 532-3508.

### ATTACH PHOTO OR SKETCH HERE

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.

