



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Resolution No. 22 for 2024 – Revising Various “Stop” Signs

Preferred Agenda: September 10, 2024

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Type of Action: Resolution Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: SHMC §10.04.030

Towards Council Goal: Infrastructure

Attachments: Resolution No. 8 for 2024 – Various Stop Signs
Resolution No. 22 for 2024 – Revising Various Stop Signs

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to present Resolution No. 22 for 2024.

Background/Context:

At the March 26, 2024 City Council Work Session, the City Council discussed additional stop signs at various intersections. Based on discussions at that work session, Resolution No. 7 for 2024 was adopted at the April 9, 2024 Council Meeting directing staff to install stop signs at identified locations. However, at the March 26th workshop, additional locations were also discussed, and these were referred to the City’s Public & Traffic Safety Committee for their recommendation. The committee met on April 10, 2024 and voted to recommend several intersections for stop sign installation, including two at Long Street and 47th Avenue making it a three-way stop.

The City Council met on April 23, 2024 and approved all of the recommendations forwarded by the Public & Traffic Safety Committee, after which staff installed the stop signs as authorized.

Following the installation of the stop signs at Long Street and 47th Avenue, City staff received almost 30 complaints via phone and email from residents regarding negative impacts to public safety. Additionally, multiple residents spoke in favor of removing the stop sign during Public Comment at the September 20, 2024 City Council Regular Session. There was Council consensus to place this stop sign location back on the agenda for reconsideration.

The Challenge/Problem:

Should the City reconsider the authorization of stop signs at Long Street and 47th Avenue?

Stakeholders:

1. Sweet Home Residents – Residents deserve intersections with traffic controls that allow for the safe and efficient movement of pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles.
2. Sweet Home City Council – The City Council are empowered to authorize alterations to traffic controls and the installation of new traffic controls.
3. Sweet Home City Staff – City Staff, particularly the Police Department, are responsible for enforcing adherence to traffic controls within the City and ensuring public safety.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

Multiple stop signs installed at this location since the approval of the previous resolution have been stolen, creating additional costs for the City to reinstall signage each time. Receiving and documenting complaints has also taken up increasing staff time that must be diverted from other projects and issues.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

An ideal outcome would be one which provides for the safe and efficient flow of pedestrian and vehicle traffic through the intersections in question that also considers recent public input.

Options:

4. Do nothing. Leave traffic controls at the intersection in question as they currently exist.
5. Approve Resolution No. 22 for 2024 as presented. This will allow staff to remove the stop sign at Long Street and 47th Avenue.
6. Approve Resolution No. 22 for 2024 with changes (Specify).

Recommendation:

Staff recommend option 2, Approve Resolution No. 22 for 2024 as presented.