

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Red Curb Policy at Mailbox Locations
DATE: November 6, 2007

NEEDS: For Council to consider adoption of a policy for red curb at mailbox locations in the City.

FACTS:

1. Staff was contacted regarding a request to paint red curb at three mailbox locations on Winding Brook Rd.
2. Historically, staff researches all requests for red curb curbs at mailboxes with the Postmaster to determine if there is a problem with mail delivery. Unless the Postmaster affirms a delivery problem, curbs at mailboxes are not marked.
3. Staff researched the history of deliveries in this neighborhood and found no documentation to support an impediment to postal service at these locations.
4. The Streets and Utilities Committee has denied similar requests in the past based on the reluctance to give up vehicle parking and the potential precedent of painting all mail box locations within the City. (See attachments)
5. There currently is no formal policy related to this issue.
6. At the August 31st 2007 S&U meeting the committee recommended that City Council adopt a policy establishing that red curbs at mailboxes are installed only upon receipt of documentation from the Postmaster that mail deliveries are impaired as a result of on going parking at the mail receptacle.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: Similar requests have been referred to the S&U committee. In all cases the requests were denied due to lack of supportive, historical information from the Post Office and the reluctance to sacrifice existing parking spaces. We anticipate more requests. The committee recommends that a formal policy be adopted to allow for consistent response.

POLICY

REFERENCE: None available

FISCAL

IMPACT: None

OPTIONS:

- a. For Council to adopt the policy as described above.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Prepared by: Charles Lorenzen, Maintenance Services Supervisor
Attachments (1)

1) Prior Committee staff report and minutes dated 8/27/2004

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Red Curb Policy at Mailbox Locations
DATE: August 31, 2007

NEEDS: For Council to review the need for a draft policy related to the procedure by which requests for red curb at mailbox locations in the City will be considered.

- FACTS:**
1. Staff was contacted through the CMO relaying a request by Mr. Bill Standifer to paint red curb at three mailbox locations on Winding Brook Rd.
 2. Historically, staff researches all requests for red curb curbs at mailboxes with the Post Master to determine if there is a problem with mail delivery. Unless the Post Master affirms a delivery problem, curbs at mailboxes are not marked.
 3. Staff researched the history of deliveries in this neighborhood and found no documentation to support an impediment to postal service at these locations.
 4. Mr. Standifer was contacted and past precedent and the Post Masters recommendation were relayed to him. He accepted the information and was grateful for the contact.
 5. The Streets and Utilities Committee has denied similar requests in the past based on the reluctance to give up vehicle parking and the potential precedent of painting all mail box locations within the City.
 6. There currently is no formal policy related to this issue.
 7. Subject to approval by S&U, staff is prepared to draft a formal policy for review by City Council establishing the red curbs at mailboxes are installed only upon receipt of documentation from the Post Master that mail deliveries are impossible as a result of on going parking at the mail receptacle.

**ANALYSIS &
CONCLUSION:**

Similar requests have been referred to the S&U committee. In all cases the requests were denied due to lack of supportive, historical information from the Post Office and the reluctance to sacrifice existing parking spaces. We anticipate more requests similar to Mr. Standifer's. Staff requests that a formal policy be adopted to allow for consistent response.

POLICY

REFERENCE: None available

**FISCAL
IMPACT:** NONE

- OPTIONS:**
- a.** Direct staff to draft a policy for Council review and acceptance
 - b.** Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Prepared by:
Charles Lorenzen, Maintenance Services Supervisor

Attachments (1)
1) Prior Committee staff report and minutes dated 8/27//2004

STREETS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES

Friday August 27, 2004 3:30 PM

**MEETING LOCATION: CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER
1000 SPRING STREET, PASO ROBLES**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time the public may address the Committee on items other than those scheduled on the agenda. **PLEASE SPEAK CLEARLY AND BEGIN BY STATING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. EACH PERSON AND SUBJECT IS LIMITED TO A 3-MINUTE DISCUSSION.** Any person or subject requiring more than three minutes may be scheduled for a future Committee meeting or referred to staff. Those persons wishing to speak on any item scheduled on the agenda will be given an opportunity to do so at the time that item is being considered.

DISCUSSION

1. Parking Restrictions at 714 Tanner Drive – Creston Villa

Dennis Fansler

Consider parking restrictions (red curb) at 714 Tanner Drive – Creston Villa.

There were no comments from the public, either written or oral.

The Committee approved Option A to deny request for red curb in front of the Cluster Mail Box at 714 Tanner Drive- Creston Villa.

2. Parking Restrictions at the 1380 block of Vendels Circle

Dennis Fansler

Consider parking restrictions (red curb) on the 1380 block of Vendels Drive near Firestone Walker Brewery and Nu-Way Cleaners.

Speaking from the public were Matthew Brynildson (Firestone Walker Brewery), Les Brown (metal Arts Sculpture Center) and a letter from Nu-Way Cleaners was read into the record by Mr. Brown.

The Committee directed staff to meet with all Business owners on Vendels drive to discuss the options of red curb removal and addition and stop sign and limit line adjustment.

3. Diagonal Parking at 18th & Oak Streets

Dennis Fansler

Consider a request to change the parking from parallel to diagonal parking in front of the Christian Life Center property located at the corner of 18th & Oak Streets.

There were no comments from the public, either written or oral.

The Committee approved Option A to recommend City Council approval of the installation of diagonal parking spaces on 18th Street and Oak Street fronting the Christian Life Center, which will result in a net increase of 10 parking spaces.

4. Diagonal Parking at the corner of 9th & Park Streets

Dennis Fansler

Consider a request to add diagonal parking spaces in front of the new Estate Financial building located at the southeast corner of 9th & Park Streets.

There were no comments from the public, either written or oral.

The Committee approved Option A to recommend City Council approval of the addition of diagonal parking spaces on Park Street in front of the new Estate Finance building, which will result in a net increase of 5 parking spaces.

5. 13th Street Bridge – Environmental Mitigation Implementation

Ditas Esperanza

Consider recommending measures to address traffic congestion during the construction of the 13th Street Bridge Widening.

Committee member Nemeth moved to approve all items as presented (Option A). Committee Member Picanco approved all but # 2 on the list (Encourage and direct traffic to use Nickerson, Appaloosa and Melody as alternate route access. In return, install speed humps or speed tables, and radar trailers at these streets.) Item to be taken to the full council for consideration.

6. Approved Minutes from July 7, 2004 Meeting.

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UNTIL APPROVED BY THE STREETS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE
AT A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING.**

TO: Streets and Utilities Committee
FROM: Dennis Fansler, Maintenance Services Superintendent
SUBJECT: Parking Restrictions (red curb) at 714 Tanner Drive – Creston Villa
DATE: August 27, 2004

NEEDS: For the Streets and Utilities Committee to consider parking restrictions (red curb) at 714 Tanner Drive - Creston Villa.

FACTS: 1. The City received a letter and petition from the Creston Villa Homeowners association requesting red curb in front of their “mail cluster boxes”.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: The property in question is located approximately one block north of Creston Road on Tanner Drive. The neighborhood is residential with unrestricted parking on both sides of the street. The “cluster mailbox” is next to the entrance/exit of Creston Villa on the South Side. During a visit to the site it was observed that cars were parking on both sides of the street. This observation indicated that residents need the parking spaces. Parked cars (on the east side of Tanner next to Creston Villa) block site lines for motorists exiting the Creston Villa apartment complex. Restricting parking (red curb) in front of the mailbox would open up sight lines slightly to the south. However, to completely eliminate site line problems parking would have to be restricted approximately 30 feet on both the left and right of the entrance/exit. This action would result in the reduction of 4 or more on street parking spaces.

Recent Street and Utilities actions have not supported full time parking restrictions (red curb) in front of areas only occasionally visited by service vehicles (trash pickup, mail delivery etc.). In this particular instance the installation of red curb would restrict parking 24 hours per day 7 days per week to partially open up site lines blocked by the mail delivery vehicle once per day 6 days per week.

FISCAL IMPACT: Minimal (existing budget)

OPTIONS:

- a. Deny request for red curb in front of the Cluster Mail Box at 714 Tanner Drive-Creston Villa.
- b. Recommend approval to the City Council of parking restrictions (20 feet of red curb) in front of the Cluster Mail Box at 714 Tanner Drive - Creston Villa.
- c. Amend, modify or reject the above options.

Attachments (3)
Letter
Petition
Site map