



Resource Management Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: May 2, 2023 – REVISED

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: No Parking Restriction & Passenger Loading Only Zone on Church Road, in Earlimart

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the designation of a "No Parking" restriction and a "Passenger Loading Only" zone on Church Road (R136) south of Washington Avenue (A52) in the community of Earlimart; and
2. Authorize the installation of "No Parking" signs and establish a "No Parking" zone in Earlimart, by painting red approximately 20 feet of curb on the east side of Church Road, south of Washington Avenue and across from Clay Avenue (D134A); and
3. Authorize the installation of "Passenger Loading Only" signs and establish a "Passenger Loading Only" zone, by painting white approximately 40 feet of curb southward from the "No Parking" zone and red curb requested above.
4. Find that the zone designations and installations described above are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines as new construction or conversion of small structures pursuant to Class 3, 14 CCR § 15303.

SUMMARY:

This area is located in the community of Earlimart, within Tulare County. Church Road (R136) runs north and south, and at this location is a "T" intersection, intersected by Clay Avenue (D134A) from the west. This segment of Church Road is just south of Washington Avenue (A52), and serves as the Earlimart Elementary School frontage, which is in the process of roadway improvements to include pick-up/drop-off locations and designated parking. There is an enhanced RRFB crosswalk at the intersection that

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may become obstructed by vehicles parked too close to the intersection.

In response to these safety concerns and request from the school, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. It was determined that vehicles parked near the crosswalk may indeed create a visibility obstruction, therefore a "No Parking" restriction along with the "Passenger Loading Only" zone may help to improve the sight distance and prevent a visibility obstruction to the crosswalk. RMA staff recommends approval to establish a "No Parking" and "Passenger Loading Only" zone at this location.

Once this request is approved, this location will be added to the master list for parking restrictions maintained by RMA.

A Categorical Exemption was prepared by the Tulare County Environmental Planning Division and approved by the Environmental Assessment Officer. The activity/project is considered Exempt under Categorical per Title 14 CCR Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

The cost of installing this parking restriction, is budgeted in the current fiscal year's Roads Budget for signs and stenciling.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Strategic Initiative: Safety and security includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. Designation of the "No Parking" and "Passenger Loading Only" zone along with sign installations at this location will enhance intersection circulation and pedestrian safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Reed Schenke

Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment A - Vicinity Map
Attachment B - CEQA Exemption