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“Maintaining a Safe Community since 1851”

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police 
DATE: November 18TH 2019
RE: Ordinance 862 Loading Zones

RECOMMENDATIONS:

City Staff recommends that the City Council approve the following:

- 1) Introduce by title Ordinance No. 862, Loading Zones, and waive the first reading.

BACKGROUND:

On November 9th, 2016, the Parking and Traffic Commission voted to support a request that would allow for after-hours, weekend, and holiday parking in existing loading on South Green Street between Bradford Street and Jackson Street.

DISCUSSION:

The current language regarding loading zones within the City limits establishes a time period of up to twenty minutes for the use of marked loading zones. Typically, the South Green Street loading zone is one of the most used and enforced loading zone in the City. During the November 9th meeting, four additional loading zones were also considered for after hour, weekend, and holiday parking. A subsequent inquiry revealed that two of the three primary parcel services deliver on weekends and some holidays. Although the inquiry did not extend to commercial freight services, it can be assumed that a similar percentage applies to their delivery practices as well. That said, however, the Sonora Police Department does not typically enforce loading zone violations during non-business hours.

Staff ultimately formed the opinion that establishing different parameters to the various loading zones throughout the City may confuse the community and parking enforcement personnel. The proposed modification to Section 10.04.060(A)(2) would address the issues brought before the Parking and Traffic Commission while having a minimal impact on City resources.

ORDINANCE NO. 862

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA
Loading Zones**

**Amending Section 10.04.060, Curb Markings – Parking and Standing –
Specifications, of the Sonora Municipal Code.**

The City Council of the City of Sonora does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION ONE: Amending Section 10.04.060(A)(2), as follows:

- 2. "Yellow" means no stopping, standing or parking ~~at any time~~, for any purpose other than the loading or unloading of passengers or freight; provided, that the loading or unloading of passengers shall not consume more than three minutes, nor the loading or unloading of freight more than twenty minutes, unless otherwise allowed by the city council. The restrictions shall apply between the hours of seven a.m. and six p.m. daily.

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its passage and shall be published within (15) days after its final passage as required by law.

Said Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora held on November 18, 2019, and passed and adopted as an Ordinance of said City at a regular meeting of said Council held on December 2, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: _____

James M. Garaventa, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Colette Such, City Clerk Pro Tem

Approved as to Form:

Douglas L. White, City Attorney

Publish: The Union Democrat, Sonora
_____, 2019

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Sonora City will conduct a public hearing at 5:00 PM, or shortly thereafter, on the 18th day of November, 2019, in the Sonora City Council Chambers, 94 North Washington Street, Sonora, CA for the purpose of considering the following:

1. Adopting an ordinance to amend Section 10.04.060, Curb Markings – Parking and Standing, Specifications, of the Sonora Municipal Code.
2. Adopting an ordinance adding Chapter 9.60, Trespass on Private Property or Business Premises Prohibited, to the Sonora Municipal Code.

At the above time and place, all persons interested in the above, either for or against, will be given the opportunity to be heard. Testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the City Council prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the above items. Written comments are also accepted, prior to the meeting at 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, California 95370. If a challenge to the above proposed action is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City before the meeting.

The project staff reports and all supporting documents are available for review at the City of Sonora Community Development Department, 94 North Washington Street, Sonora CA 95370 Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM or on the City's website at www.sonoraca.com. Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the meeting agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to insure accessibility to this meeting (28CFR35.102-35.104ADA Title II). Questions regarding the project may be directed to Community Development Director Rachelle Kellogg at (209) 532-3508.

Rachelle Kellogg
Community Development Director

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