

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SHEET
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 17

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E., Director of Public Works

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Traffic Code Update

DATE: February 5, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance amends the Traffic Control Devices Schedules established by Chapter 19, Section 68 of City Code to include the establishment of new traffic control devices and deletes previous entries from the Schedules in conflict with the current regulations.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This Ordinance is a request to update the Schedules of Traffic Control Devices established in Chapter 19, Section 68 of the Code of Ordinances. In order to have effective enforcement, any traffic control device needs to be present in this schedule; if they are not listed then traffic violations cannot be enforced. This update is in response to a request from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to have additional parking restrictions added to the schedule. This request is being submitted now without the inclusion of all other city devices as TxDOT needs this ordinance in order to install parking restrictions at two locations: 1) Loop 1604 from Bulverde Road to 1500 feet east of Bulverde Road (Council District 10) and 2) IH 35 South from 1250 feet north of Binz-Engleman to 2000 feet north of Petroleum Drive (Council District 2). Maps of both locations are attached. Both of these locations are warranted. Warranted devices are those that a traffic engineering study has deemed are appropriate and all design guidelines set forth have been met. The last update to this section was submitted January 16, 2003. The Specific Schedules (Titles) included in the ordinance request are:

- Parking Prohibited At All Times Including Sundays and Holidays – (2 additional locations) [Schedule G(a)]

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Installing these parking restrictions is in an effort to improve safety along these sections of roadway. Trucks parking along the road in these areas have the potential to create visual obstructions that may lead to accidents. Currently, vehicles are parking in these areas because it is easier than utilizing the existing parking facilities by the area businesses. This area is not supposed to be used for parking and therefore signs are needed to alert drivers that they should not be parking here. Parking restrictions currently exist in front of these businesses and this ordinance will be extending both locations by 1500 feet.

POLICY ANALYSIS

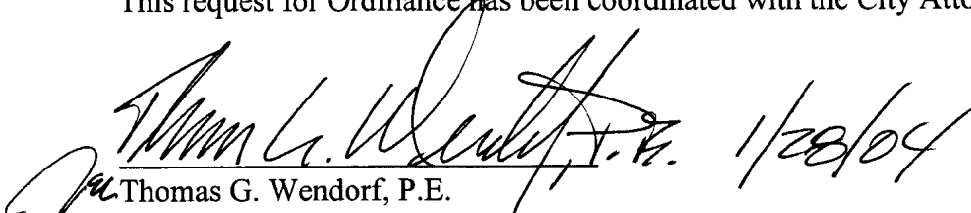
Approval of this ordinance will enable consistent enforcement of on-street traffic regulations and is a continuation of Council policy to maintain efficient and safe traffic flow.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

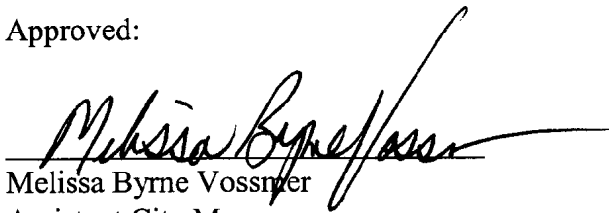
Both locations will be installed by the Texas Department of Transportation. No financial impact will be incurred.

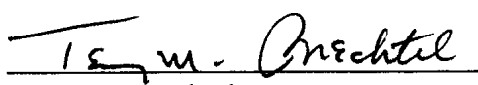
COORDINATION

This request for Ordinance has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.


Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Approved:


Melissa Byrne Vossner
Assistant City Manager


Terry M. Brechtel
City Manager

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 19 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), ARTICLE III (TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES), SECTION 19-68(b) TO INCLUDE CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICE SCHEDULE FOR "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS" SIGNS; AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT INSTALLATION OF SAID DEVICES; DECLARING THEM AS OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO; AND DECLARING VIOLATIONS OF THESE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, EXCEPT THE CIVIL PARKING VIOLATIONS, TO BE MISDEMEANOR CRIMES PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200.00, AND DECLARING VIOLATIONS OF THE CIVIL PARKING VIOLATIONS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS OF CITY CODE SECTION 19-225 (ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING VIOLATIONS), AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, Chapter 19 of the City Code requires that all official traffic controls, devices, and regulations be established by separate ordinances; and

WHEREAS, there are certain traffic control devices, parking regulations, and other traffic control regulations at certain locations that have been surveyed by traffic engineers, and determined to be necessary for the public safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 19-68 of the traffic regulations in the City Code require that schedules of the various traffic control devices be maintained and kept updated at the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, parking regulations are enforced through civil penalties, while all other traffic violations are misdemeanor crimes; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1: Section 1 Traffic Control Device Schedules enacted through Section 19-78, of the City Code of the City of San Antonio, are hereby amended and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to:

(a) include in the Traffic-Control Devices Schedule G(a): entitled "Parking Prohibited At All Times Including Sundays and Holidays" the following

location(s):

Street

Extent

Side

Loop 1604

Bulverde Road to 1500 feet

Even

Eastbound Frontage Road

East of Bulverde Road

I.H.35 Southbound

1250 feet north of Binz-

Both

Frontage Road

Engleman to 2000 feet north of
Petroleum Drive

SECTION 2: All traffic control signs, signals, and other devices listed herein are hereby declared to be official traffic control devices of the City of San Antonio. A violation of any traffic control device or regulation established herein are hereby declared to be Class "C" misdemeanor crimes, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$200.00.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall become effective on the fifth day after publication in accordance with Article 2, Section 17, of the City Charter but in no manner less than the tenth day after passage by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2004.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____

City Attorney