




AGENDA REPORT

TO: Jestin D. Johnson
City Administrator

FROM: Fred Kelley
Director, DOT

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL – Outreach Plan
For Sidewalk Parking

DATE: September 7, 2023

City Administrator Approval 

Date: Sep 7, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Receive An Informational Report On Sidewalk Parking Including Clarification Of The City’s Obligations Under Federal, State And Local Laws And Recent Efforts To Meet Those Obligations And Respond Effectively To Community Concerns.

REASON FOR SUPPLMENTAL

To provide additional information on the outreach plan and schedule for resuming enforcement of sidewalk parking regulations in all parts of the City.

In order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and State law while making the public right of way available to pedestrians, the Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) will resume active enforcement of laws related to sidewalk parking, including California Vehicle Code section 22500(f), in all parts of the City. This will include narrow streets such as Underhills Road, and other streets such as Hillborough Street where sidewalk parking rules have not been enforced consistently.

In the original report on this subject, it was stated that OakDOT’s Parking Enforcement Unit expects to reach full capacity later this year. When this important goal is achieved, resident concerns about a lack of enforcement for sidewalk parking should be allayed. In addition, this added capacity will allow Parking Enforcement staff to take a proactive approach to enforcing sidewalk parking rules. Due to limited capacity and a lack of clarity or contradictory direction, staff have only enforced sidewalk parking rules upon request. Starting in November, staff will continue to respond for requests for enforcement, but will also actively issue warning citations to any vehicles parked on sidewalks that they encounter on narrow streets during their routine patrols. Full enforcement of sidewalk parking rules will resume on all streets starting January 1st, 2024.

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In order to better inform the public about these changes to sidewalk parking enforcement, staff will complete outreach according to the following schedule:

September

- Mail flyers to each address on Underhills Road and Hillsborough Street, noting the sidewalk parking rules and upcoming changes to enforcement practices.
- Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Attend meeting of the Grand Lake Neighbors (Neighborhood Council 16x)
- Date to be determined. Attend meeting of the Cleveland Heights Neighborhood Network (Neighborhood Council 15x)

October

- Attend up to three additional Neighborhood Council meetings if requested.
- Parking Enforcement staff will begin to issue up to one warning per vehicle parked on the sidewalk on narrow streets, including Hillsborough Street. and Underhills Road.

November-December

- Continue to attend Neighborhood Council meetings if requested.
- Parking Enforcement staff will begin to issue up to one warning per vehicle parked on the sidewalk.

January

- Proactive enforcement of sidewalk parking rules on all streets will resume.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Michael Ford, Parking and Mobility Division, at (510) 238-7670.

Respectfully submitted,

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