

The City of Salinas
Residential NO PARKING (Red) Zone Policy
(This policy applies to Residential Streets Only)

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The Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices states that “...uniformity means treating similar situations in a similar way. The use of uniform traffic control devices does not, in itself, constitute uniformity. A standard device [e.g., red zone] used where it is not appropriate is as objectionable as a nonstandard device; in fact, this may be worse, because such misuse might result in disrespect at those locations where the device is needed and appropriate.”

To be consistent with appropriate use of traffic control devices and in response to increasing red zone requests, the City has approved a red zone policy with criteria for when to install red zones. More specifically, this policy restricts the installation of red zones for parking control purposes on residential streets, and provides guidance and uniform criteria to respond to a request for removing parking on residential streets.

Effective on the adoption of this policy, this City does not install NO PARKING (red) zones on the tips of driveways. Driveway red zones and red zone extensions on residential streets existing before this policy will be maintained to the extent practical, until such red zones are removed by the City as requested by the property owner or other residents that may be impacted by the existing zones.

The policy proposes the use of parking T's in situations when parking control is a shared concern of residents in a neighborhood. Parking tees designate a standard on-street parking space for each vehicle. This defined spacing for parked vehicles result in gaps in between parked cars that could improve sight visibility. As with red zones, parking tees will result in some removal of on street parking. Unlike red zones, parking tees “distribute” the lost parking on the segment where these parking tees are applied. They are also less costly to maintain.

- I. **Application.** In order to receive consideration under this policy, an applicant must submit a written request to the **City of Salinas Development and Engineering Services Department, ATTN: Traffic Section, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, California 93901**. Since approval for this request will reduce parking in the neighborhood, it is recommended that the applicant determine if there is support in the neighborhood for this request.
- II. **Consideration.** The City will no longer install red zones for the purpose of residential parking control. The City will also limit installation of red zones to locations at intersections and blind curves where there is substantial evidence of sight visibility concerns. Staff will determine the appropriate response for this request using the following criteria:

1. Location of Red Zone requested. Red zones will be considered at intersections and at blind curves only on residential areas. For other locations, the use of parking tees will be recommended provided a neighborhood survey supports the installation of parking tees.
2. Neighborhood Survey. Parking tees result in the removal of some parking spaces in the neighborhood. Since the removal of on-street parking spaces impacts other neighbors, the City will survey support for parking removal and installation of parking tees in the neighborhood. Approval of 66 % of the neighborhood will most likely result in the recommendation to install parking tees in the neighborhood; unless the City Engineer believes the installation will negatively impact traffic safety.

III. **Commission Consideration** City staff will bring its recommendation to the Traffic and Transportation Commission (T&TC). The meeting of the T&TC provides a public forum for the applicant or any impacted party to support or protest City staff's recommendation. The Traffic and Transportation Commission may recommend approval or denial of the applicant's request based on the Salinas Residential NO PARKING (Red) Zone Policy.

IV. **Council Consideration.** No Parking zones or red zones are established by the City Council. The meeting of the City Council provides another public forum to appeal decisions of the T&TC made following the application of the Salinas Residential NO PARKING (Red) Zone Policy.