

ATTACHMENT A
County of San Mateo
Department of Public Works No Parking Zone Policy

No Parking Zone Policy

A No Parking Zone (NPZ) may be established on a County Maintained Road.

Each requested new NPZ is evaluated by the following criteria:

- A. Sight Distance- The motorists' line-of-sight for both branches of the intersection will be evaluated for an increase in decision-making time attributed to the proposed No Parking Zone. Available sight distance will be compared to the requirements set by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials "Green Book."¹ The California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices² (MUTCD) states a minimum one parking stall length, suggested as 24 feet, shall have prohibited parking at unsignalized intersections and two stall lengths at signalized intersections, per page 3B-16 (amended September 2006), unless determined otherwise by the engineer.
- B. Available Parking- The County will determine if there is adequate parking without the proposed NPZ to accommodate the volume of vehicles that may utilize the study location. Also, the County will take into consideration if any motorists could park on nearby streets.
- C. Traffic Flow- Observations of traffic flow adjacent to the requested NPZ will be evaluated for delay contributed by parking vehicles and safety to pedestrians and bicyclists (if on a known bicycle facility).
- D. Accident Records- Previous accident records showing broadside collisions attributed to limited sight distance at intersections and/or sideswipe collisions may also be considered.

No Parking Zones are not required to be installed at curb returns, bus stops, fire hydrants, curb ramps, or edge of driveways, as they are prohibited by the California Vehicle Code Section 22500-22526 et seq.

If an existing NPZ is no longer valid, the parking zone in the original Resolution may be abolished.

Updating Master Lists

The locations of signs, parking zones, and crosswalks on County maintained streets are currently documented on GIS Maps in the Department of Public Works, and will be made available in list form on the Department's web site. The master lists will be updated to reflect the recommended changes if your Board approves the proposed resolutions.

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¹ A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, 2004

² Federal Highway Administration's MUTCD 2003 Revision 1, as amended for use in California