

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: 8/13/24

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: 8/27/24

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 3 – Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.44 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY), SECTION 12.44.010 (WHERE SIGNS REQUIRED) TO ADD ALLEYS, SECTION 12.44.080 (TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTION PROHIBITED) TO ADD NO PARKING SIGNS, SECTION 12.44.160 (PARKING IN ALLEYS) TO ADD DESIGNATION OF AUTHORITY OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

This ordinance amendment adds alleys to where no parking signs can be added to match with 9.04.100. The no parking signs follow designated collection days and time. It also provides authority of the traffic engineer to erect no parking signs within any alley where parking would impede movement of waste collection vehicles. The amendment also provided the traffic engineer authority to designate which alleys shall be used for waste collection.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Ordinance revised 12.44.010 12/6/11 and 6/5/12. Ordinance revised 12.44.080 12/6/11 and 6/5/12.
Ordinance revised 12.44.160 3/3/09 and 12/6/11

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.44 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY), SECTION 12.44.010 (WHERE SIGNS REQUIRED) TO ADD ALLEYS, SECTION 12.44.080 (TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTION PROHIBITED) TO ADD NO PARKING SIGNS, SECTION 12.44.160 (PARKING IN ALLEYS) TO ADD DESIGNATION OF AUTHORITY OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso wishes to amend Title 1, Chapter 12.44, Sections 12.44.010, 12.44.080, and 12.44.160.

WHEREAS, to better facilitate the collection of solid waste and recyclable materials the signage will provide notice to motorists that parking vehicles in designated alleys is prohibited on designated days or certain times.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.44 (Stopping, Standing and Parking Generally), Section 12.44.010 (Where Signs Required), is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.44.010 Where signs required.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places when signs are erected giving notice thereof:

- A. Within thirty feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon or traffic-control signal locate at the side of a roadway.
- B. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the traffic engineer has indicated a different length by signs or markings;
- C. Within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- D. Within twenty feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five feet of such entrance;
- E. In alleys designated by the traffic engineer as waste collection locations under Title 9.04.100 on designated days and times.

SECTION 2. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.44 (Stopping, Standing and Parking Generally), Section 12.44.080 (Traffic Obstruction Prohibited), is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.44.080 Traffic obstruction prohibited.

- A. No person shall park any vehicle upon any street or alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic, and no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within any street or alley in such position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property.
- B. No person shall park a vehicle in any alley within the central traffic district or within the five points traffic district except temporarily for the purpose of loading or unloading goods or merchandise.
- C. The traffic engineer is authorized to erect signs indicating no parking within any alley when such parking would create a hazard or obstruction to traffic.
- D. The traffic engineer is authorized to erect signs indicating no parking within any alley when such parking would impede the movement of a waste collection vehicle on collection days or certain times.

SECTION 3. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.44 (Stopping, Standing and Parking Generally), Section 12.44.160 (Parking in Alleys), is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.44.160 Parking in alleys.

- A. Parking in alleys shall be governed by the following parking regulations:
 - 1. One side of the alley may be designated "no stopping or standing, tow-away zone" by the traffic engineer. No person shall park, stop or stand any vehicle on this side of the alley when signs have been erected in the locations reading substantially "No Stopping or Standing, Tow-Away Zone." The police department is directed to cause to be towed away any vehicle found parked, stopped or standing in violation of this section. The owner of such vehicle shall be civilly liable to the person doing such towing for the reasonable cost thereof.
 - 2. The opposite side of the alley may restrict parking to commercial vehicles or other vehicles actively engaged in the process of loading or unloading. Those alleys with signs erected reading substantially "No Parking, Loading Zone Commercial Vehicles Only" shall be restricted to parking by commercial vehicles only. Those alleys with signs erected reading substantially "No Parking Except For Loading" shall be restricted to commercial vehicles and other vehicles actively engaged in the process of loading or unloading.
- B. The traffic engineer shall have the authority to designate which side of the alley shall be used as a commercial loading zone and which side of the alley parking, stopping and standing will be prohibited.
- C. The traffic engineer shall have the authority to designate which alleys shall be used as locations for solid waste collection pursuant to Section 9.04.100.
- D. To the extent that the language in this chapter conflicts with the that of Chapter 9.04, the latter shall prevail.

SECTION 4. Except as herein amended, Title 12 of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

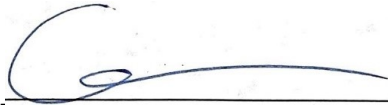
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