

March 16, 2005

Honorable Chairman and Members of the  
Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting of  
March 22, 2005

## **RED-LINE ON 15<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**

### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Public Works Commission hear public testimony requesting removal of the red-line installed by Public Works on 15<sup>th</sup> Place to regulate parking restrictions.

### **Summary:**

15<sup>th</sup> Place is a 24-foot wide residential street with posted "No Parking" signs on the south side. At 930 – 15<sup>th</sup> Place, on the south side of the street, there exists a parking space, which is parallel to and outside of the roadway. Staff has received complaints from the property owner at 923 – 15<sup>th</sup> Place regarding the use of this space and vehicles extending into the roadway and obstructing access to their driveway immediately across from this parking space. Because the south side of the roadway has no clearly defined edge of roadway (no curb), Parking Enforcement cannot issue citations for this overhang. This is a common situation throughout the City and the solution has been to stripe a 6" redline designating the edge of roadway.

Vehicles extending beyond the red-line can be issued a parking citation. Examples where this is commonly used are Loma Drive and Palm Drive. For the above reasons, Public Works staff painted a red-line across the parking space in question. Originally, staff had painted this line across two adjacent driveways where there was also potential to have vehicles extending into the roadway. Staff was later informed that they were not part of the problem and this portion of the red-line was removed by grinding. Only 27 feet of red-line remains across the parking space in question. The red-line is approximately 18-inches into the roadway and allows adequate room for a vehicle to park in this space using reasonable care.

The neighborhood has reacted extremely negatively to this red-line and submitted the attached petition requesting its removal. The property owner at 923 – 15<sup>th</sup> Place has a right to expect the City to enforce the posted parking restriction. In addition to affecting access to their driveway, the overhanging vehicle also interferes with street sweeping. Therefore staff recommends that the red-line remain. The residents also believe that this should have required a public hearing before implementation. Staff receives many similar requests annually for red-paint including painting 3-feet of red adjacent to driveways to protect driveway access, at corners to provide adequate sight-distance and adjacent to fire hydrants for fire access.

Staff has always treated this type of marking as ministerial and performed this work without public hearing on the matter. These are usually complaint-driven and staff is always sensitive to minimizing loss of parking while protecting safety. Staff believes that these decisions should remain at the discretion of the Public Works Director. Some are not popular but are considered appropriate use of the public right-of-way.

Attachments:

1. Letter with petition
2. Map/Photo of area

Respectfully submitted,

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