

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
June 3, 2025	5.c

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo, and City Councilors

FROM: Jennifer Wirsing, Public Works Director

THROUGH: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration to Implement a No Parking Zone Along Kentucky Avenue Between Madison and S. Morrison Street

SUMMARY:

In order to allow two-way traffic along the 900 block of Kentucky Avenue, a no parking zone must be installed on the south side of Kentucky Avenue between Madison and S. Morrison Street.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases Council, approve Resolution 25-16 that will create a no parking zone along the south side of the 900 block of Kentucky Avenue between Madison and S. Morrison Street.

BACKGROUND:

A citizen concern was issued for the 900 block of Kentucky. The concern noted that when cars were parked on both sides of the street, there was not enough room in the traveled way for cars to safely pass one another when going in the opposite direction. Staff performed research and in January 1997, a Land Use application (96-67) was approved for a group residential care facility. As part of the land use approvals, street improvements were required along Kentucky Ave between Madison and S. Morrison Street. The street improvements proposed consisted of a 28-foot-wide asphalt section, curb, gutter, and sidewalks on both sides. A 28-foot-wide section indicates 2-10-foot-wide travel lanes and parking on one side. The 2-10-foot travel lanes are also a requirement of the fire code to maintain a 20-foot-wide path for emergency vehicles. The intent of land use application was to not allow parking along the south side of Kentucky Avenue because the Group Residential Care Facility was proposing ample onsite parking for their employees and visitors. The facility and street improvements were constructed, however the no parking signs along with south side of Kentucky Avenue in this area were never installed. Staff has no record as to why this did not happen.

Currently, there is code language that allows Council, by resolution, to establish no parking zones. Because staff had no history as to why this was not done at the time of original construction and because this change has the potential to impact this area, staff sent out 116 letters covering a 2-block radius. The letter discussed the safety issue and informed the neighborhood of the proposed No Parking Zone on the south side of Kentucky Avenue in the 900 block. The letter further informed them that staff was going to bring this issue to Council for consideration. Multiple people submitted comments on this issue and they were all in favor of the proposed no parking. Staff has also coordinated with the memory care facility at 955 Kentucky Avenue and they are in favor of the no parking and will require their staff to use the onsite parking and encourage the visitors of the facility to do the same.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Other than cost of signs and staff time, no budget implications have been identified.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Resolution 25-16 Kentucky Ave No Parking Zones.pdf
- Kentucky Ave Exhibit