



CITY OF HAYWARD
AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE 12/02/03
AGENDA ITEM 8
WORK SESSION ITEM _____

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Hayward Traffic Code Change

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council introduce the attached ordinance amending the Hayward Traffic Code.

BACKGROUND:

A white zone restricts vehicles from stopping, standing or parking for any purpose other than loading or unloading of passengers, which shall not exceed three minutes. The Hayward Traffic Code currently authorizes white zone enforcement between the hours of 9 am and 6 pm of any day except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, except if the white zone is in front of a hotel or a hospital. These two exceptions can be enforced at all times.

Traffic congestion in and around the schools has increased to a problematic point both for the school district and the community around the schools. A large white zone is located in front of most schools. The school peak student drop off time starts at 7:30 am and ends at 9:30 am. Parents are parking in the white zone and walking their children into school, causing other parents who are just dropping their children off to park illegally, normally blocking traffic and creating a hazard.

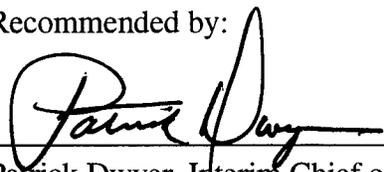
Allowing the white zone in front of schools to be enforced at all times would allow enforcement during the peak drop off times. This would allow the white zone to be used as it was intended and help alleviate traffic congestion around the Hayward schools.

Staff recommends and supports the revision to the Hayward Traffic Code.

Prepared by:


Steve Akacsos, Traffic Bureau Sergeant

Recommended by:



Patrick Dwyer, Interim Chief of Police

Approved by:



Jesús Armas, City Manager

Attachments: Draft ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HAYWARD
TRAFFIC CODE (ORDINANCE NO. 100 C.S., AS
AMENDED) BY APPROVING A CHANGE TO SECTION
6.01.3 RELATING THE WHITE ZONE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 100 C.S., as amended, the Hayward Traffic Code, is hereby amended by approving a change to section 6.01.3 of Article 6 to read in full as follows:

“3. White shall mean no stopping, standing, or parking for any purposed other than loading or unloading of passengers which shall not exceed three (3) minutes, and such restrictions shall apply between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. of any day except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

When such zone is in front of a school, said restrictions shall apply at all times of any day except Saturdays and Sundays, and school holidays.

When such zone is in front of a hotel or hospital, said restrictions shall apply at all times.

When such zone is in front of a theater or church, said restrictions shall apply at all times of any day except when such theater or church is closed.”

Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of Section 620 of the City Charter, this ordinance shall become effective 30 days from and after the date of its adoption.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hayward, held the ____ day of _____, 2003, by Council Member _____.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hayward held the ____ day of _____, 2003, by the following votes of members of said City Council.

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

APPROVED: _____
Mayor of the City of Hayward

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward