



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 28, 2022

ITEM TITLE: Adopt Ordinance 1594 Repealing and Replacing San Carlos Municipal Code Section 10.32.224 Parking Restriction—700 Block of Laurel Street (during the Farmers' Market) with Section 10.32.224 Parking Restriction—During Farmers' Market.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Ordinance 1594 repealing and replacing San Carlos Municipal Code Chapter 10.32.224 Parking restriction –700 Block of Laurel Street (during the farmers' market) with Section 10.32.224 Parking Restriction – During Farmers' Market.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no fiscal implications associated with adopting the Ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

This proposed Ordinance was introduced at the City Council meeting on November 14, 2022.

In 2005, the City Council adopted Section 10.32.224 in the Municipal Code to prohibit parking on the 700 block of Laurel Street during the Farmers' Market held each Thursday from May 1 to September 30. This action would close the block to vehicular traffic while the market was in operation and to accommodate the Farmers' Market setup.

In 2010, the City Council amended this section of the Code by adding the following passage: "The non-accessible public parking spaces behind Laurel Street Park shall be reserved for the event organizers during this period. The accessible parking space shall remain available to the public during the Farmers' Market event." The passage references Laurel Street Park which is now known as Harrington Park.

Over the years, the location, days, and times of the Thursday Farmers' Market have changed multiple times. Staff recommends updating the Code section to reflect the actual practice.

ANALYSIS:

The San Carlos Municipal Code Section 10.32.224 currently reads as follows:

10.32.224 Parking restriction—700 block of Laurel Street (during the farmers' market).

No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle in the 700 block of Laurel Street from

May 1st to September 30th, on each Thursday, between the hours of two-thirty p.m. to nine p.m. The non-accessible public parking spaces behind Laurel Street Park shall be reserved for event organizers during this period. The accessible parking space shall remain available to the public during farmers' market events. (Ord. 1423 § 1, 2010: Ord. 1357 § 1, 2005)

Staff proposes new code language that would (1) allow the City Council flexibility to establish the location, time, and date of the Farmers' Market, (2) enable these parameters be adopted by Resolution, in lieu of an Ordinance revision, when changes occur in the market, and (3) establish a No Parking and Tow Away Zone at the Farmers' Market to ensure that staff will have the ability to secure the location.

The proposed code language is:

10.32.224 Parking Restriction—During Farmers' Market

No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle in the area designated by the City Council for the Farmers' Market. The time, place, and duration of the Farmers' Market will be established by a City Council Resolution. The Council also establishes a No Parking and Tow Away Zone at the Farmers' Market location reflecting the days and time where it resides.

Next Steps. Should the City Council adopt Ordinance 1594 this evening, it would become effective on December 28, 2022.

ALTERNATIVES:

Options available to the City Council include:

1. Adopt Ordinance 1594 Repealing and Replacing the San Carlos Municipal Code Section 10.32.224 Parking restriction—700 Block of Laurel Street (during the farmers' market) with Section 10.32.224 Parking Restriction—During Farmers' Market; or
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance; or
3. Provide staff with alternative direction.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Approved for submission by:



Jeff Maltbie, City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Ordinance 1594