

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Dennis J. Cassidy, Chief of Police
SUBJ: Angle Parking
DATE: April 4, 2006

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider adopting an ordinance to amend section "B" of the Municipal Code Section 12.32.080 pertaining to angle parking in the city.

FACTS:

1. Section 12.32.080 establishes parameters for angle parking in the City.
2. Section 12.32.080 was established in 1956.
3. The Subsection "B" currently reads as follows: 12.32.080 "B" PRMC- Angle Parking: "When signs or markings are in place indicating angle parking as herein provided, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings."
4. Subsection "B" does not contain language prohibiting a vehicle from backing into an angle parking space.
5. Backing into marked parking places creates several identified safety issues and health concerns. In order to back into an angled a vehicle must drive on the wrong side of the roadway while entering or exiting the marked parking place. This can cause traffic conflict with other vehicles on the roadway. The City has also received complaints from business owners who indicate that the exhaust fumes from vehicles backed into marked angle parking places enter their stores and cause air quality problems for their customers and employees.
6. Amending Subsection "B" to read as follows would solve the health and safety concerns and prohibit vehicle from backing into angle parking spaces. "When signs or markings are in place indicating angle parking as herein provided in this section, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings, and entirely within the limits of such space, with the front wheel nearest the curb within six inches of the curb."

**ANALYSIS &
CONCLUSION:**

Subsection "B" of Section 12.32.080 does not adequately address proper parking limitations to ensure the health and safety of our community. Currently, Subsection B allows vehicles to back into angle parking spaces therefore creating traffic safety and health concerns. Allowing vehicles to park in an angle parking space by backing into it creates traffic conflict and local business owners have informed the City that the exhaust fumes from parked vehicles that back into angle parking spaces cause health concerns for their customers and employees. By requiring vehicles to park with their front wheel nearest the curb and within 6" of the curb will reduce the traffic safety and health concerns.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Paso Robles Municipal Code Section 12.32.080

**FISCAL
IMPACT:** None.

OPTIONS:

1. Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. XXX N.S. amending Subsection “B” of Section 12.32.080 of the Municipal Code of the City of El Paso de Robles and set April 18, 2006 as the date for adoption of said ordinance.
2. Amend, modify or reject the above option.

Attachment:

1. Ordinance amending Subsection “B” of Section 12.32.080 of the Municipal Code .

ORDINANCE NO. XXX N.S.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
AMENDING SUBSECTION B OF MUNICIPAL CODE 12.32.080
PERTAINING TO ANGLE PARKING

WHEREAS, Subsection B of Municipal Code Section 12.32.080 does not adequately address proper parking limitations to ensure the traffic safety and health concerns of our community; and

WHEREAS, Subsection B of Municipal Code Section 12.32.080 allows for vehicles to back into angle parking spaces; and

WHEREAS; allowing vehicles to back into angle parking spaces creates traffic conflict and greater health risks from exhaust fumes entering business establishments effecting customers, employees and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, by requiring vehicles to park with their front wheel nearest the curb and within 6” of the curb will reduce traffic safety and public health concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Subsection “B” of Section 12.32.080 of Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“When signs or markings are in place indicating angle parking as herein provided in this section, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings, and entirely within the limits of such space, with the front wheel nearest the curb within six (6) inches of the curb.”

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 4th day of April 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy M. David, Deputy City Clerk