

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Ron Whisenand, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Request for Temporary Closure of 12th Street and an Alley
811 12th Street
DATE: November 20, 2007

Needs: That the City Council consider a request to allow the temporary closure of a portion of 12th Street from Park to Pine Streets and the alley north of 12th Street.

Facts: 1. Paul Norton, owner of 811 12th Street, is reconstructing the building that was destroyed in the earthquake. He has progressed to the point where structural steel frames must be erected. Norton has requested an encroachment permit for construction activities that will involve the closure of a portion of the north half of 12th Street, between Park and Pine Streets, for four days; November 26 through November 29. The application also includes the request to close the alley behind 811 12th Street, mid-block west to Park Street for eight working days beginning November 26 and re-opening the alley on December 5.

**Analysis
and**

Conclusion: As described in the encroachment permit application, Norman Norton Construction requests that a portion of the north half of 12th Street, from Park Street to Pine Street, be closed for four days beginning November 26th to allow for the operation of a crane and placement of steel building frames. West bound traffic will remain open and subject to control by a flagman. At least 10 downtown parking spaces would be temporarily closed. Norton also requests to close the alley, located behind 811 12th Street, from mid-block west to Park Street for eight days beginning Monday, November 26.

This request will result in disruption of pedestrian activities and parking during the holiday shopping season. Adjacent stores will remain open and access to these stores will be maintained. All businesses in the block will be notified along with the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street.

It has been the Council's policy to attempt to avoid these inconveniences. However, this building is in an active state of construction. The timing of the placement of steel was subject to many variables. Among those was coordination of the delivery of the steel from Templeton via a Highway Patrol escort. Building construction has been actively pursued by Norton during the course of the last year. Norton reports that delaying placement of the steel until January will result in a significant financial burden and delay in getting the building open for business.

**Policy
Reference:** Paso Robles Municipal Code Section 11.12.060.

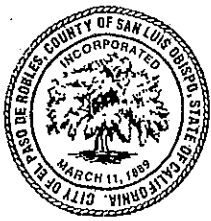
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Impact:** None.

Options:

- a. That the City Council authorize the City Engineer to issue an encroachment permit to Norman Norton Construction for the partial closure of 12th Street, from Pine Street to Park Street for four days beginning November 26, 2007; and the closure of the alley, north of 12th Street from mid-block west to Park Street for eight days beginning November 26, 2007. This approval is subject to:
 - i. The contractor's management of parking of construction vehicles outside the downtown area to the maximum extent possible for the duration of the project.
 - ii. Notification to impacted business owners and Main Street.
 - iii. Maintenance of pedestrian access to adjacent businesses at all hours.
 - iv. Placement of signs advising the public that businesses in the block are open and accessible.
- b. That the City Council deny the request from Norman Norton Construction for closure of 12th Street and an alley during the week of November 26, 2007.
- c. That the City Council amend, modify or reject the above options.

Attachments: (1)

- 1) Encroachment Permit Application From N. Norton Construction



City of Paso Robles
STREET CLOSURE/PARKING IMPACT PERMIT
(CONSTRUCTION)

Closure Date(s) Nov. 26th thru 31st Time 9 (AM/PM) to 4 AM/(PM)

Location 811 12th St. and Norma's Way Number of Spaces 10

Contractor Norman Norton Const Contact Name Joe Bahler 610-2939

Fax No. 466-4787

Office Phone 466-4776 Emergency/Cell Phone 610-2939

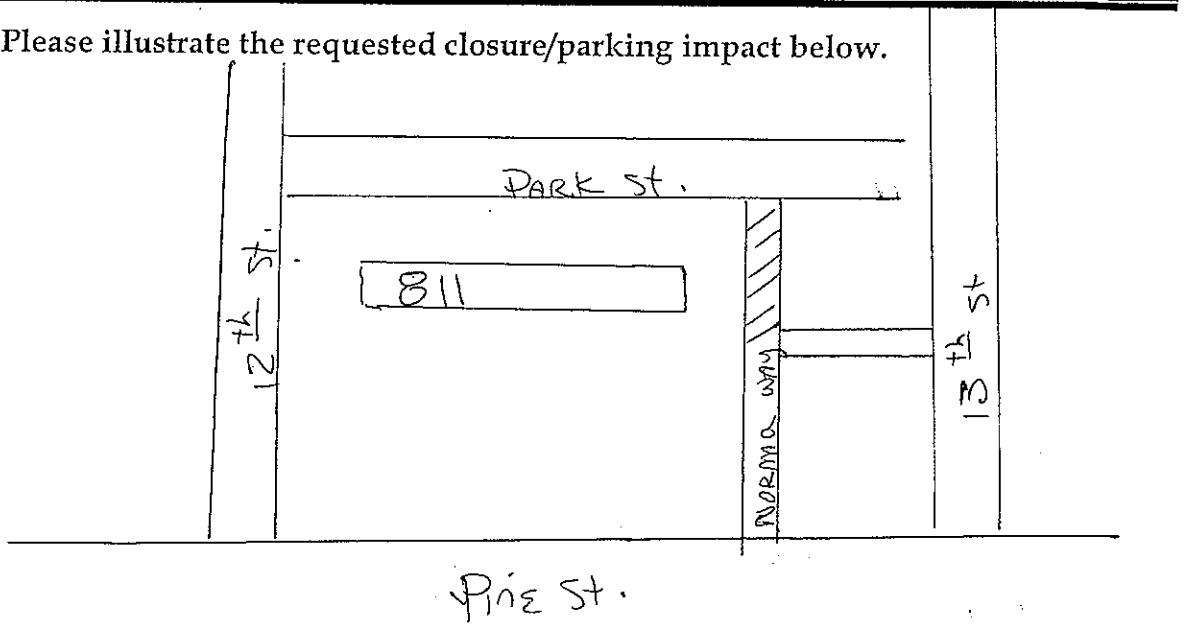
Project, Tract or Building Permit No. 06-0061 Encroachment No. _____

Purpose (be specific) Crain to boom "moment frames" off 40'

Flat bed truck on to site. ~~Two~~ days on Norma's way. Four days

Carefully read and follow all instructions (see reverse side). on 12th St.

Please illustrate the requested closure/parking impact below.



The undersigned applicant/permittee agrees that the work will be done in accordance with and subject to this permit's terms and conditions, the State Vehicle Code, the State Streets and Highways Code and is subject to inspection.

[Signature]
 Signature of Applicant (Permittee)

 Signature of Authorizing Engineer

PERMIT NO. _____

