



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING A 50-FOOT “NO PARKING” ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF CONTINENTALS WAY AT RALSTON AVENUE

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing a 50-foot “No Parking” zone on the east side of Continentals Way by Ralston Avenue.

Background

The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee received requests to modify current layout of the northbound traffic lanes on Continentals Way at Ralston Avenue by converting a through lane into a through/left turn lane to improve a traffic circulation. It was pointed out that the majority of vehicular traffic uses the left turn lane to turn onto westbound Ralston and given limited length of the existing left turn lane and geometry of the street the traffic backs up heavily during peak hours causing confusion and frustration among the drivers.

Discussion

The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee has reviewed this request, performed field investigations during various times of the day and checked collision history. It was noted that due to the geometry of Continentals Way and limited length of the left turn lane, the traffic does back up due to more vehicles use the left turn lane rather than a through lane (towards Cipriani Boulevard). Therefore, it is recommended that the through lane will be converted into a through/left turn lane. In order to minimize traffic congestion, the lanes’ length shall be increased including the right turn lane that is adjacent to the curb. In order to accommodate the length increase for all lanes, it is recommended to eliminate 50 feet of parking starting at the curb return by Ralston Avenue and extending south on Continentals Way.

Fiscal Impact

The City will be responsible for the installation of the appropriate signs. Costs will be paid from the existing appropriation in the FY 2009 budget for Street Maintenance.

Public Contact

Public contact included posting of the City Council agenda; Parking and Traffic Safety Committee 300-foot radius notices, Teleminder notifications and posting of Parking and Traffic

Safety Committee Agenda.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing a 50-foot “No Parking” zone on the east side of Continentals Way by Ralston Avenue.

Alternatives

1. Take no action.
2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution
- B. Exhibit A – Aerial of Location

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
APPROVING A 50-FOOT "NO PARKING" ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF
CONTINENTALS WAY AT RALSTON AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee received requests to modify current the layout of the northbound traffic lanes on Continentals Way at Ralston Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee has reviewed this request, performed field investigations during various times of the day and checked collision history; and,

WHEREAS, the through lane will be converted into a through/left turn lane, the lanes' lengths shall be increased including the right turn lane that is adjacent to the curb; and,

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate the length increase for all lanes, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee recommends eliminating 50 feet of parking starting at the curb return by Ralston Avenue and extending south on Continentals Way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont approves establishment of the 50-foot "No Parking" zone on the east side of Continentals Way by Ralston Avenue.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on April 14, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont

EXHIBIT A

Prindle Road

Cipriani Blvd

Ralston Avenue

Continental Way

New Lane Designation

Proposed No Parking Zone

1:60

