



Staff Report

TO: City Council

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SUBJECT: Discussion Item: Authorization for City Engineer to Designate Curb Colors Following Traffic Survey Evaluation, including Community Mailboxes

Description Discussion regarding the development of an ordinance that would authorize the City Engineer to evaluate and designate curb colors, including red curb no-parking zones, following the completion of traffic surveys including community mailboxes. Following today's discussion, staff will act based on council direction.

Background and Analysis:

Throughout the City of Beaumont, particularly in residential neighborhoods and HOA communities, staff continues to receive requests related to parking concerns that affect safety, visibility, and access. A recurring issue involves vehicles parking too close to or directly in front of community mailbox clusters, which interferes with postal delivery, limits visibility for drivers and pedestrians, and creates potential safety hazards. Similar issues occur near loading zones, driveways, intersections, and other access points. Under the current Beaumont Municipal Code (BMC), curb color designations are authorized exclusively by City Council action. While this ensures oversight, it can also create delays in responding to localized issues that may require timely corrective action based on engineering analysis.

To address these recurring concerns more efficiently, staff is recommending the City Council consider establishing an ordinance that would delegate authority to the City Engineer to conduct traffic surveys and designate appropriate curb colors consistent with BMC Chapter 10.06.010 and the California Vehicle Code. This delegated authority would allow the City Engineer to identify and designate:

- No-parking zones (red curb),
- Loading and unloading zones (yellow curb),
- Passenger loading areas (white curb),
- Mailbox access areas,
- And other safety or operational areas throughout the City.

Following designation by the City Engineer, curb color enforcement would be conducted by both the Community Enhancement Division and the Beaumont Police Department under existing enforcement authority and penalties established in BMC Section 1.16.030.

This process mirrors practices already implemented in neighboring jurisdictions such as Murrieta and Menifee, which have authorized their traffic engineering staff to conduct site evaluations and implement curb color changes without requiring full City Council action for each location.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated cost of this staff report is \$350.

No additional appropriations are requested at this time. Any enforcement revenue generated through citations will help offset administrative costs; however, the primary intent of the ordinance is to improve public safety, protect access to services, and enhance traffic circulation throughout the City.

Recommended Action:

Direct staff to prepare a draft ordinance authorizing the City Engineer to evaluate and designate curb colors following traffic surveys and return to the City Council for formal consideration and public hearing at a future meeting.

Attachments:

- A. Current Ordinance
- B. Redlined Ordinance - Draft