



Staff Report

TO: City Council

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DATE: August 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.06 – Curb Colors to Provide Authority to the City Engineer to Paint Curb Colors for Traffic Regulations

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.

Background and Analysis:

On July 15, 2025, this item was presented to the City Council for discussion. The Council agreed that the City Engineer should have the authority to designate curb colors for parking regulation purposes based on complaints received from Homeowner Associations (HOAs) about community mailboxes. Additionally, the Council directed staff to establish a citation amount of \$100 for violations related to parking in areas marked by the designated curb colors for community mailboxes.

Throughout the City of Beaumont, particularly in residential neighborhoods and Homeowners Association 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 of the Community Development Department and the Beaumont Police Department under existing enforcement authority and penalties established in BMC Section 1.16.030. The penalty will be set a \$100.00 per infraction set by the City Council on July 15, 2025. This fine will be included within the Citywide Fee Schedule, which is accessible on the City's website.

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. The parking citation will be set at \$100 per infraction. This amount will be placed within the Citywide Fee Schedule located under the Police Department Fee Section.

Recommended Action:

Hold a public hearing;

Waive the first full reading and approve by title only:

“An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, Amending Chapter 10.06 – Curb Colors to provide Authority to the City Engineer to Paint Curb Colors for Traffic Regulation”; and

Adopt the resolution and approve by title only:

“A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, Adopting a New Parking Penalty for Parking in Front of a Community Mailbox.”

Attachments:

- A. Current Ordinance
- B. Redlined Ordinance Language – Draft
- C. Ordinance (Clean Version) – Draft
- D. Resolution