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City of Bell Gardens

Policy for Installation of Parking "T's" in Residential Areas

Introduction

Parking "T's" have been recognized and deployed by many municipalities for marking out parking stalls to provide marked parking spaces. They should be installed to address documented parking or traffic concerns supported by traffic engineering studies, and after consideration of alternative traffic parking control measures. Criteria for determining the appropriateness for such an installation should be carefully reviewed so that the installed "T's" will not impose an equal or greater traffic problem on other streets in the neighborhood.

The term "T" markings are commonly used when referring to on-street pavement markings that delineate parallel parking spaces. Installation of "T" markings can help to maximize on-street parking supply by providing a guide informing motorists where to park and when adhered to may better and more efficiently utilize curb parking space. However, striping of curbside parking in residential areas would require increasing parking distances from corners, crosswalks, and fire hydrants because the striping would have to follow the legal requirements of the MUTCD. This could likely result in a net loss of parking for residents.

The marking of parking space boundaries encourages more orderly and efficient use of parking spaces where parking turnover is substantial. Parking space markings tend to prevent encroachment into fire hydrant zones, bus stops, loading zones, approaches to intersections, curb ramps, and clearance spaces for islands and other zones where parking is restricted

The addition of pavement markings to delineate curbside parking would require a significant financial investment. Numerous tasks would be required to facilitate this, some of which are noted below.

1. A survey would be needed to develop a list of each street and segment where parking space markings are desired.
2. A field inventory will be required to locate existing on-street parking supply, curb paint, parking restrictions, fire hydrants, crosswalks, ramp locations, etc.
3. Detailed field measurements would be needed to facilitate preparation of striping plans.
4. Scaled striping plans are required for all projects that will modify, add to, or delete existing pavement markings.
5. Conduct an analysis to identify costs and funds for routine pavement striping maintenance.
6. Inform Police Department for additional patrol for enforcement.

Criteria for Installation

It shall be the policy of the City of Bell Gardens to consider requests for installing markings for on street parking spaces (parking "T's") as outlined below.

1. Markings for on-street parking shall be in residential area. Residents may request the City to investigate specific street location for painting the markings for on-street parking. When such a request is made the following procedure will be followed.
 - a. An application is Required. Before the City will consider such requests, the residents must submit an application to the Public Works Department.
 - b. The City Traffic Engineer will require adjacent property owners' consents and signatures on the application. 50% +1 of the residents on the block of request must be in favor of installing "T's" and a Resident Parking "T" Petition Request Form must be filled as proof of the neighborhood's majority consent.
 - c. If Standard City Traffic Criteria for installing marked on-street parking spaces are met; The City's Traffic Engineer will determine whether the subject location meets the City's standard criteria for installing marked parking spaces. These standard criteria are as follows:
 - i. On-street parking is currently allowed at the subject location.
 - ii. The area for one on-street parking space shall be a minimum of 18' in length.
 - iii. The area for two on-street parking spaces, it shall be a minimum of 36' in length.
Each of the end parking spaces shall have a distance of 18' long.
 - d. The City Traffic Engineer will review the feasibility of marked parking spaces based on a case-by-case basis. However, in no case shall on-street parking spaces be less than 18' long.

RESIDENT PARKING “T” APPLICATION REQUEST FORM

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Print Name

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Location of Request is on _____

between _____ and _____

By signing the below, I understand that the above mentioned applicant is requesting the installation of Parking T’s along the requested location as stated above. By signing this petition, I acknowledge that I live along the segment where the applicant is requesting a change. I, as a neighbor of the applicant, support my neighbor’s application. The City requires the applicant to obtain signatures of 50% +1 of residents living on the street to approve the requested changes. The City will provide the number of signatures required for the block requested. All applications must reviewed by the City of Bell Gardens Traffic and Safety Commission and approved by City Council before any action will be taken.

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