



MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jessica Matson, Legislative & Information Services Director/City Clerk

SUBJECT: Supplemental Information
Agenda Item 12.b – Discussion of a Draft Safe Parking Ordinance

DATE: March 14, 2023

Attached is correspondence received before 4 PM for the above referenced item.

cc: City Manager
Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director
Community Development Director
City Attorney
City Clerk
City Website (or public review binder)

From: [Krista Jeffries](#)
To: [Caren Ray Russom](#); [public comment](#)
Subject: Safe Parking item
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 5:11:24 PM

Hello Council Members,

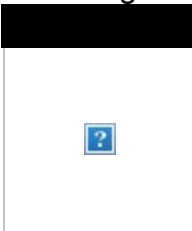
Apologies for the late comment.

I'm writing regarding the safe parking ordinance item tonight. My thoughts are listed in order from most important to least important.

1. These permits should be granted ministerially.
2. There are places in Arroyo Grande where clients of this program could obtain services but those places are not zoned to use this ordinance. In particular: the County mental health building, The Center, and CHC. When ECHO launched their shelter services at their Homekey project in Paso Robles, they were able to get several shelter clients into permanent housing on site after several nights in their shelter. The staff was able to earn their trust and help them make the transition into housing because they had already been there. I know this SPP won't come with permanent housing options, but if they can at least be in proximity to places where they may already be able to obtain services, it'll be that much easier to get these clients the various forms of help they need.
3. It will be very difficult to get insurance for this operation, no matter who runs it. I'm interested to know how long the City might allow the Safe Parking Program to go unused before they start considering something like the Cabins For Change project instead.
4. The 300ft rule sounds overly burdensome. Reducing that to 100ft sounds more reasonable, or preferably eliminating it. If there are fencing and shielding requirements anyway, I doubt most people would know there were cars behind them even if they were only 10-15 feet away.

There are no easy answers here. This is a hard topic that every jurisdiction must take part in addressing. Thank you for being brave enough to consider it.

Krista Jeffries
[SLO County YIMBY](#)
Lead Organizer



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From: Rob Keim [REDACTED] >

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:08 PM

To: Andrew Perez <aperez@arroyogrande.org>

Cc: Garry Schmidt [REDACTED] >; Kris Vardas [REDACTED] >; Rachel Mann [REDACTED] >

Subject: Re: Arroyo Grande Safe Parking Ordinance

Hi Andrew,

Thanks for reaching out. See feedback below.

The Rev. Rob Keim +

Rector, St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, Arroyo Grande.

Arroyo Grande City Council and Staff.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback about the proposed Safe Parking ordinance.

I am the priest or pastor at St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church here in Arroyo Grande. More than ten years ago (before I arrived eight years ago) St. Barnabas worked with the city and started a Safe Parking program on our site at 301 Trinity Avenue. I am told that the program lasted less than a month since the client registration process was too onerous and the overnight monitoring was more than we could staff.

As I read through the draft ordinance I see a very thorough proposal that includes everything and the kitchen sink. In the old days we would say this is building a Cadillac when a Chevy is all that we need. Here at St. Barnabas don't have the resources to build and staff a Cadillac, but we might be interested again in running a Chevy. And, we would be more interested in partnering with the City and social services organization rather than running anything independently. We have the land/space and the desire to serve as the hands and feet and voice of Jesus in the community. We want to help, but we don't have all the people to establish or run a program.

If we are to successfully remove overnight parking from our neighborhoods and provide a better location for our homeless citizens then the draft ordinance will need to be streamlined. In addition, the proposed fee should be eliminated so that we are not being penalized by our attempts to help the City.

Thank you again for your work with those that are without homes. Together we can figure this out.

The Rev. Rob Keim +

Rector, St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, Arroyo Grande.

On Mar 3, 2023, at 3:43 PM, Andrew Perez <aperez@arroyogrande.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Arroyo Grande's City Council was scheduled to discuss a proposed safe parking ordinance at its meeting on February 28th. Due to the time allocated to other agenda items, the discussion was continued until March 14th. This is an opportunity to provide feedback to City staff and Council

ahead of the March 14th meeting. A link to the staff report and draft ordinance is below. If you are interested, please review the materials and send any feedback directly to me. I am also happy to discuss by phone or in-person at City Hall next week.

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Thank you, and have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Andrew

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