

13. SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

Speed Zone Surveys determine Speed Limits. A speed zone survey records the vehicular speeds on the street being surveyed. Per the California Vehicle Code the speed limit must be posted at the 85th percentile. The 85th percentile is the speed at which 85% of drivers are traveling at or below. Posting a speed limit below the 85% constitutes a speed trap and cannot be enforced.
Contact: The Police to report speeding.

14. BLUE CURB

The City installs blue Curbs on public streets as a courtesy to residents. To qualify for a blue curb the residence must be owner occupied and citizens must provide a copy of the Disabled Placard along with the registration that comes with it. Homes with driveways or garages do not qualify. Each request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. There is a \$100 survey and engineering investigation fee. Any vehicle with a disabled placard can park next to a blue curb.
Contact: T.E. for an investigation.

15. PARKING IN ALLEYS

Per state law parking is not permitted in alleys. Signs are not needed for enforcement.
Contact: The Police to report cars parked in alleys.

16. LEFT TURN SIGNAL ARROW

Left Turn Arrows are installed where excessive delay is experienced or where an accident pattern has evolved. Delay during peak commuter times is common and does not justify a left turn arrow. Delay could involve having to wait 2 or 3 cycles to get through the intersection. Left turn arrows increase delay for all other moves at the intersection therefore a comprehensive traffic engineering study must be conducted to determine if it is justified.
Contact: T.E. for a left turn study.

17. TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Traffic Signals are very expensive to install and operate and can have an adverse impact on high-way traffic flow so justification for installation must be overwhelming. The Federal Highway Administration in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices sets thresholds.
Contact: T.E. for a traffic signal study.

18. RED-LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT CAMERA

Red light photo enforcement cameras are operated through the Police Department.
Contact: The Police to report malfunctioning cameras

19. RED CURB NEXT TO FIRE HYDRANT

Fire Hydrants are installed to aid the Fire Department and should never be obstructed. The City Code prohibits parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. This Code is enforceable without a red curb.
Contact: Code Compliance or the Police to report blocked fire hydrants.

20. CURB CUTS

Contact: Development Services.

21. PRIVATE STREETS

Traffic Engineering has no jurisdiction over private streets.
Contact: Police

22. LITTERING

Littering is already a violation of City Code. Signs are not posted for this restriction.
Contact: Environmental Resources and Code Compliance for illegal dumping.



Public Works Department

Preserving our past while building a better tomorrow

Contact Numbers:

Police Department	385-7600
Code Compliance	385-7940
Environmental Resources	385-8060
Development Services	385-7936
CALTRANS	650-7179

Public Works Department

Design & Construction Services Branch

Traffic Engineering Division	385-8136
Transportation & Transit Division	385-7866
Capital Projects Management Division	385-8136

Maintenance Services Branch

Parks Maintenance Division	385-7950
Streets Maintenance Division	385-8136
Graffiti Hotline Division	385-8010

Utilities Services Branch

Water Resources Division	
Water Program	385-8136
Wastewater Program	488-3517
Environmental Resources Division	385-8060
(Trash & Recycling)	

Administrative Services Branch

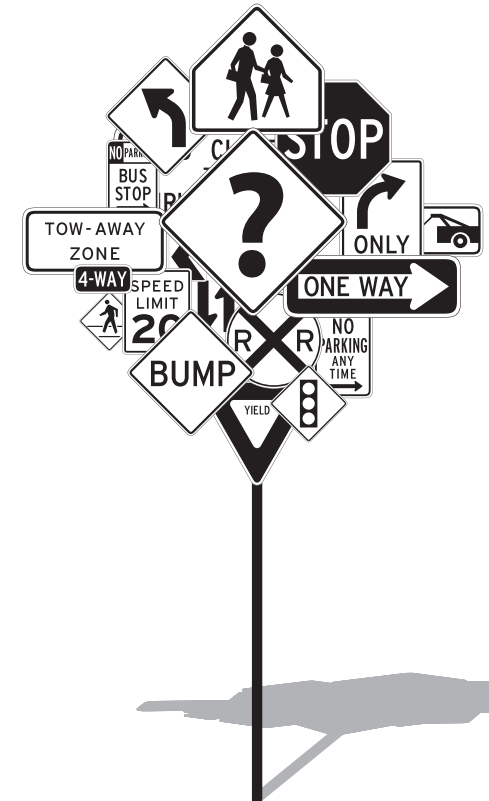
Outreach & Education Division	385-8139
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Public Works Department

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION

Common Traffic Signs, Signals & Street Markings



1. STOP SIGNS

Stop Signs are installed to assign right-of-way at intersections with large volumes of conflicting traffic. Per the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines, STOP signs should not be used for speed control. T-type intersections are seldom posted with stop signs because the California Vehicle Code requires drivers on the stem of the intersection to yield to drivers on the through street. Exceptions to this would be if the minor street experiences unusual delay or cannot see approaching traffic on the cross street. All requests for stop sign installation will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Contact: T.E. for a stop sign study.

2. RED CURB NEXT TO DRIVEWAY

The City does not install red curb for driveways in residential neighborhoods. Driveways are illegal to block even by the residents of the property that driveway serves.

Contact: The Police for blocked driveways.

3. RED CURB IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE

It is the Department's policy not to install red curbs in residential areas. Exceptions to this would be at cluster mailboxes where the Post Office has requested red curb or at intersections where sight visibility may be an issue.

Contact: Your postmaster to request red curb adjacent to cluster mailboxes, Code Compliance or T.E. for illegal red curb.

4. SPEED LIMIT SIGN

State law has set the speed limit at 15 miles per hour in alleys and 25 miles per hour adjacent to schools and on residential streets unless otherwise posted. Signs are not required for the law to be enforceable.

Contact: The Police for speeding and deployment of the speed trailer.

5. "CHILDREN AT PLAY" SIGNS

These signs are not approved traffic control signs. Any such signs found posted on city right-of-way will be removed. If a resident wishes to install such a sign, it must be installed on private property with no expense or liability to the City.

Contact: T.E. or Code Compliance for illegal signs.

6. MARKED CROSSWALK

Crosswalks exist at every intersection unless pedestrian crossing is prohibited. Crosswalk lines are not installed unless the intersection is controlled by a traffic signal. Exceptions to this are when a location is a recommended crossing location. Recommended crossing locations are requested by School Districts, other City Agencies and operators of large public facilities. The location is then studied and the Traffic Engineer makes a recommendation.

Contact: Appropriate School District or Official representative of large facility generating demand to discuss need for a marked crosswalk.

7. CROSSING GUARD

Crossing Guards are only justified at locations with large numbers of pedestrian crossings. Generally these locations service elementary school age children and are uncontrolled. For locations servicing primarily school children, the request shall originate from the school principals office and must come through the appropriate school district. A traffic engineering study must be conducted to determine if a location justifies a crossing guard.

Contact: Appropriate School District to discuss need for a crossing guard.

8. STATE HIGHWAYS

Vineyard Avenue from Oxnard Boulevard to Highway 118, Fifth Street from Oxnard Boulevard out to the City Limit and Oxnard Boulevard are all State Highways and fall under the jurisdiction of Caltrans.

9. PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Residents can request parking restriction on city streets. These restrictions are posted on both sides of an entire block that is zoned the same. The requesting residents must submit a petition to be considered for the parking restriction. The petition must be signed by at least 75% of the residents of that block and must state these residents are in favor of the restriction. Commonly requested restrictions:

**"NO PARKING 2 AM TO 4 AM
EXCEPT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY"**

**"NO PARKING 2 AM TO 6 AM
EXCEPT SUNDAY"**

"NO PARKING 10 PM TO 4 AM"

**"1 HOUR PARKING 8 AM TO 4 PM
EXCEPT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY"**

**"2 HOUR PARKING 10 AM TO 6 PM
EXCEPT SUNDAY"**

Other restrictions can be requested.

Contact: T.E. for a petition.

10. Permit Parking

This program is still in a development phase. Given the current staffing level in Traffic Engineering, 3 or 4 neighborhoods per year can be incorporated into the program. Under the current Ordinance each single family home can get up to 2 annual permits and 1 six-month guest permit. One permit allows a vehicle to be parked on the street during those time periods when on street parking is prohibited except by permit. Restrictions can be tailored to fit the need of the neighborhood.

Contact: Neighborhood Council to discuss if this option is appropriate in your area.

11. Relaxation of parking restrictions

If a resident or business requires relaxation of parking restrictions they must submit a written request at least 2 weeks prior to the start of relaxing. An engineer from Traffic Engineering will then investigate the location to determine why the restrictions are installed. The Traffic Engineer will then make a final determination. If the restriction cannot be relaxed the requestor will be informed. If the restriction can be relaxed the Traffic Engineer will issue a memo to the Police Department informing them of the dates for the relaxed parking restriction. The requestor will also receive a copy and the Street Maintenance Division will receive a copy with further instructions to cover the signs. The requestor can be charged with field crew time to cover and uncover the signs. Relaxation does not begin until the signs are covered. Any sign that is posted and visible is enforceable.

Contact: T.E. to request relaxation of parking restrictions.

12. SPEED BUMPS

Speed bumps will only be considered if all criteria are satisfied in the City's speed bump installation guideline and policy: average traffic must exceed 1,000 vehicles in a 24-hour period; More than 85% of the surveyed motorists exceed a speed of 25 mph; The road must not be more than 40 feet wide and have no more than two traffic lanes; The road must be a legal residential road in accordance with the California Vehicle Code Section 240 having a realistic speed of 25 mph; a physical design feature prior to the first speed bump location must effectively control the approach speed; The policy requires a petition showing 70% of the residents on the street are in favor of the speed bumps. The City will pay for 70% of the speed bumps and the signers of the petition must pay for the remaining 30%.

Contact: T.E. for further details.