



## CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Install Red Curb Markings along Driveway at 7222 East Gage Avenue

**MEETING DATE:** July 2, 2019

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the installation of proposed red curb markings at both ends of the existing driveway located along 7222 East Gage Avenue in order to improve sight distance and traffic safety.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Mr. Gerry Leyva, proprietor of *Escon Door Corporation (Escon)*, located along 7222 East Gage Avenue in the city of Commerce, brought to Staff's attention the difficulty experienced by its employees and delivery staff from entering into and out of its facility due to lack of sight distance from its main driveway.

Currently, parking is allowed next to the existing driveway. When vehicles are parked next to this driveway, *Escon's* employees and delivery staff have difficulty going in-and-out of the facility.

During its regularly scheduled meeting on June 12, 2019, the Traffic Commission recommended the installation of the red curb markings at both ends of the existing driveway located along 7222 East Gage Avenue.

### **ANALYSIS:**

On May 2019, Public Works staff visited the site and has completed its analysis regarding the ingress and egress issue confronting the existing driveway at *Escon*.

The parking of cars, and especially trucks, adjacent to this existing driveway hinder the sight distance of entering and exiting vehicles from *Escon*. Along Telegraph Road, the situation is that vehicles, primarily trucks, are parked right up against the driveway, thereby preventing vehicles that are exiting the driveway from being able to see above the parked vehicles, thereby obstructing their sight distance and hindering the drivers' ability to proceed safely.

In order to remedy the situation, Staff proposes that red curbs should be installed along both ends of the driveway to allow for this business to have their trucks enter and exit with no obstruction. The driveway in question is located along East Gage Avenue right before the street curves towards Slauson Avenue.



***Proposed Driveway Red Curbs along 7222 East Gage Avenue***

By installing one red curb of approximately 25-feet in length at the southerly end of the driveway along 7222 East Gage Avenue, in addition to another red curb of approximately 15-feet in length at the northerly end will allow drivers to more easily navigate in-and-out of the driveway. Adequate sight distance permits drivers entering and exiting the facility to do so without obstruction and permit drivers to enter and exit out of the driveway safely.

Staff supports the above recommendations for red curb installation in order to improve sight distance and traffic safety when vehicles are entering or exiting these driveways.

The removal of approximately 35 lineal feet of parking does not significantly hinder the overall impact of parking availability. Parking is available throughout the length of Gage Avenue and also along the nearby side streets.

Parking regulations and curb markings are guided by the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), the California Vehicle Code (CVC), and the City of Commerce Municipal Code (CMC).

Specifically, per CVC Section 21458 and per CMC Section 10.44.030, the City is authorized to place and maintain regulatory curb markings within the City, and also that the City Council by way of ordinance or resolution, through the authority of the City Manager, City Engineer, or the Public Works & Development Services Director, may install or paint regulatory curb markings.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Reject staff recommendation
3. Provide staff with further direction

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No Fiscal Impact. Staff will issue an encroachment permit to the contractor selected by the aforementioned proprietor, who will fund the installation cost of the red curbs.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:**

This item relates to Council's 2016 Strategic Action Plan's:

Community Quality of Life

- Guiding Principle 4 to “support and evaluate community services, programs and events that promote healthy and quality lifestyles for our residents. Enhance public safety and social services through innovative programs that meet the needs of the residential and business communities.”

**ATTACHMENT:**

- Resolution

Approved by: Maryam Babaki, P.E., Public Works & Development Services Director

Fiscal Impact reviewed by: Vilko Domic, Director of Finance

Approved as to form by: Noel Tapia, City Attorney

Respectfully submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Manager