

**July 30, 2025**

**RCSD Traffic Committee Meeting**

**Committee Members present:**

- President Nathan Searles
- Director Tony DeMarco

**RCSD Staff:**

- Sharon Landers, Interim General Manager
- Carolyn Whang, Administrative Assistant

**Public Attending:**

- Ralph Vartabedian - supported painting corners and area in front of fire hydrants.
- Rachael DeMarco - volunteered to help observe parking during upcoming Festival at Rush Park and also volunteered to repost any relevant RCSD social media posts to her personal account.

**Correspondence Received:**

- See attached correspondence from Rob and Sue Kaplan and Michelle Fieldson.

**Relevant Laws:**

- Daylight legislation passed in 2023 restricting parking within 20 feet of corners, whether it is painted or unpainted (attached).
- Legislation prohibiting parking at fire hydrants (attached). According to California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 22514, it is illegal to park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, whether it is painted or unpainted.

**SUMMARY**

The Traffic Committee is considering whether to recommend that the Board request the Orange County Department of Public Works to paint curbs red at street corners and in front of hydrants around the perimeter of Rush and Rossmoor Parks (on both sides of the street). Keeping corners and hydrants clear of cars is important for safety purposes - to provide adequate sight distance at corners and to enable fire trucks to access streets and hydrants.

This action is being proposed by Interim GM Landers after having met with a number of residents who live adjacent to Rossmoor Park at which time traffic safety concerns were raised about cars disregarding traffic regulations when parking around the park.

See the attached map that shows the location of fire hydrants around Rossmoor and Rush Parks on both sides of the streets and where there are already red curb markings.

## **DISCUSSION BY COMMITTEE:**

### Education

When patrons are making a tennis/pickleball reservation, request that patron:

- Park in Rossmoor Park's slot parking on Pemberton, Baskerville and Kerth if available.
- Avoid parking on residential sides of Hedwig, Baskerville, Pemberton and Kerth if possible.
- Obey the law: avoid parking on corners, in front of fire hydrants and do not block driveways.
- Avoid parking right up against driveways since this causes sight distance problems.

Make these guidelines available on the RCSD website where we provide information about court hours. Also incorporate these guidelines into RecDesk so that patrons receive the information along with their reservation confirmations.

### Gather information

- Observe what violations are occurring at corners and fire hydrants during the Aug 9, 2025 Festival at Rush Park. See attached form developed by Interim GM Landers for collection of this information to be reported to the District by staff and residents.
- Follow up with OCPW to learn whether they will be painting all corners red at some point or if it requires a request.

### Notification

Solicit feedback from residents with homes on corners that would be painted red if the Board were to make a request to the OCPW Department to paint the corners red.

### Reconvene Traffic Committee

Schedule the Traffic Committee for a follow-up meeting in August. Plan to include an item on the Board's September meeting agenda to discuss moving forward with this proposal.

## Red curb safety enhancement request

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**From** Sue & Rob Kaplan <robsue.kaplan@gmail.com>

**Date** Wed 7/30/2025 12:55 PM

**To** Sharon Landers <slanders@rossmoor-csd.org>; Carolyn Whang <cwhang@rossmoor-csd.org>; Nathan Searles <NSearles@rossmoor-csd.org>; Tony Demarco <TDemarco@rossmoor-csd.org>

**Cc** Susan L Kaplan <robsue.kaplan@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern:

We are on vacation at this time, but we understand there is a meeting this Wednesday related to traffic concerns in Rossmoor.

My husband and I are requesting that red lines be painted across the busy intersections and driveways where the threat of hitting a child or an E biker is risky because line of site is impaired by parked cars at Rossmoor Park and presumably Rush Park.

In addition, there is a fire hydrant directly across from the south side of Rossmoor Park that needs greater deterrents to prevent cars parking there and blocking emergency fire service. Red curbs on both sides of our driveway (11336 Baskerville) would help with both pulling out onto Baskerville more safely and with fire hydrant parking deterrence.

Thank you for taking this safety concerns seriously,

Susan and Robert Kaplan  
11336 Baskerville Rd

**Re: Traffic/Safety Advisory Committee**

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**From** Sharon Landers <slanders@rossmoor-csd.org>  
**Date** Wed 7/30/2025 3:50 PM  
**To** Michele Fieldson <mfieldson@gmail.com>  
**Cc** Carolyn Whang <cwhang@rossmoor-csd.org>

Thanks, Michele, for your email.

Sharon

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**From:** Michele Fieldson <mfieldson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 2025 12:53 PM  
**To:** Nathan Searles <NSearles@rossmoor-csd.org>; Tony Demarco <TDemarco@rossmoor-csd.org>  
**Cc:** Sharon Landers <slanders@rossmoor-csd.org>  
**Subject:** Traffic/Safety Advisory Committee

Dear Directors Searles and DeMarco,

I am unable to attend the Traffic Committee Meeting this evening, but I would like to express my support for Ms. Landers' request to ask OCPW to paint red curbs at corners and fire hydrants around the perimeter of Rush and Rossmoor Parks.

This is much-needed and long overdue. Turning onto Hedwig from Pemberton when cars are lined up along Hedwig - and often parked sideways on the corners - is very dangerous. There is literally no line of sight. All anyone can do is creep out very slowly and hope people to the left and right on Hedwig aren't speeding and going to cause an accident.

The corner at Baskerville & Pemberton is equally fraught with safety issues, for the same reasons as mentioned above – even more complicated these days with e-bikers speeding down our streets without regard for pedestrians or other vehicles.

Safety should be made a priority, and I support this recommendation.

Michele Fieldson

**Bill Title:** Vehicles: stopping, standing, and parking.

**Spectrum:** Partisan Bill (Democrat 1-0)

**Status:** (*Passed*) 2023-10-10 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 652, Statutes of 2023. [[AB413 Detail](#)]

**Download:** [California-2023-AB413-Chaptered.html](#)

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### Assembly Bill No. 413

### CHAPTER 652

An act to amend Section 22500 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

Approved by Governor October 10, 2023. Filed with Secretary of State October 10, 2023. ]

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 413, Lee. Vehicles: stopping, standing, and parking.

Existing law prohibits the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle in certain places and under certain conditions, including within an intersection, on a sidewalk or crosswalk, or in front of a fire station. Existing law additionally authorizes local jurisdictions to, by ordinance, restrict parking in certain areas, at certain times, and for certain reasons, and to establish metered parking.

This bill would prohibit the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of any unmarked or marked crosswalk or 15 feet of any crosswalk where a curb extension is present, as specified. The bill would, prior to January 1, 2025, authorize jurisdictions to only issue a warning for a violation, and would prohibit them from issuing a citation for a violation, unless the violation occurs in an area marked using paint or a sign.

By restricting parking in certain areas, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

## Digest Key

Vote: MAJORITY Appropriation: NO Fiscal Committee: YES Local Program: YES

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### Bill Text

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

### SECTION 1.

Section 22500 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

#### **22500.**

A person shall not stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle whether attended or unattended, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or official traffic control device, in any of the following places:

- (a) Within an intersection, except adjacent to curbs as may be permitted by local ordinance.
- (b) On a crosswalk, except that a bus engaged as a common carrier or a taxicab may stop in an unmarked crosswalk to load or unload passengers when authorized by the legislative body of a city pursuant to an ordinance.
- (c) Between a safety zone and the adjacent right-hand curb or within the area between the zone and the curb as may be indicated by a sign or red paint on the curb, which sign or paint was erected or placed by local authorities pursuant to an ordinance.
- (d) Within 15 feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station. This subdivision does not apply to any vehicle owned or operated by a fire department and clearly marked as a fire department vehicle.
- (e) (1) In front of a public or private driveway, except that a bus engaged as a common carrier, school bus, or a taxicab may stop to load or unload passengers when authorized by local authorities pursuant to an ordinance.
- (2) In unincorporated territory, where the entrance of a private road or driveway is not delineated by an opening in a curb or by other curb construction, so much of the surface of the ground as is paved, surfaced, or otherwise plainly marked by vehicle use as a private road or driveway entrance, shall constitute a driveway.
- (f) On a portion of a sidewalk, or with the body of the vehicle extending over a portion of a sidewalk, except electric carts when authorized by local ordinance, as specified in Section 21114.5. Lights, mirrors, or devices that are required to be mounted upon a vehicle under this code may extend from the body of the vehicle over the sidewalk to a distance of not more than 10 inches.

(g) Alongside or opposite a street or highway excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.

(h) On the roadway side of a vehicle stopped, parked, or standing at the curb or edge of a highway, except for a school bus when stopped to load or unload pupils in a business or residence district where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less.

(i) Except as provided under Section 22500.5, alongside curb space authorized for the loading and unloading of passengers of a bus engaged as a common carrier in local transportation when indicated by a sign or red paint on the curb erected or painted by local authorities pursuant to an ordinance.

(j) In a tube or tunnel, except vehicles of the authorities in charge, being used in the repair, maintenance, or inspection of the facility.

(k) Upon a bridge, except vehicles of the authorities in charge, being used in the repair, maintenance, or inspection of the facility, and except that buses engaged as a common carrier in local transportation may stop to load or unload passengers upon a bridge where sidewalks are provided, when authorized by local authorities pursuant to an ordinance, and except that local authorities pursuant to an ordinance or the Department of Transportation pursuant to an order, within their respective jurisdictions, may permit parking on bridges having sidewalks and shoulders of sufficient width to permit parking without interfering with the normal movement of traffic on the roadway. Local authorities, by ordinance or resolution, may permit parking on these bridges on state highways in their respective jurisdictions if the ordinance or resolution is first approved in writing by the Department of Transportation. Parking shall not be permitted unless there are signs in place, as may be necessary, to indicate the provisions of local ordinances or the order of the Department of Transportation.

(l) In front of or upon that portion of a curb that has been cut down, lowered, or constructed to provide wheelchair accessibility to the sidewalk.

(m) In a portion of a highway that has been designated for the exclusive use of public transit buses.

(n) (1) (A) Within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of any marked or unmarked crosswalk or within 15 feet of any crosswalk where a curb extension is present.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), a local authority may establish a different distance if both of the following requirements are met:

(i) A local authority establishes the different distance by ordinance that includes a finding that the different distance is justified by established traffic safety standards.

(ii) A local authority has marked the different distance at the intersection using paint or a sign.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a local authority may permit commercial vehicle loading or unloading within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of any marked or unmarked crosswalk or within 15 feet of any crosswalk where a curb extension is present if both of the following requirements are met:

(A) A local authority authorizes the commercial vehicle loading and unloading by ordinance and identifies the crosswalk or crosswalks in the ordinance.

(B) A local authority has marked the commercial loading and unloading areas with paint or signage.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a local authority may permit parking for bicycles or motorized scooters within 20 feet of a crosswalk.

(4) Prior to January 1, 2025, jurisdictions may only issue a warning, and shall not issue a citation, for a violation unless the violation occurs in an area marked using paint or a sign.

## **SEC. 2.**

If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

# Vehicle Code section 22514

No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle within 15 feet of a fire hydrant except as follows:

**(a)**

If the vehicle is attended by a licensed driver who is seated in the front seat and who can immediately move such vehicle in case of necessity.

**(b)**

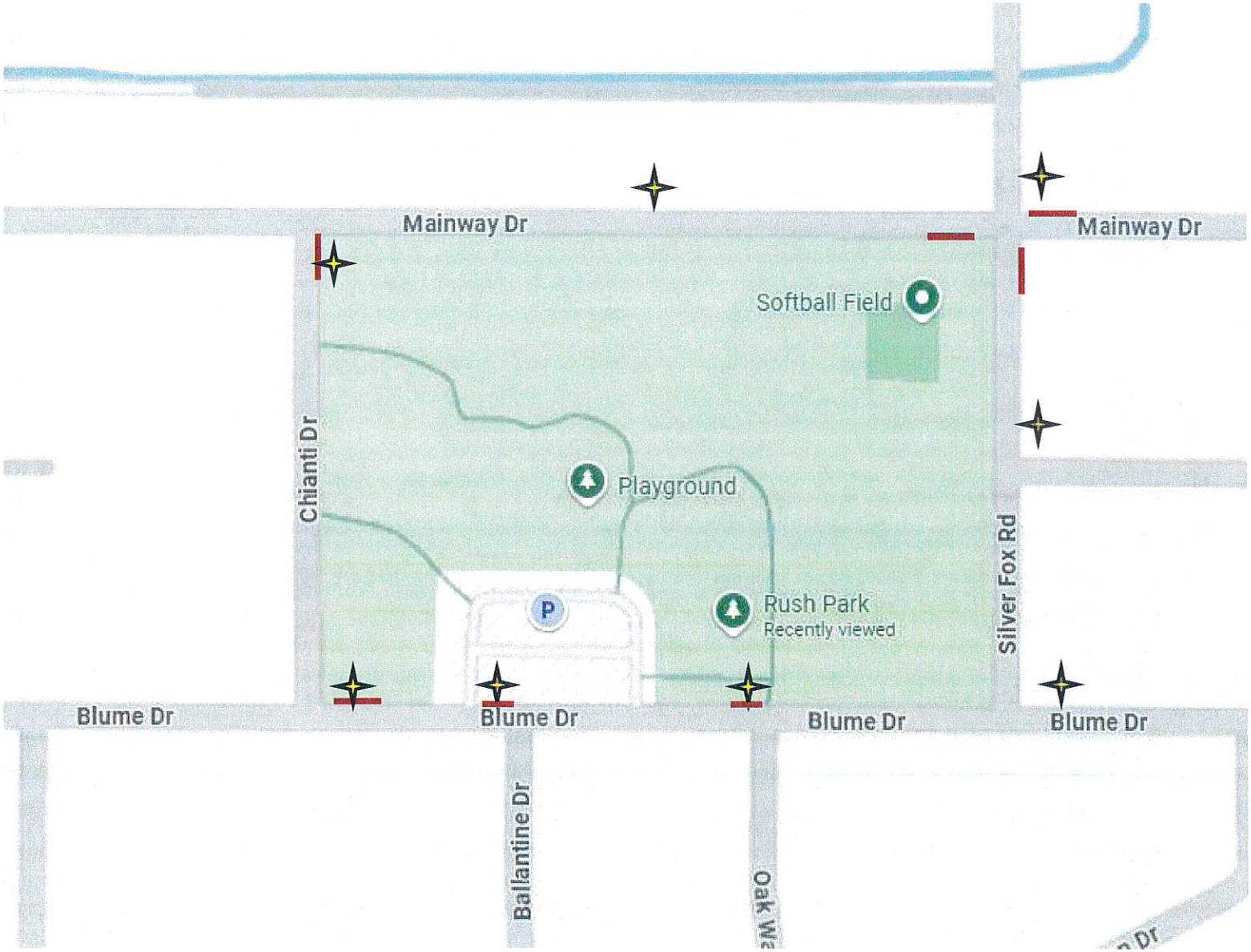
If the local authority adopts an ordinance or resolution reducing that distance. If the distance is less than 10 feet total length when measured along the curb or edge of the street, the distance shall be indicated by signs or markings.

**(c)**

If the vehicle is owned or operated by a fire department and is clearly marked as a fire department vehicle.

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Source: Section 22514, [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=VEH&ionNum=22514](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=VEH&ionNum=22514). (updated Jan. 1, 1987; accessed Jul. 21, 2025).



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Field 1

Basketball Court

Pemberton Rd

Foster Rd

Rossmoor Park

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Wallingsford Rd