

Suggested Proposals:

1. Enforcement by APA from 8 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday; Saturday 8 am to 3 pm; no enforcement on Sunday; excluding parking decks owned by the Parking Authority. Zucal, Santos, Gerlach, Affa, Mota.
2. Remove car inspection and expired registration enforcement from APA enforcement because they are state violations. Proposed Zucal, Santos, Gerlach, Mota.
3. Prohibit tickets if person is actively engaged in a delivery or drop off within a three-minute time frame. Councilperson Gerlach, Zucal, Santos, Affa, Mota, Napoli.
4. Internal Policy – 24/7 dispatch to response to residents' complaint rather than police respond – limited officers just to respond to complaints - Gerlach, Affa, Mota, Napoli.

Questions:

1. How does the proposed alley obstruction changes relate to/conflict with the state code from a legal standpoint, from a policy standpoint based on the fire chief's recommendation and does the city assume any liability or associated risks with allowing the alley to be obstructed in any manner?

From the Fire Chief:

Can you forward us any information on any international, federal, or state fire codes or general 'professional' recommendations that apply or deal with unobstructed emergency vehicle access on roads as it relates to street width, parking vehicles, etc. [2018 International Fire Code](#)

How would changing the clearance width from 20 feet to 12 feet on streets, and allowing parking, impact access to residential and commercial properties in the event of an emergency?

[Here was my response to Councilman Napoli:](#)

[I did some research and spoke to Public Works Director Mark Shahda and here is my response to your request. Since the largest of our alleyways measure at most 14' feet wide, that is already 6' less than what is required by the 2018 International Fire Code:](#)

[503.2.1 Dimensions. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet \(6096 mm\), exclusive of shoulders, except for approved security gates in accordance with Section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches \(4115 mm\).](#)

[503.4 Obstruction of fire apparatus access roads. Fire apparatus access roads shall not be obstructed in any manner, including the parking of vehicles. The minimum widths and clearances established in Sections 503.2.1 and 503.2.2 shall be maintained at all times.](#)

[Also take into consideration that the average vehicle width is nearly 6' and SUVs are on average 6.5', I just cannot see how we can get a fire truck, which averages nearly 8.5' in width down an alley way without potentially being obstructed. This can also affect the expedient response of an ambulance which averages between 7-8', dependent on the manufacturer.](#)

It is to be understood that the code is specific to new construction, but we must take into consideration that most of our fires occur in older construction that does not have the fire protection required for new construction.

From the Public Works Director: The width of our city streets ranges anywhere between 20 feet and 36 feet, with the majority being 36 feet wide. Our alleys are between 10 and 14 feet wide, with the majority being 14.