

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** APRIL 22, 2009

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

**BY:** RAMIRO ADEVA, CITY ENGINEER

**SUBJECT:** APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF “NO PARKING 7AM – 4PM” SIGNS, AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 09-1523, MODIFYING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF FOOTHILL DRIVE, FROM DRIVER AVENUE TO EAST PROPERTY LINE OF 28353 FOOTHILL DRIVE.

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Multiple concerns have been expressed about the numerous Agoura High students parking along Foothill Drive, between Driver Avenue and Toth Place. On a regular school day, students are responsible for approximately 70-80 cars lining both sides of Driver Avenue, which has created excessive congestion for the residents on that roadway, as well as safety concerns regarding compromised line-of-site.

Staff has met with the Agoura High administration and the school’s Associate Student Body (ASB) to discuss alternatives to address this issue. As part of those discussions, staff suggested solutions the high school should consider to alleviate the parking problem. These include adding more parking onsite, utilizing available curbside parking on Argos Street, possible agreement with the Agoura Bible Fellowship on Foothill Drive to use their parking lot during school hours, as well as a possible agreement with the Annandale Home Owner’s Association (HOA) to allow parking in the open lot across the street from the school’s main office on Driver Avenue.

The school has expressed that adding more parking onsite would not be an option because it would interfere with some of their outdoor programs. However, they were open to seeking agreements with either the Agoura Bible Fellowship and/or Annandale HOA for additional parking. In addition, Argos Street, between Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Conejo View Drive, has approximately 70-75 curbside spaces available for immediate parking. (See Exhibit “B”) Although this would add traffic to Argos Street, staff feels the impact from a circulation standpoint would be significantly less than what currently exists on Foothill Drive, namely because Argos Street is a “collector” which has higher capacity to handle traffic volumes than a “residential” street such as Foothill Drive.

Prohibiting parking on Foothill Drive, during select hours, results in the need for a Permit Parking Program that the City would establish and administer. Decals will be fabricated and distributed to the residents along Foothill Drive so that residents and their guests will still be allowed to park on the street during school hours.

Staff recommends that the official parking restrictions take effect at the start of the 2009-2010 academic school year. This would allow a smooth transition and implementation of the parking

restrictions since there are only 2 months left in the current school year. Also, the additional time would afford the school administration and ASB to adequately inform the students of the parking restrictions, and give staff time to set up the Permit Parking Program.

With City Council approval, new regulatory signs would be installed by the Los Angeles County Public Works Department a few weeks before the 2009-2010 academic school year. The limits of the new signage would be between Driver Avenue and 28353 Foothill Drive. In addition, the Lost Hills Sheriff's Traffic Division will be notified of the changes, allowing for immediate enforcement of the new restrictions.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council approve the installation of "No Parking 7am – 4pm" signs, and adopt Resolution No. 09-1523, which will cause the implementation of the new parking restrictions along Foothill Drive, between Driver Avenue and the east property line of 28353 Foothill Drive.

Attachment:     Resolution No. 09-1523  
                  Exhibit "A"  
                  Exhibit "B"  
                  Letter to Foothill Drive Residents

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-1523**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON FOOTHILL DRIVE, BETWEEN DRIVER AVENUE AND THE EAST PROPERTY LINE OF 28353 FOOTHILL DRIVE**

WHEREAS, public concern has been expressed for the need to establish a parking policy that restricts vehicles from parking between the hours of 7am to 4pm on school days; and

WHEREAS, the City's Traffic Engineer has determined there is a need to implement a parking policy to prevent students from parking their vehicles between the hours of 7am to 4pm on school days to increase safety and decrease congestion on this residential street during these hours; and,

WHEREAS, Section 22507 of the California Vehicle Code permits local authorities to restrict parking on streets under their jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Traffic Engineer is recommending that "No Parking 7am-4pm" signs be installed to mitigate the public's concerns; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills adopt Resolution No. 09-1523, establishing "No Parking" restrictions during the hours of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Foothill Drive, between Driver Avenue and the east property line of 28353 Foothill Drive, on school days only.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2009, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:           ( )  
NOES:           ( )  
ABSTAIN:       ( )  
ABSENT:        ( )

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Dennis Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk

# Exhibit "A"

## No Parking Signs on Foothill Drive



# Exhibit "B"

## Argos Drive - Curbside Parking





April 10, 2009

*"Gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area"*

### Installation of "No Parking" Signs on Foothill Drive

Dear Resident:

The City of Agoura Hills has received complaints from multiple residents regarding the problem of high school students parking their cars (approximately 70-80 cars) along Foothill Drive during a school day, resulting in safety concerns for the City.

In light of this, staff intends to make a recommendation at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting to approve the installation of "No Parking" signs along Foothill Drive. The signs would prohibit parking between school hours only. As a result, a Permit Parking Program would need to be established and administered by the City, ensuring that residents and their visitors are able to continue parking on the street during school hours.

Due to timing constraints with officially approving the "No Parking" policy, ordering and installing the signs, and in order to effectively communicate and enforce the imminent parking restrictions to the students, the City has decided to wait until the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. This will allow ample time for students to consider their parking plans for next year, gives the school more time to consider additional options to alleviate the parking problem, and allows the City time to order parking decals that will be distributed to the homeowners on Foothill Drive as part of the Permit Parking Program.

The City has taken steps over the past year to voice the concerns of the public to the school, and has suggested they consider addressing their parking issue by providing more parking onsite. In addition, other alternatives have been discussed which include informing their students about available curbside parking on Argos Street, pursuing an agreement with Agoura Bible Fellowship for use of their parking lot during school hours, and/or pursuing an agreement with the Annondale Home Owner's Association to use the lot across the street from the school's main office for additional parking spaces.

Since this is a problem that directly affects you, we are interested in any feedback you have on this matter. If you would like to share your comments, you can call me directly at (818) 597-7353 or email at [radeva@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us](mailto:radeva@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us). In addition, you are welcome to speak about any thoughts or concerns on this matter at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall and begin at 7:00pm.

Looking forward to any feedback you may have.

Sincerely,



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C: Greg Ramirez, City Manager  
Nathan Hamburger, Assistant City Manager  
Phil Brooks, Traffic Sgt, Lost Hills Sheriff