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### **INTRODUCTION**

Curb markings, which are most often used to indicate parking restrictions, are regulated by the California Vehicle Code, the California *Manual on Uniform Traffic Controls* and the City of Compton's Municipal Code (Section 12-3).

The City of Compton Municipal Code has identified five curb markings, representing different types of parking restrictions, as follows:

1. Red – No Stopping/Parking Any Time Zone
2. Green – Time-Limited Parking Zone
3. Yellow – Commercial Loading Zone
4. White – Passenger Loading Zone
5. Blue – Accessible Parking for Disabled Persons (see separate policy)

This policy and procedures, for red, green, yellow and white curb markings, were developed to meet the needs of the community while following standard practices for installation of curb markings. It is the responsibility of the Public Works Department to maintain all infrastructure in the public right-of-way. This includes the installation and maintenance of curb markings in the City. The City's Traffic Authority or designated representative is authorized to determine and mark these painted curbs in accordance with the City of Compton's Municipal Code. For determining on-street parking, the City Engineer is the Traffic Authority's designated representative.

### **POLICY**

The objective of this policy is to identify the procedures and approval criteria associated with the installation of curb markings. The evaluation of all curb markings shall be performed by the City Engineer to ensure the installation is in accordance with the engineering standards and the City's Municipal Code. An excerpt from the City of Compton Municipal Code regarding parking prohibitions and curb markings is attached for reference.

Curb markings installed without approval of the City will not be permitted. These installations will be removed by the Public Works Department, and the cost of the removal will be charged to the responsible party.

## **Curb Marking Designations**

Each type of curb marking and the related parking restrictions are described below.

### **Red Curb – No Stopping/No Parking Any Time Zone**

Red curb represents a no-stopping/no-standing/no-parking any time zone, where neither parking, standing nor stopping is allowed at any time. Red indicates no stopping, no standing, or no parking at any time whether the vehicle is attended or unattended; except that a bus may stop in a red zone marked or signed as a bus zone. No-stopping/no-standing/no-parking zones can be installed in any area of the City where the presence of vehicles stopped, standing or parked at the curb creates an unsafe situation for vehicular, pedestrian and/or bicycle traffic.

Red curb is usually installed adjacent to corners of an intersection of public roads to maintain safe and efficient vehicular maneuverability and/or sight distance, where streets may be too narrow for a vehicle to safely pass. Red curb may also be installed adjacent to crosswalks to provide adequate visibility of pedestrians in the crosswalk. If the space between two driveways is too small to accommodate a passenger vehicle, red curb may be installed to prevent parked vehicles from blocking the driveways. These locations are considered critical Red Zones, where parking restrictions are necessary to maintain a safe roadway and traffic conditions, as determined by the City Engineer.

Red curb can also include areas within 15 feet of fire hydrants, however, since this area is already regulated by the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 22514 there is not usually a need for it to be marked as a red curb.

### **Private Driveway Clearance**

The installation of red curb adjacent to a driveway is used to discourage vehicles from parking too close and blocking driveways, and to increase visibility and access in and out of the driveways. At the request of the fronting property owner/resident, red curb may be installed on either side of a driveway to keep parked vehicles at a sufficient distance away from the driveway edges to facilitate access into and out of the driveway. Parking restrictions of red curb adjacent to driveways is enforceable, just as any other no-parking zone in the City. Any vehicle, including that of the property owner/resident, can be cited for parking in the red zone.

Typically, a residential driveway clearance consists of three to five feet of red paint on either side of a driveway. If the requested red curb extends towards a neighbor's driveway then an authorization letter is required from the adjacent neighbor. In evaluating each red curb request, the City must balance the issue of maintaining access in and out of the driveway while providing sufficient curb space for on-street parking. In a situation where the red curb installation results in an insufficient length to park a vehicle, then the City

may install additional red curb. There are limited situations where the length of red curb can be adjusted on a case-by-case basis.

For red curb requests adjacent to a multi-unit residence or business and/or commercial driveways, the property owner/manager or representative is required to submit an authorization letter stating they are in accordance with the red curb request.

### **Green Curb – Time-Limited Parking Zone**

Green curb represents parking limited to a short period of time. Time-limited parking zones are areas where the length of time a vehicle can remain parked in a particular space is limited to a specific duration and are typically installed in commercial areas. Green curb is often installed where unrestricted curb space in front of a particular business is used for long-term parking during most of the day, limiting access to the business. Green curb is intended to create parking turnover and prevent motorists from monopolizing on-street parking for an extended time. Green zones are open to all members of the public.

As defined in the City of Compton Municipal Code, Section 12-3.6.a.4, green curb means no standing or parking for longer than 20 minutes at a time from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, any day except Sunday.

The City of Compton does not reserve on-street parking for individuals. Green curb does not constitute “personal reserved parking,” and, is available for all vehicles during the specified time limit as designated by signs and curb markings.

Green zones are designated by painting the curb green, with the time limit either stenciled onto the green curb in white letters and/or shown on signs.

### **Yellow Curb – Commercial Loading Zone**

Yellow curb designates parking areas that allow for temporary parking for the sole purpose of loading and unloading freight and/or passengers. Loading zones may be established where the City Engineer has determined the lack of a loading zone would create a safety hazard for the traveling public and no practical alternative exists. Loading zones are typically placed in commercial areas near the entrance to a business with high loading demand or in front of a place used for the purpose of public assembly.

As defined in the City of Compton Municipal Code, Section 12-3.6.a.4, yellow zone loading or unloading activities are limited to 20 minutes for materials to/from commercial vehicles and the delivery of United States mail, and 3 minutes for passengers. Loading zones are in force from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM of any day except Sunday.

The City’s Municipal Code also authorizes the Traffic Authority to determine and mark loading zones and passenger loading zones at any place in the Central Traffic District or

any business district, and elsewhere in front of the entrance to any place of business or in front of any hall or place used for the purpose of public assembly. In no event shall more than ½ of the total curb length in any block be reserved for loading zone purposes exclusive of the passenger loading zones at the entrance to public theaters.

The City of Compton does not reserve on-street parking for individuals. Yellow zones do not constitute “personal reserved parking,” and, are available for all commercial vehicles or motor trucks for loading and unloading of materials, goods, or merchandise, and for passenger loading.

On-street yellow zones are designated by painting the curb yellow, with the time limit either stenciled onto the yellow curb in black letters.

### **White Curb – Passenger Loading Zone**

White curb designates areas where only passenger loading activities are permitted. White means no stopping, standing, or parking for any purpose other than loading or unloading of passengers, which shall not exceed three minutes. White Zones are typically found in commercial areas, near schools, senior care facilities, senior housing, hospitals, restaurants, hotels, apartment buildings, theaters, churches, and other large places of assembly. White zones can be installed in areas where it is desirable to permanently reserve curb-space to facilitate passenger loading.

As defined in the City of Compton Municipal Code, Section 12-3.6.a.3, White zone loading activities are limited to 3 minutes the restriction is in force between 7:00 AM and 6 PM of any day except Sunday, and except as follows:

- When such zone is in front of a hotel the restrictions shall apply at all times;
- When such zone is in front of a theater the restrictions shall apply at all times except when the theater is closed.

The City of Compton does not reserve on-street parking for individuals. White zones do not constitute “personal reserved parking,” and, are available for loading and unloading only of passengers or for depositing mail in an adjacent mailbox.

On-street white zones are designated by painting the curb white, with the time limit stenciled onto the white curb in black letters.

### **Processing Fee**

When a request for a curb marking is approved, a one-time processing fee, in the amount shown on the application form, may be collected to cover field investigation, installation, maintenance and removal costs.

## **PROCEDURE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MARKED CURBS**

All requests for marked curbs shall be submitted to the City of Compton for consideration, using the City's Application for: Curb Marking (Red, Green, Yellow and White) form (attached). Supporting documentation must be submitted with the written request.

The request will be reviewed by the City Engineer for approval. In evaluating the request, the City Engineer will consider whether the applicant has demonstrated a need for the parking space that outweighs the preservation of such space for public use. In particular, the evaluation will include a field review, consideration of the applicant's needs, any impact on adjacent businesses or properties, consideration of the public's needs, the feasibility of the request, and, if indicated, the consideration of other possible measures to address the applicant's concerns.

The City Engineer will notify the applicant whether or not the request has been approved.

- If approved:
  - A one-time processing fee, in the amount noted on the application, may be collected.
  - The City will install the requested parking zone.
- If denied, the applicant will be informed which criterion/criteria was not met. The applicant may re-apply if the missing criterion/criteria is provided.

A report of the requested locations and their eligibility will be sent to the City Manager for distribution to the City Council.



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**Application for: Curb Marking (Red, Green, Yellow & White)**  
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<b>4. Parking Needs (continued):</b>		
f. For Time-Limited Parking Zones (green curb):		
1. Estimated number of customers/visitors daily: _____		
2. Estimated times of greatest usage: _____		
g. For Commercial Loading Zones (yellow curb):		
1. Typical number of pickups/deliveries daily _____		
2. Typical size and type of truck _____		
3. Estimated times of greatest usage: _____		
h. For Passenger Loading Zones (white curb):		
1. Estimated number of passenger drop-offs daily _____		
2. Estimated time of greatest usage _____		
<b>5. Landlord/Property Manager:</b>		
Name: _____		Phone Number: _____
Address: _____		
Email Address _____		
<i>I support this application and concur with the information applicant has indicated in Section 3 of this application.</i>		
Signature: _____		Date: _____
<b>6. Adjacent Property Owner:</b>		
Name: _____		Phone Number: _____
Address: _____		
Email Address _____		
<i>I support this application and concur with the installation of the described curb marking along my property frontage, as indicated in Section 2 of this application.</i>		
Signature: _____		Date: _____
<b>7. Agreement:</b>		
In submitting this application, I understand and agree to the following:		
1. Completion of this application does not guarantee approval of the installation of a marked curb.		
2. The approved installation of a green, yellow or white curb is not a parking space solely for the benefit of the requestor and is available for public use by any vehicle.		
3. The City of Compton reserves the right to deny or remove any curb marking, according to policy guidelines or for public right-of-way purposes.		
4. The City may inspect the applicant's parking area(s) for the verification of information provided herein. Applicant understands and agrees to provide access to the property upon request of City Staff.		
5. Applicant shall notify the City's Public Works Department, in writing, of any changes in the information provided on this application and if/when the space approved under this application is no longer needed.		
I, _____, hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the information provided herein is correct and agree to all items listed in Section 7 "Agreement" of this application.		
Applicant's Signature: _____		Date: _____
Please return completed application and attachments to:		
City of Compton Attention: Public Works Department, Engineering Division 205 S Willowbrook Ave Compton, CA 90220		
Or email to: <a href="mailto:contactPW@comptoncity.org">contactPW@comptoncity.org</a>		For more information, call: (310) 605-5505
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Date Received: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved, Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied, Date: _____
If Denied, reason for denial: _____		