



**Agenda Item No. 13.**

**Staff Report**

**Date:** August 26, 2015  
**To:** Mayor and Ross Town Council  
**From:** Erik Masterson, Chief of Police  
**Subject:** Council Discussion regarding prohibiting parking on one side of East Road

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends Council direct the Chief of Police to establish one side of East Road for parking to be prohibited. The uphill side of East Road (north side) is recommended to be prohibited from parking.

**Background and discussion**

A resident of East Road has complained about the ability of emergency vehicles to access the end of East Road due to vehicles parking on both sides of the narrow street. This has restricted Fire vehicles from being able to get to the end of East Road. Fire personnel have to park the engine and walk the rest of the way to the house (80-100 feet).

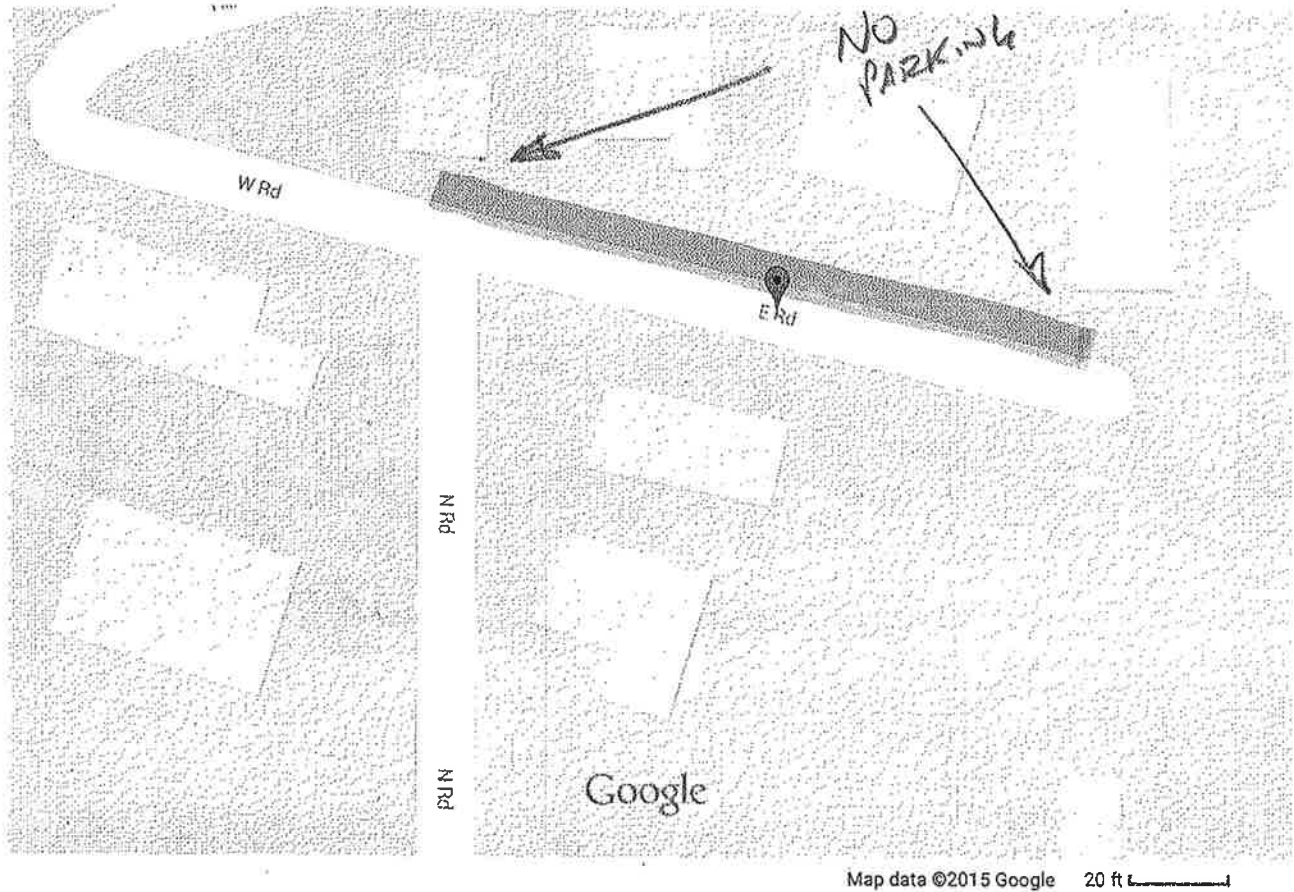
There are posted signs for 12 feet of clearance on East Road, but there are occasions where vehicles park on both sides of the road, slightly off-set, and access for emergency vehicles is restricted. It is difficult for drivers to properly estimate the 12 foot clearance when cars are off-set from one another.

The Fire Department requires unimpeded access to structures during emergencies, especially fires. In consulting with RVFD personnel about vehicle access, they stated the best availability of access to East Road would be by restricting parking on the uphill side (north side) of East Road.

I sent letters to the effected neighbors and received several replies. The majority understood that restricting parking may be required and most favored restricting the uphill side (north side) of East Road.

**Fiscal, resource and timeline impacts**

None



E Rd  
Ross, CA 94957

August 31, 2015

To: Ross Town Council

Ref: Red Curbing/East Road

Meeting: September 10, 2015

Attached is a letter and signatures regarding this issue.

Come to East Road and see our small corner of paradise.

Thank you for your considered attention to this matter.

Submitted by: Nancy K. Dunlop

#8 East Road

Ross Town Council

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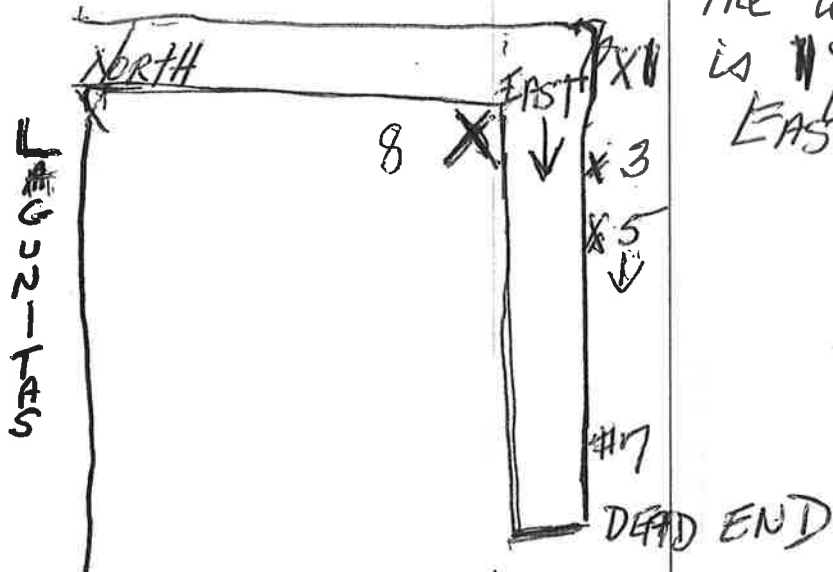
We the residents of East Road do not see a problem with the parking on East Road. The majority of the residents are pleased with the present arrangement and do not see a need to mark up the street any further or limit available parking spaces for our small road. We are easily able to come and go along the street. With ½ the residents being senior/or with physical health concerns we feel confident that emergency vehicles would easily be able to reach all of us in the event of an accident or 911 call.

Has anyone considered the overflow to North Road, because of the fewer parking spots on East Road?

We would like to go back to enjoying being residents of Ross. We understand that all of the complaints presented require follow-up although the selective annoyance and the disturbance of residents is suspicious of a single resident.

Because decisions of parking are concomitantly influential on the property values, the door is being opened to liability issues.

Cc: Ross Town Police Department



The width of North Rd is 11 ft shorter than EAST Rd.

PARKING for 180 LAGUNITAS

#5 Cassie Keim #5

#3 Debra Pell #3 East Road

# PARKING Nancy Jolly 180 Lagunitas

#8 Nancy Dunlop #8

#1 has not moved in yet.

Houses on East Road - 5  
Red Zone is for the curb in front of the 4 houses (?)

August 31 2015

What are the fundamentals involved with changing roadway signs and/or colors?

1. The entire neighborhood should be questioned as to each one's preference.
2. Everyone in the neighborhood should be apprised of what the town wants to do.
3. The town needs to embrace compromises to their agenda.
4. The town may need to offer other solutions.
5. Does the town's offering benefit the whole neighborhood or only one person?
6. If one department of the town has jurisdiction to mandate the change must they also be concerned with the preferences of the neighborhood?
7. Therefore, a group consensus rules over the one department!
8. Property values are influenced by parking decisions.

Taken from UCB Treatise on Residential Street Standards & Neighborhood Traffic Control