



Date: May 6, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Traffic Commission and
Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

By: Helen Shi, Engineering Manager | HShi@TorranceCA.Gov

Subject: Traffic Commission and Public Works – Adopt **ORDINANCE** Amending the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) Modifying Parking Restrictions on the North Side of Maricopa Street. Expenditure: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission and Public Works Director that City Council:

1. Adopt an **ORDINANCE** amending the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) Division 6 Traffic, Chapter 1 Traffic, Article 6 Stopping, Standing, and Parking - Section 61.6.33 modifying parking restrictions on the north side of Maricopa Street in the City of Torrance; and
2. Adopt an Ordinance Summary for publication.

FUNDING

None required.

DISCUSSION

In 1996, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 3420, which prohibited parking on the north side of Maricopa Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Hawaii Avenue and established a permit parking district in the Torrance Gardens area bounded by Maricopa Street, Torrance Boulevard, Maple Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard.

The Ordinance added Sections 61.6.32 and 61.6.33 to the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) to address parking challenges caused by overflow parking from the Torrance Courthouse west of Maple Avenue and large businesses on the north side of Maricopa Street that existed at that time. In 2005, the most significant business, Magnavox, was replaced by the Belmar Townhome complex (Belmar) at the northeast corner of Maricopa Street and Hawaii Avenue.

In October 2017, two residents of the Torrance Gardens area reported that Belmar residents and visitors were parking in their neighborhood, reducing available parking and violating existing permit parking restrictions outlined in the TMC. To provide a legal and more convenient parking alternative, residents suggested allowing parking along the north side of Maricopa Street in front of Belmar. This change would also enhance safety by eliminating pedestrian crossings of Maricopa Street by Belmar residents.

In November 2017, staff removed parking restriction signs along the frontage of Belmar on the north side of Maricopa Street from Hawaii Avenue to Hickory Ave, or approximately 970 feet west of Alaska Avenue (see Attachment 1 – Location Map). Observations made by staff since the change indicate the additional parking has effectively served the community by providing needed parking for the Belmar residents, reducing parking overflow into the Torrance Gardens neighborhood to the south, and improving pedestrian safety, with no apparent negative impact.

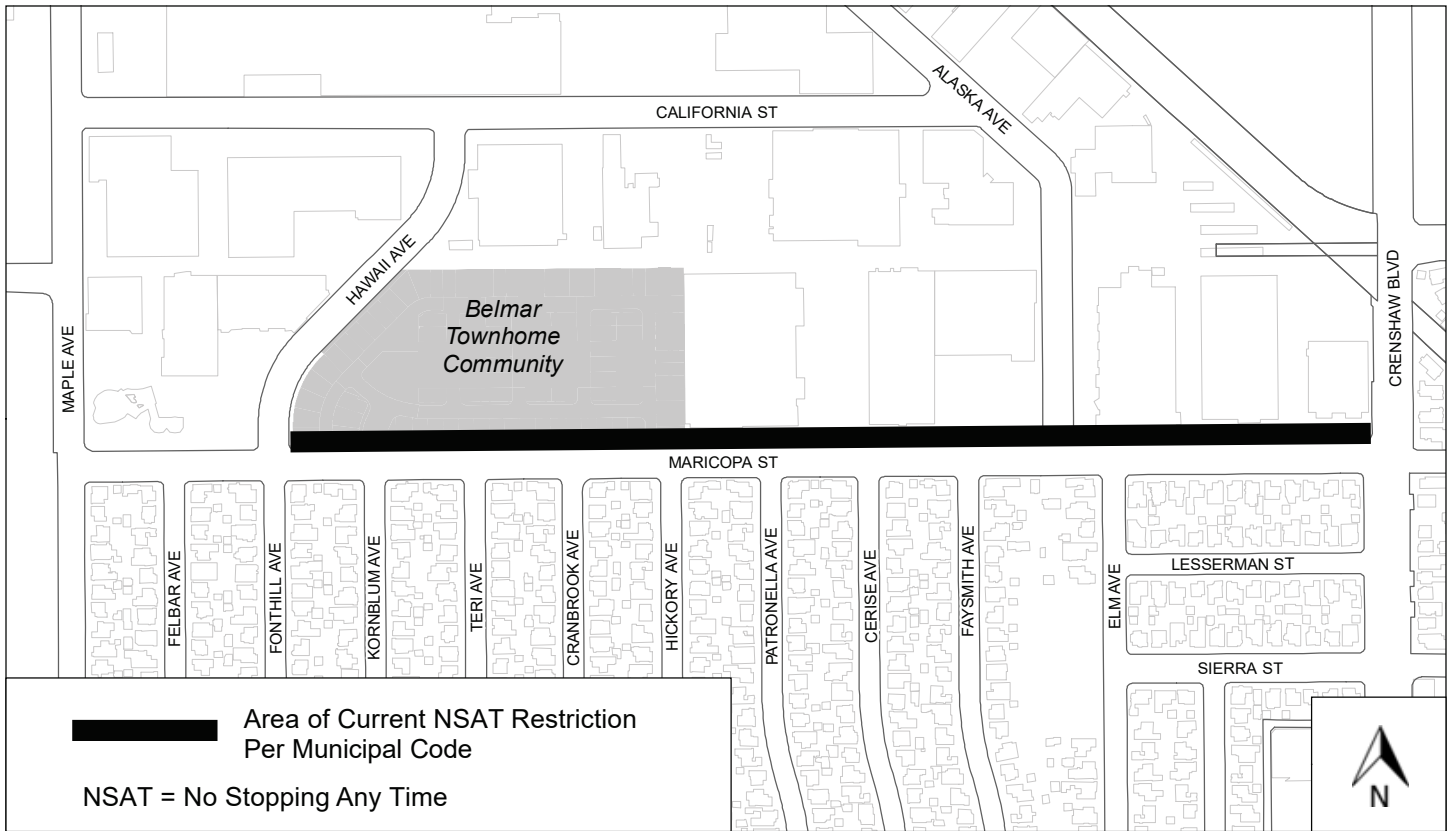
On April 2, 2018, the Traffic Commission reviewed the matter and concurred with staff's recommendation to allow parking along the north side of Maricopa Street from Hawaii Avenue to Hickory Ave.

The proposed Ordinance (Attachment 2) will remove, from the TMC, the parking restriction along the north side of Maricopa Street in front of Belmar, thereby making the TMC consistent with the current parking conditions. As with any public street in Torrance, the California Vehicle Code's 72-hour maximum parking rule will still apply. Additionally, parking on the north side of Maricopa Street from Hawaii Avenue to Hickory Ave will continue to be prohibited on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. for street sweeping. The permit parking restrictions in the Torrance Gardens area will remain unchanged.

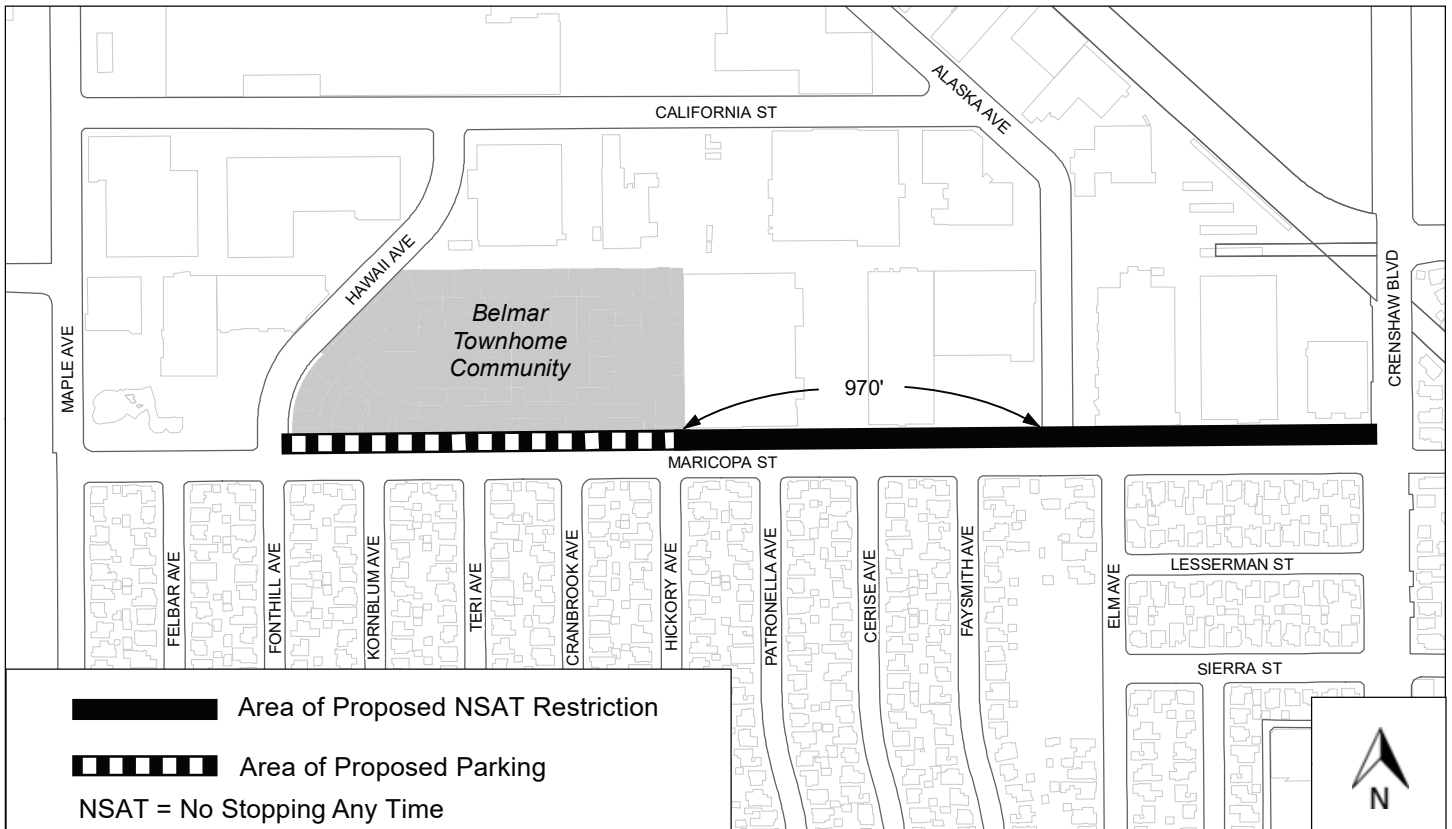
ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Map
2. Ordinance
3. Ordinance Redline
4. Ordinance Summary

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EXISTING



PROPOSED

Location Map Maricopa Street Parking

ORDINANCE NO. ____**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 61.6.33 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO NO STOPPING–MARICOPA STREET**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY TORRANCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

Section 61.6.33 of the Torrance Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“61.6.33 NO STOPPING–MARICOPA STREET.

There shall be no stopping any time along the north side of Maricopa Street, between Crenshaw Boulevard and 970 feet west of Alaska Avenue.”

SECTION 2

Any provisions of the Municipal Code or its appendices, or any other ordinances of the City of Torrance inconsistent with this ordinance to the extent of the inconsistencies and no further, are repealed.

SECTION 3

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason deemed or held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of Torrance hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or other portions might subsequently be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance will be guilty of an infraction and, upon conviction thereof, will be subject to a fine as provided in Section 36900 of the California Government Code.

SECTION 5

This ordinance will take effect thirty days after the date of its adoption. Within fifteen days following adoption, this ordinance or a summary of this ordinance, if authorized by the City Council, will be published at least once in the Daily Breeze, a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Torrance.

INTRODUCED and **APPROVED** this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ADOPTED and **PASSED** this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor George Chen

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
PATRICK Q. SULLIVAN, City Attorney

ATTEST:

By: _____
Tatia Y. Strader, Assistant City Attorney

Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk

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between Crenshaw Boulevard Blvd. and 970 feet west of Alaska Avenue. ~~Hawaii Ave.”~~

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

On May 6, 2025, the City Council of the City of Torrance adopted Ordinance No. _____ amending Section 61.6.33 of the Torrance Municipal Code. The amended Section 61.6.33 revised the Code to indicate that there shall be no stopping any time between Crenshaw Boulevard and 970 feet West of Alaska Avenue. The prior language provided for no stopping any time between Crenshaw Boulevard and Hawaii Avenue.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted the 6th day of May, 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

The full text of Ordinance No. _____ is available for inspection during regular business hours at the City Clerk's Office (3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, California 90503) Monday through Friday with alternating closed Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or at <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/city-clerk>.

DATED THIS ____ DAY OF MAY, 2025

Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
City of Torrance
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, California 90503