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## **CITY OF MONTEREY IMPLEMENTING NEW AB413 “DAYLIGHTING BILL” TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN & CYCLIST SAFETY Adds Vision Clearance at Intersections, Reduces Street Parking**

Monterey, Calif. – Beginning in 2024, the City of Monterey began implementation of the “Daylighting Bill”, [State Assembly Bill \(AB\) 413](#), with the law coming into full effect January 1, 2025. Daylighting is the practice of removing parking spaces near crosswalks and intersection to improving public safety by increasing the visibility of pedestrians and bicyclists for drivers. Daylighting is considered best practice and is frequently used tool in cities across the country.

Cars parked close to the corners of intersections can block the field of vision for drivers, obscuring the corners where pedestrians are waiting to cross the street and making it the more difficult for anyone, including drivers, trying to pass through the intersection. The City of Monterey Public Works Department is reviewing all projects in design and construction phases to ensure that they are consistent with the new State standard and will then address existing marked parking spaces to ensure they are in compliance.

Engineering Assistant Marissa Garcia explains, “Every intersection is affected by the new State law; however, many intersections currently have signage or markings which are consistent with the newly adopted law.”

“We wanted to start early to get the word out to the community about these changes coming to on-street parking,” said Parking Superintendent Cristie Steffy. “We have a year to create

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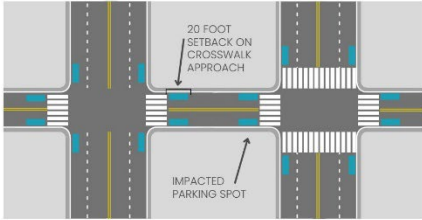
awareness and understanding of the new parking rules before motorists will begin getting cited for non-compliance.”

Prior to January 1, 2025, citations can be issued to vehicles in violation where it is marked or signed. Warnings may be given to those in violation but in unmarked areas. After January 1, 2025, citations can be issued to any vehicle in violation. No additional red curb or signs are required.

*This information is posted on the City’s website at [monterey.gov/traffic](http://monterey.gov/traffic) and [monterey.gov/parking](http://monterey.gov/parking).*

## NEW CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GUIDELINES

### Vision Clearance Guidelines at Intersections



**Background**

Daylighting is improving visibility at intersections, particularly for pedestrian visibility by removing on-street parking. Daylighting is considered best practice in cities across the country. In the past, Monterey has not required daylighting intersections. That’s about to change. Implementation of State Assembly Bill (AB) 413 started January 1, 2024 and the law comes into full effect January 1, 2025.

**Why the change?**

In a word: safety. Cars parked close to the corners of intersections can block the field of vision for drivers, obscuring the corners where pedestrians are waiting to cross the street and making it the more difficult for anyone, including drivers, trying to pass through the intersection. Monterey is reviewing all projects in Design and Construction phases to ensure that they are consistent with the new State Standard. Monterey will then address existing marked parking spaces to ensure that they are consistent with the new State Standard.

**Will every intersection change?**

Yes and no. Every intersection is affected by the new State law, however many intersections currently have signage or markings which address parking and are consistent with the current standard.

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