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**From:** Suzy Cisneros [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 5, 2021 11:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON AGENDA

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council Members:

Thank you for taking time to listen to my comment. I wish to address the issue of residents in my neighborhood using Republic trash bins to reserve parking spots on the public streets.

I live on the 2800 block of [13th street](#). A considerable number of neighbors on my street leave their trash bins in the public street parking in to “reserve” the parking so nobody else parks there and they can park right in front of their houses. For instance, the house across the street has seven cars and they do this with six of their cars; however, they only have so many trash cans so they can only reserve two spots at a time. New residents moved into the house next-door to me recently and they just started doing this at the parking spot where my mom usually parks.

My mom was out of town recently and when she left, she parked her car at the corner of the street. The cars drive fast there so accidents can easily happen and she asked me to move her car there in front of the house next door when the spot was open. When it was finally open, however, the people next-door upgraded from reserving one spot with their trash can to now reserving two spots with two trash cans (which honestly makes no sense because they have a garage plus two spots in their driveway). They had one car parked in the driveway and one car parked on the lawn, so since they only have one more car to park I said to myself “OK I’m just going to move the second trash bin and park my Mom’s car there”, which I did, obviously leaving room so that they can park their third car in their first “reserved” spot.

Anyways, about an hour later when my landlord gets home, he knocks on my door and starts freaking out and threatening to kick me out for moving their trash bin because he’s afraid that the neighbors are going to come yell at him and now I am getting really frustrated with this whole trash bin parking reservation situation because:

- 1) it ends up causing problems between me and my landlord and it feels like we’re walking on eggshells here; and
- 2) I am pretty sure it’s not even legal!

Public street parking is just that, Public Parking!

According to the San Pablo Municipal Code, Section 8.12.020 - Regulations for keeping, collecting and disposing of garbage and rubbish.

“All such receptacles shall be kept in sanitary condition at all times and shall not be placed within the limits of any street or any public place in the city, except that the owner of any residential premises shall place or cause to be placed such receptacles at the curb in a location reasonably convenient for semi-automated or automated collection on the regularly scheduled collection days. No garbage and recycling receptacles shall be maintained, permitted, or allowed to remain at a collection point for more than twenty-four hours before pick up or more than twenty-four hours after the scheduled pickup. Garbage and recycling receptacles in residential districts shall be stored in a manner so as not to be visible to the public.”

I called San Pablo Code Enforcement on Tuesday, August 31st at 12:37pm and left a message. I have not

received any response at this time.

I would appreciate any help you can provide to rectify this situation and allow public access to public parking, as intended.

Thank you,  
Suzy Morales  
San Pablo Resident

Sent from my iPhone