



# City of Oregon City

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## Staff Report

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**To:** City Commission

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**From:** Public Works Director John Lewis

**File Type:** Presentation

### **SUBJECT:**

Proposed Regulatory Signage and Prohibition of On Street Parking for Creed Street & Promontory Avenue

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):**

For information Staff will present the City Commission with information regarding the proposal to install street bollards and regulatory signage at the Promontory Avenue and Creed Street Overlook.

### **Background**

The Promontory Avenue and Creed Street Overlook is a longstanding community asset providing one of the City's most prominent public vista. Unfortunately over the last two years the area best known as the Overlook has been troubled with nuisance and vandalism. Neighbors have witnessed and reported a variety of criminal activity as well as intimidating behavior that is impacting the livability of the area.

At the January 16th City Commission Meeting representatives from the Creed Street area including representatives from the Rivercrest Neighborhood spoke under public comment where they also presented a letter and pictures of evidence of some of the more recent vandalism. In response to the public comment, the Mayor directed the City Manager to hold a meeting with the neighborhood representatives, the Police Chief, Public Works Director, Community Services Director, and City Commissioner Frank O'Donnell and to work through to a proposal to resolve the ongoing and regular nuisance and vandalism.

On January 31, 2019 the Staff met with Rivercrest Neighborhood Representatives and discussed several ideas that could be implemented at the Promontory Overlook area and concluded that the best first step to improving the conditions would be to prohibit the on street parking along Creed Street. The general consensus was the problem behavior plays out when outsiders not living in the immediate area drive to the Overlook and park and loiter with no good purpose other than to hang around being loud and behaving badly. While some of these outsiders may walk to the site and meet others, the thought is that elimination of parking on Creed Street will send a message that the area is open to pedestrians but discouraged to those not from the immediate area who prefer to drive through the neighborhood, park on Creed Street and loiter in and around the comfort of their vehicle.

Staff proposes the installation of a line of removable bollards at the overlook to eliminate the parking area, install regulatory signage, and continue to enforce state laws and the Oregon City Municipal Code. The bollards will be marked clearly so that they will be visible day or night and signage will be posted sufficiently to leave no question that parking is prohibited and violation of law will be strictly enforced. The bollards will be locked in place but designed to be removable if and when the City decides to re-open the area for public parking.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

Amount: \$15,000 - Street Fund.

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