

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 1984

INSTALLATION OF  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH SIGNS

Agenda item K-5 - Installation of Neighborhood Watch Signs was introduced by Chief of Police Williams who reported that with regard to Council's request for a staff study and report on Neighborhood Watch signs, the following options are being proposed. (It should be noted that in contacting other cities, the process is different in each).

Option One: A Neighborhood Watch group, once established and meeting criteria for signing, would apply to the Police Department for a sign. An authorization would be sent to Public Works who would furnish and install the sign at no cost to the Neighborhood Watch group.

Cost: On existing post approx. \$27.00  
If new post, approx. \$100.00

Option Two: Same as above but the Neighborhood Watch group would pay all expenses.

Cost: Same as above, but no cost to City

Option Three: The group would purchase the sign and the City would install.

Cost: To City, existing pole, \$15.00  
Set new post \$75.00

Option Four: The group would furnish and install the sign on private property at no cost to the City. Both Mr. Ronsko and Chief Williams oppose this option as there would be little if any uniformity.

Cost: No cost to City

Option Five: The group would furnish the sign and Public Works would install at no cost if there were an existing pole. If not, the group would pay the City for the cost of the pole and installation.

Cost: To group, approx. \$87.00

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Chief Williams recommendation would be Option Number Three with the resident purchasing the sign and Public Works installing it. This requires some commitment on the part of the Neighborhood Watch group without causing a hardship possibly discouraging groups from joining the program. Second recommendation would be Option Number Five, however, the added cost will discourage some groups.

In order to reduce the cost of the signs, the City could purchase in bulk and sell signs to the group. This would also insure uniformity of signs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING A NEIGHBORHOOD

1. There must be an active Neighborhood Watch group which has been established in conjunction and participation with the Lodi Police Department Crime Prevention Officers.
2. All members of the group must have participated in Operation ID by marking their possessions with their California Drivers License or ID Card number. Marking equipment is available through the Police Department.
3. The Neighborhood Watch Block Captain will request permission to have the block posted. The request should be in writing and directed to the Crime Prevention Officer who started the group. The Crime Prevention Officer receiving the request will certify that #1 and #2 above have been met and will forward the request to the Police Lieutenant in charge of Crime Prevention - who will make a recommendation as to the location of the sign and forward same to Public Works.
4. There will only be one sign for each Neighborhood Watch group.
5. The sign will be the 12" x 18" size.
6. Signs will be posted in accordance to policy adopted by the Lodi City Council.

A lengthy discussion followed with questions being directed to Staff and to Chief Williams.

Following discussion, on motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Hinchman, Reid second, Council authorized that for the installation of neighborhood watch signs in a particular area, that for the first sign, the neighborhood watch group would purchase the sign and the City would install the sign. If the "group" wished to install additional signs in the particular area, after the first sign, the Neighborhood Watch group would have to pay for the sign and installation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	DATE November 2, 1984	NO.
SUBJECT Installation of Neighborhood Watch Signs		Floyd A. Williams Chief of Police

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