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Re: Town of Townsend Parking Concerns

Dear Resident,

The Town of Townsend is writing due to the concern for public safety that the Townsend Fire Company has brought to our attention. Based on a presentation at the September 2022 Public Safety meeting and a report received from the Townsend Fire Company, it has been determined that there are various streets within the Town, which present a concern for fire trucks responding to emergencies, especially if vehicles are parked on both sides of the streets. The Town of Townsend Public Safety Committee and Town Council are reviewing options to address these concerns and would like to make residents aware of these concerns.

The following streets present the largest areas of concern for emergency vehicles to respond when parking is made on the curves of the street or on both sides of the street:

- Townsend Village I:
 - o Edgar Road
 - Hugh Circle
 - Jamie Lane
 - Merle Lane
 - o Tracy Circle
- Townsend Village II:
 - Barcus Court
 - Buker Court
 - Collins Court
 - Esch Street
 - East Founds St
 - West Founds St.
 - Hanson Court

- o Karins Blvd.
- Margist Court
- o Melvin Court
- South Street
- **Townsend Station**
 - Mayfield Lane

The Town of Townsend respectfully requests all Town residents and visitors of residents to be mindful of your neighbors and public safety when parking your vehicles. Please be mindful of the following items in order to ensure safe parking on our Town streets:

- Do not park on curbs.
- Do not park on sidewalks.
- Do not double park vehicles; especially on narrow streets.
- Do not park directly across from a vehicle parked on the opposite side of the street.
- Do not park where parking is prohibited.

Please also be advised that parking is prohibited within the following measurements:

- 30 feet from stop signs.
- 20 feet from intersections.

- 15 feet from fire hydrants.
- 10 feet from crosswalks.

Please also keep in mind regulations for parking requirements, found in the Townsend Municipal Code, which can be viewed at 16.04_Stopping_And_Parking_Regulations. Be advised that the Townsend Police Department will be enforcing all motor vehicle violations.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding of this matter and effort to ensure public safety in the Town of Townsend. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Town Hall at 302-378-8082 or via email at atantillo@townsend.delaware.gov.

Sincerely,

Antonina Tantillo, MPA Joshua Mertz, PHD Eschalla Clarke
Town Manager, Councilman, Councilwoman,
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