

To the Ledyard Town Council
December 14, 2022

Dear Members of the Town Council,

I am concerned about the proposed changes to Parking Ordinance #300-027, both as a private citizen and as a small business owner. I understand that there are concerns that you are trying to address, but I would like to see narrower language used to address them.

I think the time restriction proposed in Section 6d should be changed from no parking in front of a residence after normal business hours to “no more than 48 hours” or “no more than 72 hours”. I have a landscaping business which I run from my home. For over 320 days of the year, my vehicles are parked on my property, far from the street. Occasionally, though, I need to leave my trailer attached to my van overnight if, for example, I have it loaded with mulch for the next morning or if it is full of brush for the transfer station on a day when the transfer station isn’t open. If the new restrictions are passed, and I can’t park on the street overnight I will have to back the trailer down my 200 foot driveway, which will be a hardship.

I have also seen a number of projects done in my neighborhood where companies leave vehicles for a few days, and I accept that as the most convenient and inexpensive way for them to do their jobs.

Secondly, I think Section 6a should be removed. Occasionally people need to park in the street overnight, especially during holidays, and there is nothing wrong with that. Because this restriction is only for December through March, it is apparently for snow removal, which is already addressed in Section 6b, the emergency parking ordinance.

In conclusion, I would like to see narrower language added to the ordinance to address nuisance parking issues. Please keep the ordinance both citizen and small business friendly.

Thank you,

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