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The Ledyard Town Council

RE: Ordinance #300-027

While the above ordinance is being revisited, I would appreciate the following to be taken into consideration. There are a multitude of issues regarding on-street parking on Flintlock Road. These affect safety, traffic flow, convenience and create hazardous conditions.

There are 172 apartments (min. 1-2 cars each) 37 mobile homes (approved for 80) and 4 houses on a road that is .4 of a mile long.

In the winter, multiple vehicles continue to be parked on the road in multiple areas (at all hours) including before, during & after it's snowing. The plow is unable to remove snow in front of the residential driveways and other areas of the road leaving hazardous road conditions. It is extremely rare for any vehicle to be ticketed or towed when in violation of any section of this ordinance.

Flintlock Road is a public road, not a private road owned by Fox Run, and should be treated as such. The entire road should have no parking. Daily on-street parking of multiple cars is an unnecessary burden to all residents traveling on Flintlock Road. Other residents and visitors have expressed the same concerns.

It is the town's responsibility to facilitate the necessary changes. Over the past 16 years, I have tried to address the multitude of issues created by on-street parking, but haven't received any regard toward these concerns. After many attempts, it's apparent that if someone doesn't have to live with it daily, there's an indifference and lack of concern.

There is sufficient off-street, private parking available for everyone. On-road parking is not a necessity. This isn't the middle of a city, but feels like it. Some vehicles sit unused for days. There are 2 parking spaces per apartment in the parking lots & an overflow lot for all visitors/additional vehicles. Each time there is tenant turnover, the same issues continue year after year. As the photos show, there are *numerous empty parking spaces* in the lots, proving it's not out of any necessity.

On-street parking of multiple vehicles creates numerous safety issues & unnecessary hazards not limited to the examples below:

Blocking of sight lines creating an inability to see children, people walking/biking, other vehicles, etc. Pedestrians (children) walk out from between the parked vehicles and can't be seen until the last minute.

Tenants park 4-7+ vehicles deep on both sides of my driveway, as well as directly across. It's almost impossible at times to get in/out of my driveway, let alone see other vehicles or people. This creates a concern emergency vehicles won't have proper access with vehicles parked all over the road.

On a daily basis, vehicles are forced to drive in the middle of the road or completely on the wrong side for an unsafe length of time (then add another vehicle coming the opposite direction, or speeding) and it becomes even more dangerous.

Vehicles leaving the 55+ community turn out of Cliff St. and drive on the wrong side until reaching the top of the street (due to the parked vehicles). This forces the vehicles already driving or turning onto the road to completely stop or drive over the curb to avoid being hit while in the proper lane.

There are many additional issues such as garbage pickup and mail delivery impeded due to cars parked too close to the driveway, blocking access to the utility right-of-way. Parking on my lawn, on the curbs causing damage, as well throwing garbage from the parked cars into my yard.

It's frustrating and dangerous.

I'd like the Town Council to consider:

Vehicles in violation of all sections of the ordinance, be continually ticketed or towed until the ordinance is followed. Currently, this is rarely enforced.

Extend the hours of no winter parking to an earlier time.

A serious consideration to implement "No Parking" for the entire road. Tenant parking in existing parking areas would alleviate a majority of all issues.

At minimum, "No Parking" signs within 20 feet of the residential driveways (both sides). This already exists for all other entrances and exits onto Flintlock, but not the driveways for the residential houses. The houses didn't exist when the street signage was originally implemented.

I've been a resident of Ledyard for decades and have owned my current home for over 16 years. These issues, as well as many others related to on-street parking, have been a continual frustration on a daily basis, year after year. While the apartments are temporary for the tenants, this is my permanent home.

I have included some photos that show some examples. My videos wouldn't load but show more detail on how dangerous it gets to drive on the road.

Thank you for addressing the concerns stated and your consideration. I hope there will be positive action and resolution.

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