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Jim Kalb, Mayor
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Re: Reported Storage of Vehicles and Nuisance Concerns at Buena Vista Lane

This letter is to report and document concerns expressed by your constituents living in the 3rd Ward. Residents have stated the parking and storage of vehicles in various stages of disrepair, camper, motor home, temporary sheds, and building improvements at 3224 Simpson Street, 1204 Buena Vista Lane, and 1206 Buena Vista Lane are creating an environment for unsafe vehicular traffic and blighted conditions. I am requesting you engage the appropriate departments to scrutinize and resolve these issues appropriately.

I have enclosed dated photographs concerning the existing parking and storage of the vehicles at the above locations. The Codified Ordinance *351.19 Limitations of Parking in Residential Districts* is referenced for appropriateness. Note this section states a camping vehicle may not be parked for a period not to exceed 48 hours in front of a building line. For longer periods, such equipment shall be stored behind the building line. In a residential district where a lot will not allow storage behind the building line, a variance of this requirement may be issued by the Building Department if abutting property owners have no objections. I have also enclosed dated photographs concerning the existing temporary sheds and current improvements at 3224 Simpson Street.

I appreciate the concerns expressed by our constituents and I am seeking prompt resolution to these issues. Contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Council

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cc: w/enclosure

Constituents of the 3rd Ward
Bill Beaumont, City Engineer
Charles Horner, Police Chief
Bob Gambill, 3rd Ward Traffic Committee Member
Traffic Committee
David Kuhn, Solicitor
Jo Ann Aeh, Clerk (Record)

351.18 LIMITED PARKING ON MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS AND CHILlicothe STREET.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 351.18 was repealed by Ordinance 2003-92, passed September 22, 2003.)

351.19 LIMITATION OF PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

(a) The provision of parking space, either open or enclosed, for the parking or storage of vehicles in a residential or apartment zoning district shall be subject to the following:

- (1) Commercial vehicles. Not more than one truck limited to being a two-axle, four-tired pickup, panel or light truck and which has operating characteristics similar to those of a passenger car shall be allowed per one dwelling unit.
- (2) Camping vehicles, trailers and motor homes. A camping vehicle, trailer, (boat, horse, cargo or similar use), may be parked for a period not to exceed forty-eight hours in front of a building line. For longer periods, such equipment shall be stored behind the building line. No living quarters shall be maintained nor any business conducted in connection therewith while such vehicle is stored. In a residential district where a lot will not allow storage behind the building line, a variance of this requirement may be issued by the Building Department if the abutting property owners have no objections. (Ord. 2002-56. Passed 5-29-02.)
- (3) Junk vehicles. The parking or storage of junk vehicles shall be regulated as in Chapter 303.
- (4) Inoperable automobiles. Not more than one inoperable automobile shall be allowed per one dwelling unit. Such automobile shall be parked or stored only for a period not to exceed forty-eight hours unless such parking or storage space shall be enclosed by a structure, fence or otherwise protected so that the automobile cannot be entered upon or seen from an adjacent lot or street. This provision shall apply to all inoperable antique, collector's item or historical motor vehicles. (Ord. 2002-56. Passed 5-29-02.)
- (5) Unlicensed vehicles. Not more than two motor vehicles which display motor vehicle dealer's tags shall be allowed per one dwelling unit. (Ord. 1990-115. Passed 10-9-90.)

351.20 TWO-HOUR LIMITED PARKING.

(a) For any twenty-four hour period beginning at midnight and ending at the following midnight, no vehicle shall be parked for more than two hours total consecutive time in any one parking place on any of the following streets: Second St. from Chillicothe St. to Market St.; Market St. between 2nd and 3rd Streets; Chillicothe St. from 2nd to 9th Streets; Third St. from first alley west of Chillicothe St. to Third St. connector east of Chillicothe St.; 4th St. from First alley west of Chillicothe St. east to Gay St.; 5th St. from Washington St. east to Chillicothe St.; Gallia St. from Chillicothe St. east to Harvard St.; Sixth St. from Court St. east to Findlay; east side of Findlay St. from Gallia St. to 6th St. and west side of Findlay St. from 6th St. north to 7th St.; 7th St. from Court St. east to Findlay Street. (Ord. 1998-174. Passed 12-14-98.)

(b) One part-time employee will be employed and will be under the direction and supervision of the Chief of Police, to enforce parking and other code violations in the downtown area. (Ord. 2006-23. Passed 4-24-06.)



