

Dove Street Residents wrote:

Message: June 14th, 2025 Dear City of Breezy Point Officials, In recent years, there has been a semi-trailer parking on Dove Street. This truck parks in this spot anywhere from a couple of days to a week. There have been several complaints filed with Breezy Point Police regarding this semi-trailer. After speaking with Breezy Point Police, we were informed that it was perfectly legal to park this semi and its trailer on Dove Street. We would like to dispute this claim from Breezy Point Police. Typically, a street that is designed to accommodate parking has an average width of thirty-six (36') feet. Upon measuring the width of Dove Street, it was found to have a width of twenty-two (22') feet. This width is already two (2') short of the average street design that accommodates for two-way traffic without parking. It seems to be missing the additional fourteen (14') feet that is typically given to accommodate two lanes of traffic with parking accommodations. The average width of a semi-trailer is seven and half (7 1/2') feet. If the semi-trailer parks on a twenty-two (22') foot wide road, it only leaves fourteen (14') feet to accommodate two lanes of active traffic. We would also like to remind city officials that with no sidewalks available on Dove Street, many residents and guests of the city of Breezy Point utilize the sides of the roads to walk their dogs, take their morning walks, and other activities outside of a vehicle. We would also like to remind officials that the average ambulance is eight (8') feet wide and the average fire truck is eight to ten (8'-10') wide. City officials must understand that fourteen (14') feet of roadway is not enough space to accommodate two lanes of traffic and the heavy foot traffic that Dove Street experiences from both residents and tourists safely. For all of these reasons, we believe that by allowing any vehicle parking on Dove Street (or any other street with a width less than thirty-six (36') feet), the City of Breezy Point is creating hazardous road conditions for its citizens. On top of the safety concerns regarding this issue, we would also like to remind city officials that there are Minnesota statutes regarding parking on public roadways. The general consensus regarding MN Statute 169.34 is that parking in a lane of traffic is prohibited unless otherwise directed. When the semi-trailer in question parks on Dove Street, it blocks the entirety of the right lane of traffic when traveling to the east. Therefore, it is illegally parked according to MN Statute 169.34. We have also noticed, as of late, the semi-trailer has attempted to move over further into the grass of the high line area. While we appreciate the effort the driver has put forth, according to MN Statute 169.35, parking without a curb requires the vehicle to remain within the paved/improved portion of the road. If the semi-trailer is parking outside of the paved portion of the road, it is illegally parked. From our understanding, while the City of Breezy Point, as a municipality of the state of Minnesota, does have the right to make their own ordinances more restrictive than Minnesota state law, it cannot make them more lenient. For these reasons, it is our belief that the Breezy Point police department has mistakenly allowed the semi-trailer to continue to park on Dove Street. We understand the person who drives this semi-trailer is making a living, and for that we do not fault this person. It is very clear that the City of Breezy Point did not design their residential roadways to accommodate any vehicle parking, let only a semi-trailer. It is also clear there are plenty of area within the residential homes that they potentially live at to accommodate their semi-trailer. They also could seek other potential accommodations for the semi-trailer that do not require putting lives at risk. Sincerely, Some very concerned Dove Street residents