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## BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT PETITION REVIEW FORM

DATE FILED: 09-12-2023

**PETITION DESCRIPTION:**

Susan Proto, 245 Chestnut St.-request for no parking on the south side of the street adjacent to her mailbox.

PERSON/S FILING PETITION: Susan Proto

☐ LICENSE RENEWAL      ☒ NEW PETITION

**REVIEW:**

- ☐ APPROVED  
☐ CONDITIONAL APPROVAL  
☒ DENIED  
☐ FORWARD TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW

**NOTES:**

Please see attached.

REVIEWING OFFICER: Lt. Roman Wozny

DATE COMPLETED: 9-27-23

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## 245 Chestnut Street-petition review:

Susan Proto stated that her mailbox is situated across from her residence at 245 Chestnut St. and Mt. Hope High School students park their vehicles blocking her mailbox. When the mailbox is blocked, she does not receive mail delivery. In reviewing this petition, I met with the Postmaster, Tony Pavao. Mr. Pavao informed me that Chestnut Street is listed as a rural mail route, delivery via vehicle. If the mail carrier is unable to gain access to a mailbox, they will keep all undeliverable mail at the post office. Mr. Pavao stated that they need a minimum of 60 feet of unobstructed access to each mailbox for this type of delivery. From Sherry Avenue to Metacom Avenue, we have a total of 5 mailboxes on the south side of Chestnut Street.

Mr. Pavao also informed me that the homeowner could apply for a hardship permit, if approved by the Post Office, the postal carriers will be able to deliver directly to the residence. It should be noted that we do not have an ordinance or state statute for blocking a mailbox. Motorists are allowed to park at these locations without violation. A request was made to have the School Department make notification to all students, asking them to be mindful not to block mailboxes on Chestnut Street. After reviewing this petition and meeting with Ms. Proto, I do not believe that this request meets the criteria for approval. This issue can be better handled through the Post Office by reclassifying this delivery route or assisting Ms. Proto with delivery directly to her residence.