



PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

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4 pages*

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PLEASE NOTE:

Petition must be returned by 4:00 PM, two (2) Wednesdays prior to the Town Council meeting to appear on the docket of the October 4, 2023 @ 7pm meeting for review and possible action. It is Council policy that action may not be taken on petitions unless recommendations, if necessary, from appropriate departments are received prior the Council meeting.

DATE REC'D:

SIGNATURE: *Susan Proto*

NAME: *Susan Proto*

ADDRESS: *2*

TOWN: *Bristol*

BUSINESS TEL

RESIDENCE TEL

TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Town Council Members:

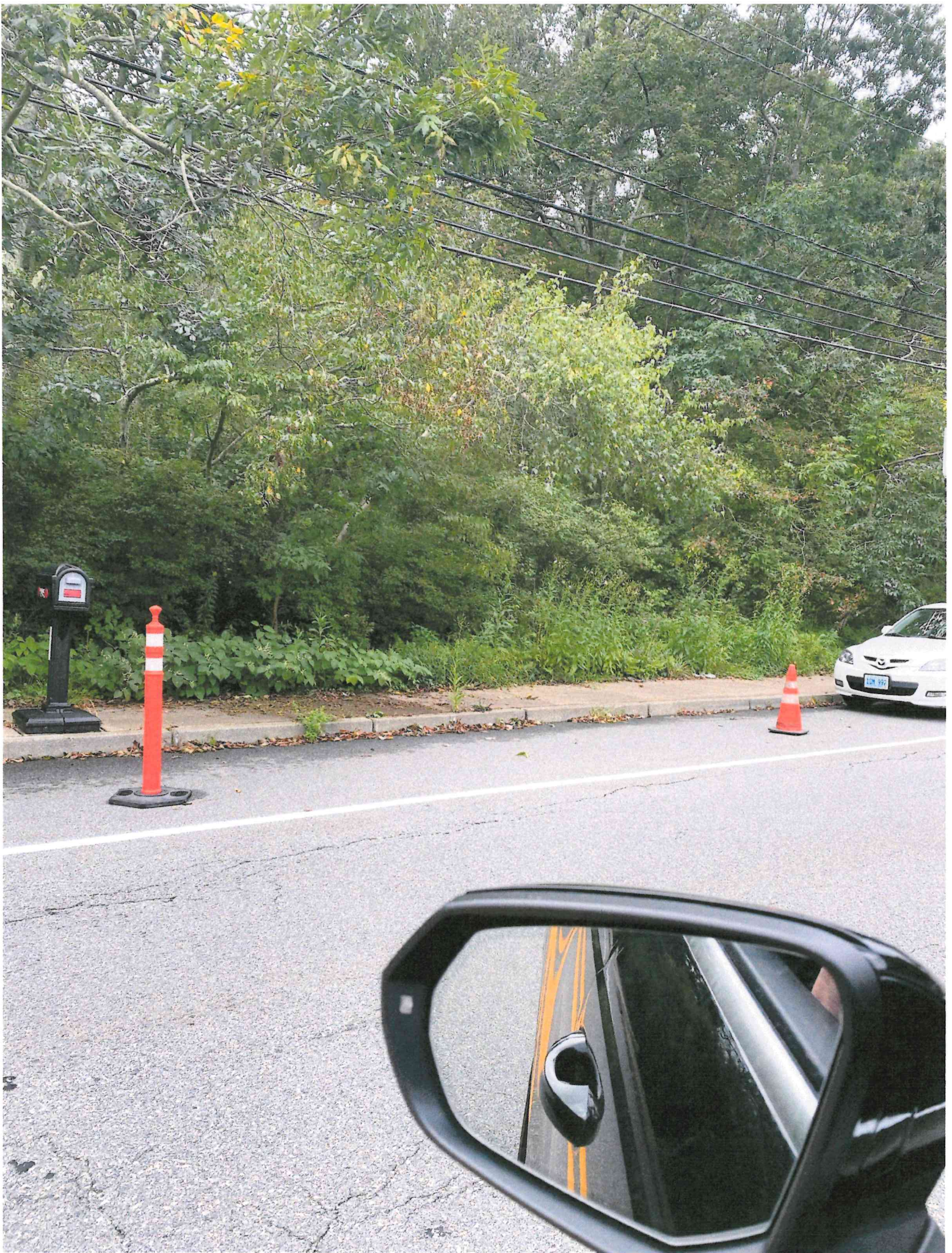
I reside at 245 Chestnut St. and recently I have been having problems with my mail delivery due to Mount Hope High School students blocking my mailbox and preventing me from receiving US Mail. I live on what's called a rural mail route, and the US Postal service has very strict rules regarding rural mail delivery, such as my mailbox cannot be attached to my house, it must be located on the street (USPS requires my box to be on the south side of Chestnut St.), and it must be accessible to the mail carrier to access the box without exiting the mail truck or backing up. See USPS rural route regulations here: [General Guidelines and Policies for Rural Delivery \(usps.com\)](https://usps.com/rural-delivery)

During the school year, once the Mount Hope High School parking lots fill up, students regularly park on Chestnut St. blocking my mailbox, and due to the USPS rural delivery regulations, mail carriers do not deliver my mail, and risk disciplinary action if they were to stop and exit their vehicle on foot or back up their mail truck to deliver my mail. The USPS is very strict about rural carriers staying in their vehicles and not backing up, and no carrier is going to risk losing their job by exiting their vehicle or backing it up trying to deliver my mail because it is blocked by parked vehicles. I have spoken to the USPS, and they will not allow me to put my mailbox on my house, and they have no authority to enforce no parking in front of my mailbox, and due to this problem, every morning I

am forced to put traffic cones on the street in front of my mailbox to prevent the high school students from parking in the area of my mailbox, and once the school day begins, I'm forced to go outside and remove the cones so the mail carrier can access my mailbox once they reach my home during their route.

From speaking to USPS management, my only viable option is to have the town council pass an ordinance prohibiting parking in front of and directly east and west of my mailbox, allowing enough room for a mail carrier to access my mailbox without having to exit the mail truck or having to back up prior to or after delivering my mail.

I have attached photos to better explain my problem, and if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.







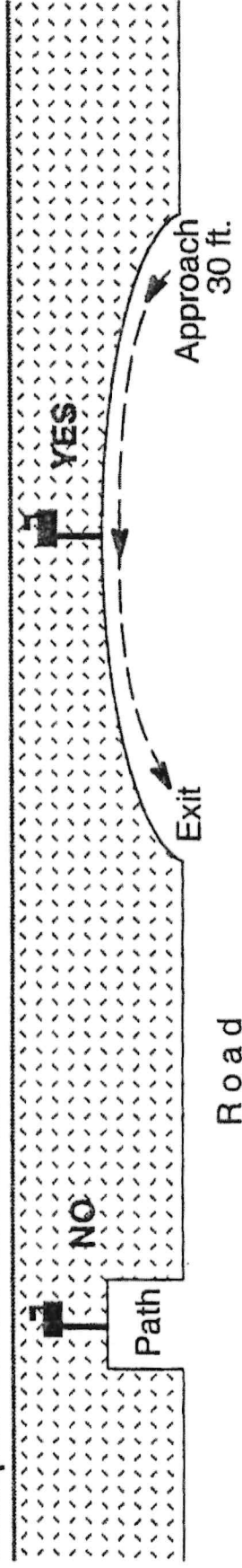
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Approaches to Curbside Mailboxes

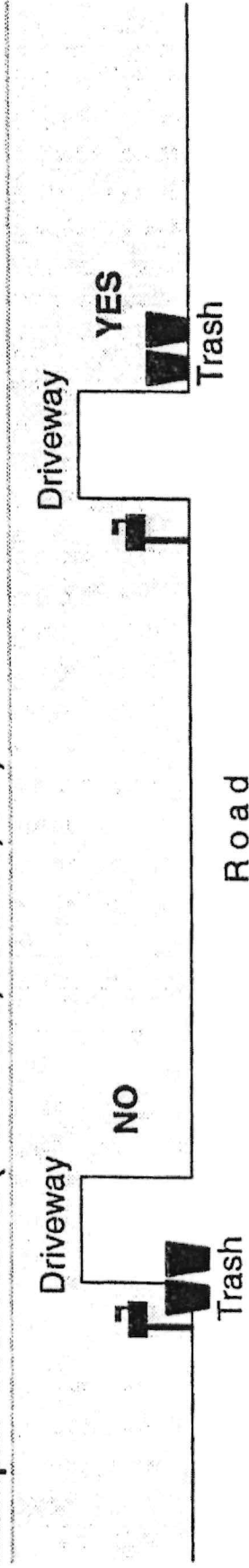
Dear Customer,

The Postal Service depends on you to meet postal requirements regarding delivery and collection of mail to curbside boxes. *Please keep the full approach and exits to your mailbox clear, as illustrated in the examples below.* Removing trash cans, snow, vehicles, and any other objects from the area allows the carrier to deliver your mail safely and efficiently without exiting the vehicle. Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you. Your Postmaster

Example: Snow Removal



Example: Obstructions (trash cans, vehicles, etc.)





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MEMORANDUM

TO: Steven Contente
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

DATE: September 12, 2023

RE: Susan Proto, 245 Chestnut Street re - request no
parking on the south side of Chestnut Street adjacent
to her mailbox

May we please have your recommendation or the recommendation
of the department head you deem appropriate in order for
the Council to review the request at the regular Town
Council Meeting to be held on **October 4, 2023**.

**All items for this docket must be received in the Clerk's
office before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.
All and any items received after the deadline will be held
until the next council agenda.**

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt reply.
Attachment