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Nathan,

Thank you for your comment. Council is creating a list of legislative items such as this to discuss in an effort to keep the Town code relevant. I have directed staff to put this item on the list for Council consideration at some time in the near future.

Best regards,



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**From:** Nathan Sassano <natesassano@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 11:36 AM  
**To:** Council <council@johnstownco.gov>  
**Subject:** Suggested change to Municipal Code

Dear Town Council,

I would like to bring an issue to your attention and ask you to consider amending a rule in the Municipal Code. Specifically, I am referencing Article III Sec. 8-47 - Restricted parking of trailers, campers and boats on streets.

My family recently purchased a travel trailer hoping to spend some time together this summer. I brought the trailer to our home (2913 Moulard CT - Pioneer Ridge) on Wednesday at about 12:30 so we could clean and load the trailer for our trip this weekend, for which we will leave on Friday. I then unhooked my truck and went to pick up my daughter at Roosevelt High School. By the time I got home about 3pm, I had a \$75 ticket. Apparently I violated the rule referenced above by detaching my truck and leaving the detached trailer parked in front of our home. I was unaware of this rule, and relied on my HOA rule that we can have the trailer parked at our home for 48 hours to load/unload.

Here's the issue. We live on a cul-de-sac. As such, our property is pie-shaped and the front of our property is rather small. There isn't enough space to park the trailer entirely on my own driveway, and if I leave my truck attached to the trailer on the cul-de-sac, my truck blocks much of my neighbor's driveway. Unattached, my

trailer takes up about 28 feet which will narrowly fit in front of our home. Attached to the truck, it suddenly becomes a 40-45 foot obstacle. Having this rule in place that requires the trailer to be attached, in an area that is already quite small, seems like we are asking for more trouble and creating more of a hazard. In an attempt to be a good neighbor and not block their driveway, I chose to leave the trailer in front of my own house and unhook my truck.

We've spoken to our neighbors about the situation - a courtesy that was not provided to us by whichever neighbor called the Code Enforcement Officer - and they are ok with us leaving the truck attached and blocking their driveway as they know the situation is temporary. This will allow us to avoid another unnecessary ticket.

Given all of this, my ask is that you consider amending each statement of Article III Sec 8-47 to add to the end something to the effect of "except in a cul-de-sac where space is limited." While I understand that a cul-de-sac is technically a public street, the space available is incredibly limited, and accommodations should be made for those in that situation who are otherwise trying to follow the rules and be good neighbors.

And to be clear, I'm not asking for any special treatment or reduction of a fine. We broke the rule - even unintentionally - and will pay the fine. As Thomas Jefferson said, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse." However, sometimes rules while well-intentioned have negative consequences. I believe this is one of those times.

Please let me know if you need any further information. I look forward to hearing your decision to amend this rule.

Respectfully,

Nate Sassano

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