

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Michelle Metteer, Town Manager
Date: 05/15/2024
Agenda Item: Taylor St Parking Discussion



REQUEST:

At the May 1, 2024, Council meeting a Taylor St resident requested Council consider the requirement for only parallel on-street parking along both sides of Taylor St.

INTRODUCTION:

Taylor St residents have traditionally parked somewhat haphazardly along both sides of the road, oftentimes with vehicles parked in the wrong direction – in opposition to oncoming traffic. This has caused issues for years with snowplow removal; however, the Town has worked around these complications in the past. With the request from a Taylor St resident to “clean-up” the parking lanes with the goal of ensuring safe two-way access by drivers and emergency vehicles, Council will need to consider the Town’s willingness to implement and enforce this request.

ANALYSIS:

Oftentimes, the street right of way can be easily depicted by the location of the electrical poles. Taylor St is a 40’ public right of way and is not a straight line, but rather curves in multiple areas. The fence on the west side of the street in the photos is located many feet within private property, so the narrowing of the road, causing difficulty for two-way traffic is being created primarily by parked vehicles encroaching too far into the right of way. Many of the vehicles included in the attached photos can be seen parking well into the driving lane (photos taken 5/10/2024). This issue is further exacerbated by numerous private properties along the east side of the road creating/installing improvements such as berms, retaining walls and other structures within this right of way area.

COMMUNITY INPUT: Requested

BUDGET / STAFF IMPACT: TBD

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

PRACTICE FAIR, TRANSPARENT AND COMMUNICATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

RECOMMENDED ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION:

Council to provide one of three directions as follows which, as appropriate, shall be actively enforced by town staff and the Eagle County Sheriff’s Department. Staff will soon begin work toward the paving of Taylor St at which point a much more detailed discussion on this matter will be required.

- Do nothing and leave the issue as is
- Reclaim the entirety of the right of way area
- Require all parking to be conducted outside of the paved driving lanes with no parking on the west side of the road from 4th Street south (staff recommendation)

ATTACHMENTS:

- (7) Taylor St photos
- Taylor St Right of Way

