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The intersection of Commercial Lane and Circle Road is an uncontrolled intersection that has used the posted signage for official use for an unknown period. It has official town street name signs placed atop it, indicating the name and orientation of the streets.

Sergeant Ramirez and I reviewed the legalities and requirements of placing an official sign with county DOT and were advised that the town has the responsibility to place one and has the right to do so. Sergeant Ramirez spoke with Public Works supervisor Stacey DeLozier about it, and he confirmed that the town does its own signage. Stacy stated he would investigate the location and placement of an official sign. I have not heard back at the current date.

Due to the nature of the intersection being in a residential area with heavy vehicle traffic from the local businesses, the opinion of the police department is that either an official stop sign or a yield sign needs to be erected there for the safety of the residents living there, many of which have children that play outside. The placement of a stop sign by the town will allow PLPD officers to enforce traffic infractions in the neighborhood legally.

There have been several complaints from the community that live in the area that this unofficial stop sign is frequently disregarded. When these complaints first arose, our officers patrolled the sign and in good faith wrote citations for failure to stop at the sign. Upon given knowledge the sign was not an official sign the officers were forced to stop writing citations due to lack of probable cause. The citations stopped but the complaints did not, leaving the complainants unsatisfied with our response.

Since April, there have been 41 citations issued for **MTC 603** (Failure to Observe/Disregard Traffic Control Device), or **MTC 703** (Failure to Yield Right of Way When Proceeding from a Stop Sign) that originated from the intersection at Commercial Lane and Circle Road.

Thank you.
*Chief Lundy.