From: Shari Emling
To: City Council

Subject: Street parking for oversized vehicles

Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 4:16:09 PM

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TO: Mountain City Council

I have just read the agenda for the June 14th meeting and have a concern. Section 4.8 is clear in that it is signifying Safe Lots parking (which I support) but it is extremely vague as to whether the "no **street** parking for oversized vehicles" will be finally enforced.

The voters clearly wanted our streets clear of residential living, and the law has been delayed quite a while by Council inaction. I do agree with and encourage the Safe Lots, and the work with those living on the streets, to move them to stable housing. However, I understand many refused Safe Lots as they don't want the regulations.

Residential living on our streets has no positive aspect. It leads to crime, theft of water and sometimes theft of outdoor furniture from housed residents. There have been verified cases of prostitution and illegal gun sales. It causes sewage and trash to be dumped on our city streets - which is a clear health hazard. There are multiple junk RVs dumped on our streets by out of town landlords, who take advantage of lax Mountain View enforcement, and rent out these junk (often uncorking) vehicles for personal profit - with NO contribution to our tax base.

Voters want a clear and concise declaration that the law passed prohibiting street living, will finally be enforced. We are aware that the majority of residents living on our streets, are not nor have ever been MV residents. They come here from surrounding cities, because of our weak/non-existent enforcement, as their home cities do not allow this.

Our Council fears a lawsuit that was filed, but the inconsistency of enforcement by other cities would defeat that. Mountain View has done more than any surrounding city for the homeless and those living on our streets. Most surrounding cities outright prohibit street living (even though a few people rebel at that and there are a few illegal RVs on some streets) - so I'm certain our attorney could point out this vast inconsistency in city regulations. Lenny Siegel, who had the City erect signs at each end of his street prohibiting street living, hypocritically is pushing this lawsuit. Why is our Council so afraid of this man?

Please assure the voting public that the City is finally enforcing a law that should have been enforced long ago, Your reticence has only made Mountain View look unprofessional and weak. I speak for a very large contingent of voters here, and we wonder if we matter to you?

I await your affirmation that the law prohibiting street living will be enforced, Shari Emling Mountain View resident From: Peggy Murphy
To: City Council

Subject: Agenda item 4.8 Safe Parking 24/7 Program

Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 5:03:04 PM

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Dear Council Members:

I wholeheartedly support the 24/7 Safe Parking Program—in fact, I would like to see it expanded to accommodate more spaces.

I am happy to pay taxes to support this program. It is a very intelligent way to handle the piece of the homelessness epidemic that involves folks living in vehicles.

Thanks for all your work! You gave my full support.

Margaret (Peggy) Murphy

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Carol Maxwell</u>
To: <u>City Council</u>

Subject: Safe parking program

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022 11:50:30 AM

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I wish to comment on the oversized vehicles and motor home parking on our street, the 1800 block. I understand that the measurement of our block allows oversized vehicles to park in front of our homes. First of all, it is so hard for many of us to back out of our driveway, the large vehicles make it so dangerous to drive out.

Secondly, our homes are million dollar homes, i am afraid the large vehicles will drive the value of our homes down. I don't know if the city had taken this into consideration. Most of us strive to keep our homes trimmed and in good condition, these vehicles are a sore site to be parked in front of our homes.

I feel sorry for the homeless and I am always giving for the cause of the homeless and those that are less fortunate than I am. So I am not putting down anyone. I am a very caring person, but we have to pay taxes and house payment, we feel we should have soom say in the upkeep of our homes.

Please take this into consideration when you have your meeting.

Thank you so much.

Carol