

4 April 2003

Mr. Kumar Neppalli, Traffic Engineer
Town of Chapel Hill
306 North Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Re: Davie Circle: issue: long-term non-resident on-street parking
petition request: to change existing parking regulations

Dear Mr. Neppalli:

As you have explained to me, in January, 1996 the town enacted an ordinance that allowed only residential parking on Davie Circle. This ordinance was apparently revoked in October, 1997 after complaints from residents that obtaining a residential permit was difficult.

As a result of that change from residential parking to open parking parts of Davie Circle have now become a parking lot for non-residents.

As a property owner at 66 Davie Circle I have observed for some time that vehicles are parked from my residence towards E. Franklin Street on a weekly basis. The cars arrive late Sunday or Monday morning and typically remain parked in the same space until late Friday.

These parking behaviors suggest that the vehicle owners are not residents of Davie Circle and that they live or work in other areas of Chapel Hill and are parking on Davie Circle because it is a non-regulated street that serves their long term parking needs.

There is one vehicle that has been parked in the same space for nearly two months.

In addition to depriving the residents of Davie Circle space to park on-street, these long-term non-resident parkers also make it difficult for the Town of Chapel Hill to perform its normal street maintenance and sanitation services.

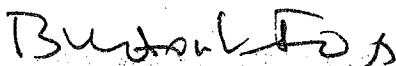
The existing regulation that makes a vehicle illegally parked and subject to towing after 9 days of continuous parking (7 days of parking and an additional 48 hours after the vehicle has been ticketed by the police or parking authority) is of little benefit to the Davie Circle community given the patterns of the long-term parkers.

I would like to petition the Town of Chapel Hill to consider changing the parking regulations on Davie Circle so that vehicles could legally park with a residential permit or on a non-permit basis for no longer than 24 hours.

Such a change would be a benefit to the community and would remove the current long-term parking privilege that is a disservice to the residents of Davie Circle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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