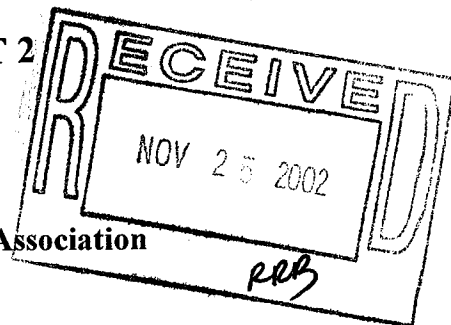




Overlook Homeowners' Association
Edwards Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516



Chapel Hill Fire Department
302 N. Columbia St
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dear Deputy Chief Bosworth,

As residents of the Overlook Homeowners' Association of Chapel Hill, we are writing to you about concerns we have about fire truck access on Edwards Street (just off Merritt Mill Road). Over the last several months there have been at least two occasions when fire trucks were called to Edwards Street but were delayed in getting to the scene because cars parked on the street prevented easy maneuverability of the trucks. One of us, Josh Knowles, directly observed the most recent of these events on November 20th at about 4:45pm. The fire commander on the scene urged us to write to you about this matter.

Edwards Street has a somewhat awkward turn-off from Merritt Mill Road, and this problem is exacerbated when cars park on both sides of the street near the entrance. We have repeatedly contacted the Chapel Hill Police about this problem. While the police agree that there does seem to be a problem, they have not been able to take aggressive action because the street has not been properly marked to prohibit parking.

We urge you to examine this situation carefully, and seek your assistance in getting parking prohibited on Edwards Street to allow better access in case of emergencies.

Thank you for your consideration,

Overlook Homeowners' Association

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Secretary: David Loomis

Cc: Chapel Hill Police Department

Kumar Neppalli

From: Josh Knowles [knowlej@med.unc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 1:07 PM
To: Kumar Neppalli
Cc: Geoffrey Allen; Loomis, David; Eric Fischer; Robert Bosworth; George Small
Subject: Re: Congestion due to cars

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Mr. Neppalli,

Thank you for your quick response to our concerns. We are delighted that you have investigated this matter and made recommendations for the fixing and replacing signs. However, we also agree that the only long-term solution will probably be prohibiting parking on the east side of Edwards St and would like to pursue this matter with the Town Council.

Please let us know how we can be of assistance.

Thanks

Josh Knowles

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