



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

May 15, 2018 @ 5:45 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 5:45 pm for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances, Motor Vehicles and Traffic related to parking. The Town Attorney was present and there was a quorum of council members present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner Allen Oliver
Commissioner John Ellen

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Nancy Avery
Deputy Town Clerk – Mandy Sanders
Police Chief – Mike Bowden

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

OPENING AND PURPOSE OF HEARING

Mayor Bloszinsky opened the public hearing stating:

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on proposed amendments to Chapter 10 on Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances. Official notice of this public hearing posted on the Town's website and bulletin board on May 2, and was advertised in the Island Gazette on May 9, 2018, to meet with public notification requirements per N.C.G.S. 159-12. Proposed amendments:

- Clarify language in the current code on ticketing and payment of fines
- Prohibit the parking of vehicles in the right of way (area where utility poles are located)
- Prohibit parking in the street unless in a clearly designated parking space
- Prohibit parking on Town utility easements
- Allow towing for any parking violation
- Restrict parking of unattached, non-passenger vehicles such as trailers

Mayor Bloszinsky added that proposed amendments include that in residential districts, owners can park in the front yard setback that they own.

Mayor stated the reason for these amendments is a lot of feedback about parking in town, in the streets and at the beach. If we do not manage parking, people will park where they want. Commissioner Whitley, the Police Chief and Planning and Zoning (P&Z) member Ken Richardson worked on this along with the P&Z attorney made a first attempt and will keep working until we get this right.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Triplett, 325 Fort Fisher Boulevard South, stated:

- His setback on his street is the sidewalk, there is no grassy area
- He has 12 feet of curb between his driveway and his neighbor which the town is taking away. There is no access on the other side
- In the 40 years he has lived here there has never been a problem, but now the police are telling him he cannot park across his driveway
- This will cause him a great problem
- It is obviously necessary to get parking under control
- Next door to him, people have nine bedrooms and there were twelve cars parked all over there last weekend
- Parking in the right of way (ROW) in neighborhoods is being taken away
- Do not prohibit him from parking across his driveway would help
- He would like equal access to his property with two spots for parking
- He needs eleven feet, three inches at the top of the curb
- Towing for any violation needs to have clear signage
- These changes could end up towing legally parked vehicles
- Problem only happens for three months out of the year
- Don't have problem the rest of the year
- Residents know where to park
- Visitors do not know where to park
- In one city block, there are 138 bedrooms with four parking spaces
- Is any of this going to be ironed out today

Council comments:

- It is correct that on your street, the setback would be the driveway
- There is a delicate balance with putting signage everyway and we do not want to litter the town with signs
- Towing is meant for repeat offenders and egregious problems
- Will consider input from this meeting and vote on this another time

Grace McGee, 803 Largo Way in Kure Beach Village, stated:

- She is speaking as a private owner, not HOA member
- The wording in section 205 on towing is too broad to state 'any car'. It should only be for an egregious situation or blocking a car
- The wording in section 207 about only having ten days to redeem a towed care is too restrictive, should maybe 30 days

- Section 222, parking within residential communities, will make a problem in our community much more severe. There are still 15 vacant lots. The lots are pie shaped with the narrow section at the road. This wording says parking would be allowed in front yard setback on property owned or leased. That will not work in our community because someone may end up parking in neighbors' yard
- Think there should be ability to park in ROWs and on streets in cul de sacs or common area ROWs in marked spaces
- There is no land for us to buy to provide for parking
- This wording takes away what is used now for parking and leaves us with no overflow parking
- Section 223 states only passenger vehicles can park. What about repair contractors? The language is too restrictive.
- Section 228 says no person shall park on the public ROW, and part G says overnight. This also creates a problem in my community.

Council comments:

Section 228 limits the size of vehicles to less than 16 feet

Steve Shumate, 107 Ocean View Avenue, commented:

- Section 203 states \$50 fine but in parenthesis, it says \$25. Which is it?
- Section 204 ticketing vehicles says when someone receives notice or ticket, they have to appear before the chief of police
- Section 222 he is ok with, but his neighbors will be impacted
- Some of this has been in effect for years, but not strongly enforced
- Section 222, section f, second sentence, should say 'nor' instead of 'or'
- Section 226 references signage will be installed but it does not say by who. This needs to be distinguished.
- Section 228 wording does not allow for circumstances when you might need to leave your car parked overnight on K Avenue
- Section 229, item 3 prohibits parking within 10 feet of ROW, but it should be 25 feet but if you enforce no parking in ROW it doesn't matter
- Towing wording says may be towed not shall be towed, so there is leeway
- Somewhere down the road the Town will have to lay out more parking places
- Lots of People Park in ROWs near where he lives to access the beach. If that is not allowed, it's a long walk to the beach

Council comments:

- The fine is \$25, not \$50 and has been corrected in the final version
- Section 204 also states ticket may be returned and paid by mail, not appearance
- Section 231 identifies the area where section 228 applies and it does not include K or Atlantic Avenue
- State law says you can't park in the ROW within 25 feet if there is a curb and within 15 feet if no curb

4. Kevin Thayer, 510 Kure Village Way, said:

- He understands that the town is now going to enforce parking
- More needs to be looked into before cutting people off
- What is the problem that needs to be fixed?
- A blanket statement doesn't necessarily address the problems
- There are communities where it is legal to park in front of residences. You cannot take parking away when there is no other parking available
- Cannot tell homeowners they cannot have folks over to play cards, have yard sales, have repair or construction trucks parked in front of house, or have a party
- Every street needs to be looked at rather than a blanket approach
- It is too far to make older folks that park at Joe Eeakes Park to walk downtown
- Think people should be able to park in ROW where there is room on the street
- If this is starting point, warnings and tickets have to stop

Council comments:

- On south side of town, short term rental parking causes a problem
- The problem is different depending on which section of town you live in
- Many questions came up in four months of research
- 2500 homes are being built over the bridge and we expect them to come here, so we are looking at the future traffic and being proactive
- This sets guidelines for parking. We will have to determine number of parking spaces there will be, but we need to agree on rules before we can decide on future number of parking spaces.
- Have been told by residents that other peoples' renters are parking in their driveway
- Believe there will be more pressure in the future
- The police officers do not have the tools they need to help with parking issues
- Lots of citizens would want the police to be able to tow if their driveway is blocked
- Could provide parking for your visitors at Joe Eakes Park and have them walk down K Avenue
- Warnings and tickets are under current ordinances, not on proposed changes
- People are parking in ROW now and sometimes the garbage trucks and fire trucks cannot get through because there is not enough space and the police are getting calls about it.
- Police get calls about people parking on Settlers Lane. It would be better if everyone parked on the same side of the street for public safety issues

5. Alan Votta, 810 Fort Fisher Boulevard North, stated:

- His concerns are a lot of what has already been said
- He has been here 23 years and built houses here. He has always been told the street ROW is for parking and not to landscape
- If you take this away, you take away parking for landscaping vendors, construction materials, dumpsters, etc. Then where do they we park.
- Need to word the ordinance to state you could park on north or west side of street only. Specifying the side that can be parked on would help.

- There are a lot of vacant lots where there would be parking
- Sixth street where the church is could be designated as parking
He does not have a problem with towing and ticketing, but does have problem with having folks over for a cook out etc. and there is nowhere they can park
- Kure Beach Village will probably be hurt the most
- Would feel better if council put in bumpers for parking on 6th street in conjunction with ordinance change

Council comments:

- Council takes up things because we receive complaints. There are residents that are unhappy with folks parking all over the place.
- If council does not do anything, there will be more residents mad that police cannot do anything.

Kim Paisley, 617 3rd Avenue South, stated:

- He is black sheep of his neighborhood
- He has complained about town vehicles parked on private property
- Personal toys need to be on your own property
- See parking as three things: permanent parking, neighborhood parking and thoroughfare parking
- Police need to have some discretion
- He lives in a cottage with open space that people think is their personal property for going to the beach. Police said there is nothing they can do on my private property.
- He has contacted a towing company and will put signs in his yard and have cars towed from his property
- There is selective enforcement due to zoning changes and growth of town. Most properties being built are duplexes, which is doubling amount of parking needs that did not exist when the town was first laid out.
- Have to add controllable parking spaces on Sixth and E Avenues in the median. People are already parking there during peak season.
- Don't want to see parking meters in town because this is a gorgeous community
- He likes the idea of parking kiosks and numbered spaces but is concerned about the cost of labor the chief will need to do the job. It is so packed now with weekend warriors that entire police staff could spend all its time managing parking.
- Have to add permanent parking and have to find ways to fund this parking. Whatever we collect is more than we are collecting now.
- Won't cost as much using kiosks
- If you tow off 10 foot ROW, will you tow guys with paved parking lot that goes to street?
- Still have 25 foot lots with no driveways and the only place to park is on 10 foot ROW
- There has to be selective parking
- Real issue for him is putting up no trespassing signs next week
- Necessary to have additional parking before restricting what we have

David Garceau, 1038 Fort Fisher Boulevard South, stated:

- This public hearing ended up with lots of people objecting
- He is absolutely for this and completely supports the town, mayor and commissions and thank them for forward thinking
- He has lived in other towns where parking is a huge issue
- The real problem this town faces is the near future
- There are some differences in the two documents, one is the \$50 fee and the second is sections missing between 205 – 207
- Could have maintenance and service vehicles get special permit from town to park

David Sacks, 720 Fort Fisher Boulevard North, stated:

- We have a lot of rules already created with little enforcement such as garbage pails not being taken off street
- There seems to be two issues, resident parking and visitor parking
- We have an obligation to create parking spaces for residents first, then figure out how to attract visitors, but we have to have parking
- Carolina Beach has paid parking and designated residential parking
- We have to enforce what we have now

Mayor Bloszinsky read emails from Greg Connors at 1043 Fort Fisher Boulevard South, and Mario Papparozzi at 105 Seaward Court into public record. Said emails are herein incorporated as part of these minutes. The mayor stated that council would look at redefining the rules taking into consideration the comments made at this meeting.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Bloszinsky closed the public hearing at 6:51pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Mayor Pro Tem Heglar made the motion to adjourn at 6:52 pm.

SECOND – Commissioner Ellen

VOTE – Unanimous

ATTEST:



Nancy Avery, Town Clerk



Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

NOTE: These are action minutes reflecting items considered and actions taken by Council. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on the town's website under government, council.

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Parking Amedoms

PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-UP SHEET

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NAME

ADDRESS

✓ Ron Triplett

325 East Fisher Blvd. South,

✓ Grace McGee

803 Largo Way

✓ Steve Shymate

107 Ocean View Ave

✓ Kevin Taylor

510 Kurg Village Way

✓ Alan Votta

810 N. Ft Fisher

✓ Kim Paisley

617 3rd Ave S-

✓ David Garlean

1038 S. FFB.

✓ David Sack

1204 FFB

Nancy Avery

From: Craig Bloszinsky
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 10:00 AM
To: Nancy Avery
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Parking Ordinance

Please print Nancy for the record and reading at the public hearing.

Craig

From: Craig Bloszinsky
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 9:29:52 AM
To: Greg Connors
Cc: David Heglar; Allen Oliver; John Ellen; Joseph Whitley
Subject: Re: Proposed Parking Ordinance

Greg, thanks for the note. The current Council is determined to try and manage parking to protect our neighborhoods, our businesses, and our guests. This will be an on-going discussion as we try to get this correct. We will start here and make corrections as needed. Stay involved in the discussion and help us make this beautiful place the home we all want it to be and stay.

Regards
Craig Bloszinsky

From: Greg Connors <gregemail10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 9:23 AM
Subject: Proposed Parking Ordinance
To: Craig Bloszinsky <c.bloszinsky@townofkurebeach.org>

Dear Mayor Bloszinsky,

As the owner of the 1043 South Fort Fisher Blvd property, I am writing you and the other council members to express my strong support of the proposed parking ordinance. The current situation with parking in many inappropriate areas creates a safety hazard that is a potential liability to the town as well as its citizens. In addition, I know a number of people who are not residents that choose day trips Kure over Carolina Beach and Wrightsville Beach due to its abundant free parking (in unsafe spots) and spend little to nothing in Kure Beach to support the infrastructure needed in the summer to handle the additional traffic and visitor flow. Unfortunately I am not in Kure Beach tomorrow and can't attend the meeting, but wanted to express my view on this important issue. Thanks.

Best regards,

Greg Connors
1043 S Fort Fisher Blvd

Nancy Avery

From: Craig Bloszinsky
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Nancy Avery
Subject: Fwd: Thank you for your interest in parking enforcement

Please print out for the public hearing record and I will read the portion on parking.

Craig

From: Mario Paparozzi <paparozzi@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 7:50:51 AM
To: Craig Bloszinsky
Subject: Re: Thank you for your interest in parking enforcement

You are doing very well!

We also support requiring paying for beach parking.

Thank you again.

Mario Paparozzi

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Tue, May 8, 2018 at 7:41 AM, Craig Bloszinsky
<c.bloszinsky@townofkurebeach.org> wrote:

Thank you for your input. Your Town Council believes we must manage parking in more diligent ways. Please stay engaged in the discussion, we may not immediately get it all correct but we are going to change as needed.

Regards
Craig Bloszinsky

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From: Mario Paparozzi <paparozzi@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 7:34:23 AM
To: Craig Bloszinsky
Subject: Thank you for your interest in parking enforcement

Dear Mayor Bloszinsky,

My wife and I have lived at 105 Seaward Court for about 15 years. Over the years, we have watched a lack of regulation of enforcement of parking ordinances resulting in potentially serious public safety hazards and negative community aesthetics. These observations are, of course, increased during the summer months. However they exist, albeit to a lesser extent, year around as a result of only a few individuals who put their personal needs and desires above those of everyone else. We are hoping that the township's new interest in enforcement of parking regulations is not only for the summer season. We live on a narrow cul-du-sac and have