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Chapter 204-15 Parking Prohibited At All Times At Certain Locations.

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Moore, Jessica <jmoor613@live.kutztown.edu> Fri, Mar 18, 2016 at 12:37 PM
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Good Afternoon,

My name is Jessica Moore, a resident of 187 Sandhurst Blvd. Blandon, PA 19510. I am uncertain if I am contacting the right person for this issue, but I would appreciate some guidance to the right person otherwise.

The reason for this inquiry is due to the code: Chapter 204-15 Parking Prohibited At All Times At Certain Locations/Sandhurst Blvd. South Side within the codes of Maidencreek Township added 10/11/2014 by Ord. No. 212.

Living in a household with four licensed drivers each with their own vehicle, all with varying work/school schedules can make it very difficult to coordinate all four cars on a daily basis within our regular sized driveway (example: I get home from school later than my mother, who leaves before me the next morning for work). For this reason, myself and my fiancé, Pablo Nunez have been parking our two cars in the street. The street directly in front of our house has a "No Parking at Any Time" sign (although our streets are perfectly wide enough for two cars to be on both sides of the street, along with sidewalks). For the first few years of our residency, we parked on our side of the street with absolutely no issues. As the years went by, we received a warning out of no where from the Northern Berks Police Department about our violation of the "No Parking at Any Time" sign. Due to the fact that we respect the laws of our township, we abided and began parking on the other side of our house (even when our street lights were not working). Coming home late at night as a young woman especially with no street lights made the danger of this situation escalate. As I grew older and my schedules began to change, this became less of an issue for me. The next situation that arose our aggravations of this issue even greater occurred a few months ago (Summer 2015) where we awoke to thousands of "loom bands" scattered all over my fiancé's vehicle. Although we wrote it out to "kids being kids" and did not make a police report, vandalizing another person's vehicle in any shape is extremely disrespectful.

Recently, on March 6th 2016 my fiancé, the owner of a 2006 Chrysler Sebring (abiding the law and parked on the other side of the street) awoke to an abundance of ketchup, mustard, relish and smashed eggs all over his car. It is to my knowledge, that some of the neighbors across from us' children are currently feuding with each other. My fiancé took pictures of his car and we made a report to the police. The Northern Berks Police officer kindly explained to us that there were other occurrences of this nature happening within our neighborhood as well. Due to this newly added safety concern for the well being of our vehicles and our own personal safety, we decided to once again park our cars closer to our house, on our side of the street.

This morning, March 18th 2016 around 10:45 a.m. an officer knocked on my door, demanding me to move my car. I attempted to explain our situation and our concern for our vehicles safety to the officer, yet he explained to me that he did not understand and we were in violation of the law. I asked him if he could look up the police report made on March 6th to defend myself and he explained that it was reported that there was "no damage to the vehicle" and explained "it's not like it's happening everyday." Offended by his lack of even attempting to understand a strictly law abiding citizen's issue, I decided it was in my best interest to just move my car once again. Luckily, the officer did not give us a ticket.

Although it seems like a silly and meaningless situation to some, it is something that has been an ongoing issue for my family and for other neighbors within our development. Being in financially binding situations, we would not like to risk another issue of potential damage to our vehicles and would like to be able to park in front of our own house. My mother, Kimberly Moore contacted the township in the past about this same issue and she was told this code would be "too expensive" and "too time consuming" to change and not to even bother. My question: what steps need to be taken in order to change a code within Maidencreek Township?

I have attached the photos of the vandalized car within this email as well.

I would highly appreciate any guidance or advice that you have on this issue, as it has been an ongoing inconvenience and safety issue for the last nine years or so for my family and myself. Please let me know if there is any other information, as I would be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your time,

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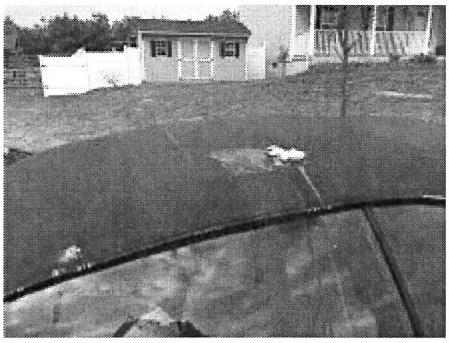

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