

STAFF REPORT

Public Hearing 8-2-22

AGENDA ITEM #:

22-79

COUNCIL MTG OF:

July 5, 2022

FROM:

Highway Safety Committee

OFFERED BY:

Scott Savard, Highway Safety Committee Chairman

PREPARED BY:

Jill Jamro, Executive Secretary, DPW

SUBJECT:

Request to amend the Traffic Ordinance to include prohibited parking on Chester

Road.

PURPOSE: The Highway Safety Committee is seeking the Town Council's approval to add Chester Road to Traffic Ordinance Article I §150--5, Prohibited Parking, Section A.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: The Town Council is requested to adopt the recommendations of the Highway Safety Committee after the August 2, 2022 public hearing.

BACKGROUND: Mrs. Norma Tridenti, resident at 15 Chester Road, asked that this issue be placed on the Highway Safety Committee Agenda in June. Request to amend 150-6 Limited Parking rules to no parking or two-hour parking 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

DISCUSSION: The Highway Safety Committee discussed the issue at the June 16, 2022, meeting, and determined there are safety issues for pedestrians and oncoming traffic due to continued long-term parking of commercial vehicles and motorcycle along both sides of Chester Road (102), particularly between Thornton Street and Pond Road. In addition, frequent overnight parking of commercial vehicles is a safety issue that also negatively impacts winter snowplow operations.

The Highway Safety Committee by a decision of (7-1) recommends that the Town Council prohibit parking on both sides of Chester Road from 10pm to 5am, on the easterly side of Chester Road (102) beginning at Thornton Street northerly to the intersection of Pond Road and on the westerly side of Chester Road (102) beginning at Pond Road southerly to Thornton Street.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$2,200 for the no parking signs and posts, not including staff time.

RECOMMENDATION: The Highway Safety Committee recommends that the Town Council amend the Code of the Town of Derry, Chapter 150, Traffic Ordinance Article Section 150-5 – Limited Parking

MOTION BY COUNCIL: Please see Ordinance #2022-003

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