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Good Afternoon Heather

My name is Krista Pikula, and I live at 105 walnut St. Paris.

It has recently been brought to my attention that our street may be looking at some changes for parking.

We moved to Paris in 2019 and have loved it very much. Aaron, my spouse is a Captain on the fire department with Paris and has been with the department for 15 years, so we especially enjoy being close to the fire hall for calls for him.

The reason for my email is to voice some opinions to you about how permit parking may affect Aaron and I. We do not have a driveway and do not have the space to put one in with two large county trees taking up either side of our home, so we must rely on road parking. We would like to potentially put in a driveway when we can get permission, but this may not be done by the summer, and something we shouldn't have to be put out for because of the tourism that has been attracted to our neighborhood. We never have issues Monday-Friday, but on the weekends with all the tourists we cannot find space in front of our own home, so I do understand change needs to happen.

I am scared that if we go pure permit parking, how is it fair that we will have to park in front of our own homes if we do have to pay for the permit. Also, what if I want to have my elderly mom over one Sunday night for dinner. How will she park? Is there going to be an application for people in our scenarios to obtain a visitor permit?

My suggestion to you would be to give the residents effected by this potential change by giving them the amount of permits they need for their household, but then put two-hour parking signs up to deter people from parking all day and taking up our spots that we rely on. Being witness to this for the last 3 summers, the vehicles are usually in front of our home for more than 5-6 hours at a time (the time it takes to float down the river) and again, this is only an issue on Saturday and Sunday's.

Aaron relies on parking out in front of our home so he can get in his vehicle quick when he must get to the firehall when there is an emergency.

Please let me know if you would like to chat further with me about this as I am quite concerned.

I look forward to your reply!