

# Mount Pleasant

North Carolina

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant  
Board of Commissioners  
Workshop Meeting  
Town Hall- Conference Room  
Monday, July 25, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.**

**Attendance:** Mayor Del Eudy  
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr  
Commissioner Chris Carter  
Commissioner William Meadows  
Commissioner Jim Sells  
Commissioner Justin Simpson  
Town Manager Randy Holloway  
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

**Also Present:** Crystal Smith and Erin Burris.

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order and welcomed those attending.

## **1. Code 7: Vehicles & Traffic Discussion**

Mayor Eudy then turned the meeting over to Erin Burris to review Code 7 of the Ordinances: Vehicles & Traffic

*\*\*\*Attached to the Minutes of the Workshop in the Minute Book is a working copy of Code 7 of the Ordinances: Vehicles & Traffic.\*\*\**

### **Chapter 1: General Provisions**

No one had issues with the proposed changes to the changes in definitions.

### **Chapter 2: Administration & Enforcement**

Language was changed from Police Department since the Town doesn't have its own to Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department. The changes also specify the enforcement of regulations to the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department. A copy of the ticket book from Harrisburg was obtained for a guideline for the Town to go by when our ticket books are printed. No issues were brought up concerning the changes. Typo on 7-2.1 F will be corrected.

### **Chapter 3: Traffic Control Devices**

Typo on 7-3.2 will be corrected. Under 7-3.7 Board asked for railroad references to be removed since we do not have nor probably never will have a railroad in the Town.

### **Chapter 4: Vehicle Operation**

Although it would be nice to have biker's not ride on the sidewalks, it would be hard to enforce. Board felt it would be good to continue leaving the "No Bikes on Sidewalks" up in downtown, hoping bikers would be considerate of others on the sidewalks. Possibly new signs saying, "Caution while riding" signs.

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The Board debated horse drawn carriages being used in the downtown area both as a special event and just by permit anytime of the year. Ultimately the Board reached an agreement that it would be better to eliminate this section from the Ordinance completely due to the odor and difficult cleanup for waste removal from horses.

Section 7-4.8 Low Speed vehicles, mini-trucks and golf carts required much discussion. Town Staff was directed to reach out to Harrisburg and Oak Island to see their requirements. Would require staff time to process and issue permits for using golf carts on non-DOT streets. Board would need to add Administrative Fee of \$25 to Fee & Charges Schedule for residents to receive decals showing Town permit to operate on Town streets. Staff would also need to develop forms for the process.

### **Chapter 5: Motor Vehicle Speed and Movement Regulations**

Ms. Burris handed a List of Town Streets with Width out to the Board.

#### **Section 7-5.2 Exceptions**

A: Park Drive, East (not West as listed) Walnut Street, and Enchanted Lane are all considered driveways and not streets. Ms. Burris suggested that E. Walnuts Street be a "no-Trough Traffic" street to reduce traffic congestion due to the new Cabarrus County Park on Washington Street and help address the residents concerns on that narrow street.

#### **Section 7-5.10**

D: "One-Way" streets-Although the Board understood the need to make these very narrow roads one-way, they asked for letters to be sent to the residents on the streets to get their feed back before deciding. Miller Lumber had already contacted the Town about concerns with delivery trucks coming in and out if Broad St. was one way. Klutz St. would be easier to make one-way. One resident has had their mailbox hit 3 times in the year they have lived there and has said road was to small for two way traffic.

With proposed changes to streets, it was suggested that it would be better to go in effect on January 1, 2023. This would give staff time to order signage for each street. Signs would be posted at entrance of each street with speed limit and "No Parking on Street" signs. Very few streets in the Town are wide enough to allow parking and two-way traffic. Mayor Eudy mentioned that when he worked in Concord sub-divisions would have one sign at each entrance saying "\_\_\_\_\_miles per hour in this sub-division" which would cut down the number of signs needed.

The Board was concerned about large trucks entering narrow street as cut throughs. At their suggestion the following streets would be listed as "No-Through Streets for Trucks": Cook St, North and South College St., West Walnut St., MPCl St., Elm St., Summer St., New St., Barringer Dr., Hillside St., Ludwig St., Jackson St., and Klutz St. This had already been addressed on North Skyland with DOT since it is under their jurisdiction due to complaints from residents on that street.

*\*\*\*A listing of all Town streets and their width is with the Minutes in the Minute Book.\*\*\**

### **Chapter 6: Pedestrians' Rights and Duties**

No issues or changes by the Board with the guidelines suggested.

### **Chapter 7: Method of Parking**

Section 7-7.5 C-People tend to "straddle" sidewalks and ditches which still impede traffic flow and also damages sidewalks.

Section 7-7.12 B-Ms Burris suggested a 15-minute unloading zone for 1 commercial truck only at the 1450-1460 blocks of N. Main St., 1470-1470 blocks of S. Main St., and alleys to help businesses get their products since there is no where else for them to park near the businesses.

## **2. Fire Department Renovation and where to house Firefighters during the project**

Town Manager Randy Holloway brought the issue of the Firefighters needing a place to reside while the Renovation was taking place. They will be displaced for 6-8 months. A location will be needed for them and a place to park an engine. Kay Beckett of 1431 N. Main Street, right beside the Fire Department, will be placing her home on the market very soon to move near her children. Mr. Holloway presented the idea of purchasing Ms. Becketts home for the use of the Firefighters until the renovation is complete and then reselling it once they are back at the station and any maintenance completed that may be needed. He mentioned that he had an appointment with the realtor later that day and asked if the Board would agree for him to discuss with the realtor and make an offer. Funds would come from the General Fund-Fund Balance if it is purchased. The consensus of the Board was that it was the smart thing to do. More information about the discussion and offer will be reported at the August 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Offer would be signed on the condition that it is approved by the Board on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **3. Planning & Zoning Board Decision**

Mayor Eudy asked the Board if they would like to have a joint meeting with Planning & Zoning sometime before the end of the year. He felt it would be good to let them know that the Town Board supports the Staff and the Ordinances that were passed. Due to a recent case, he also asked for a clarification to "Substantial Change of Use" for the Planning & Zoning Board to have a better understanding of the definition and its intent.

Board members agreed it would be a good idea to meet at least once a year so both Boards are on the same page when making decisions effecting the future of the Town. Erin Burris will coordinate the meeting between the two Boards.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

After finishing all discussions, Mayor Eudy thanked the Town Staff for their hard work and closed the meeting.

Since this was not a formal meeting but a Workshop, a motion was not required; therefore, a motion and vote were not needed.

By our signatures, the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, August 8, 2022 in the Regular Meeting.

  
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

  
Mayor W. Del Eudy

