

Dear Citizens of Kure Beach,

If you follow your town government, you are aware that Council has started an initiative on parking. Several factors are driving this action: recent issues of autos on street blocking emergency vehicles, county population growth bringing more visitors requiring changes to maintain our community atmosphere, and citizen complaints about random parking. Initially we published changes and held a public meeting that many attended. Good insight was received to the original proposal and potential problems. We heard your feedback and have made important changes that will be made public and available on the town website. You should certainly read the ordinance, but I will attempt to simplify what is happening with this note.

The basics are set around the paved Right of Way (ROW) and the unpaved ROW throughout the entire community. Paved ROW is the street and rules simply state that cars and golf carts can only park in marked spaces. The Police Department, at our direction, will ticket or tow vehicles that do not comply with this rule. *If the neighborhood has no marked spaces, there is no street parking.* This action ensures that all emergency vehicles have full access to all properties for fire or health or safety issues.

The unpaved ROW is the space from the paved street to the end of town ROW in FRONT of your home. Only residents and their guests may park in the unpaved ROW at your home. That means enforcement comes down to the homeowner. Call the Police Department if an unidentified vehicle is parked in front of your home and they will ticket the vehicle. To avoid costly permitting procedures and neighbor problems you will need to show that you are the owner or authorized renter of the property for the police to act.

These rules come into effect on July 1. For the period through July 14, our Police Department will issue warnings and not tickets. After the 14th tickets will be written. Please keep in mind that our Police Department is acting on Council direction and doing their job to keep parking managed and safe for the community.

Scan the ordinance; there are some other minor changes. The intent for all this work is to manage parking on the main streets and protect the communities from random parking. These rules allow residents to continue to use space in front of their home as necessary for family, guests or service providers. This is not perfect and is a work in progress. Come the end of season, we as a community, can determine what works and what does not and adjust accordingly.

The final piece of work that is before us is adding spaces to the paved ROW where it is practical, remark the Beach Access parking lots for better parking use, define other places to park for public beach access areas that have no parking lot. We welcome input on improvements and ideas for the next revision.

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky