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SUBJECT: No Stopping, Standing, or Parking Signs on State Maintained Subdivision Streets

Residential streets in subdivisions are local roads. Their primary purpose is to serve traffic from a collector or arterial roadway to access a home's driveway or to parking in front of the home. The stereotypical residential street ideally is calm with low traffic volumes, speeds less than 25 mph, and is wide enough for street parking on one or both sides. Parking, however, becomes a contentious issue in some neighborhoods. Whether it is a street that is too narrow to allow parking on both sides, neighbors being intolerable of the parking behavior of their neighbors, concerns about emergency vehicles being able to pass, mobility of service vehicles, blocked sight distance to be able to get in and out of driveways, parked vehicles being suspected of illegal activities, or the general neighborhood consensus that parking is unsightly and out of character; DelDOT is frequently called upon to provide a solution.

DelDOT's mission is to strive for Excellence in Transportation by providing a safe, reliable and convenient trip through a neighborhood for people and commerce. Therefore, it shall be the engineering practice of the Department to respond to parking restriction requests in subdivisions on state maintained streets in the following manner:

1. Any parking restriction shall be based on the expected safety of the roadway users – motor vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.
2. Under certain conditions, listed below, DelDOT will consider parking restrictions when safety does not appear to be an issue. In these situations, it is DelDOT's engineering judgment that parked vehicles have no significant effect on expected safe and reliable traffic flow.

- i. A parking plan or plan of restricted parking zones shall be submitted to DeIDOT for review.
 - ii. A parking plan or plan of restricted parking shall be a consensus plan developed by the subdivision's official resident association, management company, or with assistance from their local elected officials. The process to reach consensus is solely the prerogative of the neighborhood. DeIDOT will not offer nor administer a balloting procedure.
3. DeIDOT is the only installer of official NO STOPPING STANDING OR PARKING signs.
 4. DeIDOT does not paint (yellow) curbing to restrict parking.
 5. Parking restricted areas are established by Resolutions kept on file at the Department and local police agencies.
 6. Certain areas are deemed no parking areas by Delaware Code, such as 30 feet in advance of a traffic control signal or STOP sign, near a fire hydrant, areas blocking a driveway, within 20 feet of a crosswalk, and others. DeIDOT will post signs to confirm these Code violations at the special request of the Police. Otherwise, DeIDOT will not sign these areas simply to confirm "rules of the road".
 7. Parking in certain cul-de-sacs or turnarounds for No Outlet streets is considered being parked in the roadway and blocking the free flow of traffic. Thereby, it is illegal, not necessarily needing a sign. However, DeIDOT will post signs at the special request of the police.
 8. Parking of oversized vehicles in subdivisions is regulated by local County ordinances, not DeIDOT.

DeIDOT understands that every community is concerned for the quality of life in their neighborhood and the problems that some parking conditions create or are perceived to create. DeIDOT will support a subdivision's reasonable and safe street parking plans by posting appropriate traffic control signs. First and foremost, DeIDOT has the responsibility to restrict parking in those areas to create safe, reliable and convenient trips. This action takes priority over a community proposed parking plan.

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Every Trip -

We strive to make every trip taken in Delaware safe, reliable and convenient for people and commerce.

Every Mode -

We provide safe choices for travelers in Delaware to access roads, rails, buses, airways, waterways, bike trails, and walking paths.

Every Dollar -

We seek the best value for every dollar spent for the benefit of all.

Everyone -

We engage our customers and employees with respect and courtesy as we deliver our services.