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subject: Requesting clarification on §211-29C

Commissioner <redacted> & Officer <redacted>,

As I'm sure you are aware, a number of us are concerned with how the trailer law, which was updated as Ordinance 2017-01, is going to effect our Camping and Boating seasons this year. We've reached out to the Town Board and they have promised us they would look into a potential compromise to balance all of the concerns from the public at large. I applaud them for committing to this.

One thing I do know though is that, by the design of our democracy, most locales (to include towns in NYS) cannot adopt laws overnight, as there is a prescribed process that must take place involving a minimum of about a month's time from suggestion of verbiage to actual implementation. Realistically speaking, given how complex the board has indicated this particular issue is, we're likely looking at longer than that.

This timing is a bit unfortunate in that, we are now into the beginning of camping season (particularly for campers and RVs that have central heating systems in them). The purpose of this email is to ask you exactly what is permitted as of today.

I've read the verbiage for temporary parking in the Town of Clay code which states:

§211-29 "C. Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter to the contrary, the aforesaid prohibition does not apply to deliveries or temporary parking of vehicles for servicing purposes."

My specific question to you is whether or not this exception applies to us temporarily parking our boats or campers in our driveways during the week to "service them" (e.g. unload from previous trip, reload for upcoming trip, wash, charge battery, etc.) between trips. I want to be even more specific in saying that the "trips" most of us take are on weekends and we would like to temporarily park our campers and boats in our driveways to service them during the week (5 days, Sunday night through Friday night). Is this allowed per the verbiage in the exception noted above?

If it is not, how long may we temporarily park our boats and campers in our driveways to "service" them?

The one thing we all have in common (and there are hundreds of us) is that we all want to obey the law as it is written until it is changed. We all believe that breaking a law (that you know exists) because you don't like it is unacceptable, which is exactly why we are working hand in hand with the officials we elected to change it. We also don't believe in breaking laws in the hope that no one will complain...once again unacceptable.

I look forward to your response to my question regarding whether or not the situation I mentioned is, in the understanding of the Dept of Planning, within the confines of the exception spelled out in §211-29C. If not, can you please tell me what is permitted as an exception for "Temporary parking of vehicles for servicing purposes".

Thank you so much for your time and service to our community. I plan to post this email as well as your answer to our Facebook group as well as ClayIssues.com so that all the boaters and campers know what is and is not permitted right now (and hopefully alleviates you having to spend time ticketing violations that resulted from a misunderstanding of this exception). We're all trying our best to stay on the right side of the law here :)

Thanks,
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