

-12/21/2017: The Town Supervisor responded with a positive message.

-Some information that goes beyond the scope of this site has been redacted. In all cases the redaction has been noted.

<Reply from a current Town Councilor – 12/21/2017>

Subject: RE: Introduction and Request for Help

“Mr. Parisi;

Thank you for your email.

You make some very good and valid points. Please note that I am going to look into this with my Commissioner of Planning.

Sincerely,

<signature & contact info redacted> ”

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<Sent 12/19/2017>

Subject: FW: Introduction and Request for Help

“Your Honors,

Not being to familiar with the contact structure for the Town Board, I originally sent this solely to Counselor <redacted>, as I saw from the meeting minutes that he was involved with code change. I've since discovered the town board has an email address and perhaps that was the more appropriate recipient for my request. In either case, I'd appreciate any help or incite you can provide and would welcome the opportunity to participate in any way I can. I wish you all the warmest holiday regards.

Thank You,

Tom”

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<Sent 12/19/2017>

Subject: Introduction and Request for Help

“Counselor <redacted>,

Happy holidays sir! I hope you are enjoying the season. Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tom Parisi and I live with <family members redacted> on <address redacted> . We moved to Clay in 2007 when I <employment information redacted> . Clay was the perfect half way point and we fell in love with a new development that was being built which we wanted to start a small family in. We

asked a lot of questions from some of the neighbors who confirmed our belief that Clay was the perfect place for us. We moved to the area, bought our first camper, ended up having our first child, and have been very happy since with our work/play/family life in Clay.

Not to turn the tone of the email, but I'm writing to you to ask for your clarification and help on a situation we've recently found ourselves in. I've recently come back from travel to find an appearance ticket in my mailbox because my camper is in our yard. I thought this was odd since our family has been enjoying our camper, which many times is parked in our yard, for nine years now. Upon looking into the situation, I see that I am indeed in violation of a local parking ordinance because our camper is over 22 feet long, and I am happy to pay the ticket and take my camper to a storage facility (I'm working on that now).

The issue appears to be a bit larger than not storing the camper in our yard for an extended period of time though (which I admit would be more than fair to ask us not to do). From what I could find on the town web site there was a town hall meeting on 4/3/17 where it was agreed upon to amend the parking code for trailers over 22 feet to remove the words "on any Town highway or right of way". This slight revision of the code appears to have made it immediately illegal to park any camper over 22 feet (which almost all campers are) at any residence in the town of Clay for any amount of time ever. Is this correct? Was that the intent? If so, this represents a rather large change for us, and to be honest, will probably get us out of camping all together. I think it is more than fair to ask residents not to store campers in residential areas for extended periods of time (if that is the concern), but never being allowed to legally bring the camper home, even temporarily, will make going on camping trips so burdensome that the logistics will likely outweigh the fun.

I have talked to *<Town of Clay employee name redacted>* and he explained to me that there was an issue with an upset resident that resulted in a whole list of campers being referred to his office for ticketing, which I understand. He also led me to believe that his office only typically issues tickets if there is a complaint (which in this case was the list). *<employment information redacted>*, it is my personal policy to follow the law regardless of likelihood of it being enforced and that is why I am asking for your help. I see you were involved with the change to §211-29 in April and I am asking if there is any way I can work with you and your office to amend the law again to something that is a little more forgiving. Perhaps we can find a way that registered, insured, and properly maintained campers can temporarily be parked (for a reasonable amount of time) in private driveways, back so many feet from the road, during certain spring/summer/fall months? I would really appreciate it. I'm more than willing to take a cut at a revision if you would like. I'd also welcome a chance to meet with you to discuss, if you have the time.

Thank you so much for your time and I wish you a wonderful holiday season.

Thanks,  
Tom"