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Dept of Public Works

Mr. Richard Jones
Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer
Racine City Hall
Room 303
730 Washington Avenue
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am requesting that the status of "exempt from alternate street parking" be changed for the 1900 block of Taylor Avenue.

I moved to 1965 Taylor Avenue a couple years ago and through communications with the public works department and the police have learned of this exempt status, which, because of all the parked cars, results in this block not getting swept during the warm months, nor adequately plowed during the winter.

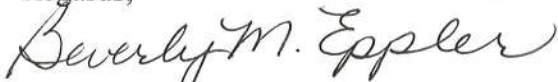
My understanding is that there is no place to park on the west side of the street in this block because of a "no parking restriction" and Lee's Hardware parking entrance and exit. I do not believe, however, that it is a hardship for the residents to park on other streets to allow for adequate maintenance and cleaning. Furthermore, it was difficult for city workers to collect the leaves, because some residents insisted on parking on top of the piles!

I took it upon myself earlier this year to write letters and reminder notes to the residents to refrain from parking on Sunday nights (night swept) so that we could keep our nice new street clean. That worked for a few times, but is again a problem. This morning the sweeper came around approx. 4:30 a.m., only to have to drive around all the cars, mine included.

With winter coming and the new rules on parking, I STRONGLY urge you to consider making the status for the 1900 block of Taylor Avenue the same as other streets. And it makes sense because Taylor Avenue is a main street. It should not be exempt from the rules.

Thank you.

Regards,



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