

THE CITY OF WARWICK  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 76  
TRAFFIC

ARTICLE IV  
STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

No..... Date.....

Approved.....Mayor

*Be it ordained by the City of Warwick:*

Section I. Chapter 76 Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warwick is hereby amended to add the following:

**Sec. 76-192. Parking restrictions generally.**

(c) *No Parking allowed.* It shall be unlawful for any operator of any vehicle to park the same:

On the south side of Fullerton Road along the grass section between two paved parking areas which grass section is approximately 50 feet west of the intersection with Imera Avenue.

Section II. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN HOWE

COMMITTEE: HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

**2018-01**

On 1/12/18, I, Officer Kay received a traffic survey request from Councilman Howe regarding parking issues on Fullerton Rd that are affecting businesses. An email was attached where a constituent describes owning business on Fullerton Rd and having issues with receiving deliveries and pick ups in front of his business (45 Fullerton Rd), due to people parking on the roadway. A request was made to have No Parking-Restricted Parking signs installed near the business.

I reviewed the email sent which included three photographs of vehicles parked on Fullerton Rd and Imera Ave. The photographs showed several vehicles parked along the side of the roadway.

I responded to Fullerton Rd on several occasions to observe the parking issues at different points of the day. I observed that there was a temporary fence installed along the edge of the property of 17 Fullerton Rd (former car rental agency) which is a vacant lot. It appears that the property will be under construction temporarily. During my observations, there were not any vehicles parked along the fence on the north side of the road due to private signs indicating no parking or vehicles will be towed by owners expense. The south side of the road had vehicles parked along the side of 2053 Post Rd, which is a short term parking lot for travelers. These vehicles did not pose any restrictions or traffic concerns.

I did not observe any vehicles parked on Fullerton Rd or Imera Ave near 45 Fullerton Rd. However, from the images provided and the roadway in this area, vehicles parked legally on the road in this area would not pose a traffic concern. This road is not a high traffic roadway and commonly has vehicles parked legally along the road.

Regarding the photographs presented in the email, I did observe parking violations. One vehicle was parked with it's left wheels to the curb and another was parked too close to the approach of the stop sign on Imera Ave. These issues can be corrected with direct enforcement at the time of the violations.

The complainant states that some of the parking issues are due to the private "No Parking Signs" along the temporary fence put up for the construction at 17 Fullerton Rd. Once this is removed, the situation would change again. Vehicles are allowed to park along a public road so long as they are not causing a traffic concern, which the vehicles, if parked legally, would not. If vehicles do park in ways that violate the Rhode Island General Laws or Municipal Ordinances, then they can be addressed and rectified.

On 1/22/18, I responded to 45 Fullerton Rd and spoke with the owner of the business here. His concern was that depending on how vehicles park along Fullerton Rd, it may negatively impact whether some of the semi trucks that deliver to him are able to back into the loading dock. He stated that several times he has had to turn away trucks due to the location of some of the parked vehicles, or unload the truck by hand if able. He stated that the biggest problem he has with deliveries is when a vehicle parks on the south side of Fullerton Rd across from his parking area. When a vehicle parks along the south side roadway between the two paved parking areas, along a small stretch of grass that has a single tree, it blocks the semi trucks from being able to position appropriately to conduct a backing maneuver into his loading dock.

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I observed the street and location that he mentioned. Due to a utility pole on the north side of the road to the west of his loading dock area, the trucks are unable to back in from that angle and the only direction is from the east backing west into the dock area. Having a vehicle parked along the south side of the road between the two paved parking areas adjacent to Drum Rock Specialty on Fullerton Rd would obstruct a large vehicle from being able to back into the dock appropriately.

With the information obtained through the survey, I recommend that one "No Parking Sign" be installed along the south portion of Fullerton Rd along the grass section between the two paved parking areas along the property for Drum Rock Specialty. This location on Fullerton Rd is approximately 50 feet west of the intersection of Imera Ave. Having this sign in place will ensure that this area does not become too congested to be able to facilitate large delivery trucks and their backing maneuvers. The other areas of Fullerton Rd do not require any changes as there are no issues or traffic concerns at this time.