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To: City of Rivergrove

Regarding Parking on Dogwood Street.

Dogwood street is 28' wide. Today A local resident had his truck parked on the South side of the street. I measured it and it is the same width as my car, a Toyota Sequoia, and both are full size vehicles. If the pickup truck and my vehicle were parked directly across from each other, that leaves 15' for open space between them, and for a fire truck which is about 8.5' wide. PLEASE NOTE: Emergency vehicles could have difficulty turning corners from Marlin onto Dogwood, and from Dogwood onto Tualamere. A no parking space should be painted on both ends, say 6 feet, where the curb is painted red with no parking written. If this were done, it should solve the issue, and no more discussion should be necessary.

Everyone knows that if the boat ramp and / or park are busy, then you need to go about 5 mph, just as you would in a school parking lot when school let's out.

Yes the boat ramp and park have an influx of use during the weekends and holidays when the weather is warm. During the week it is very lightly used.

When arriving in a vehicle it's a common practice to stop and unload your items close to where you are accessing the river, and then park your vehicle in a safe place. We have all done this whether we are at a river, picnicking at a park or camping.

Every time I have visited with people using the park or boat ramp, I say hello and treat them with courtesy and as a guest. If they are having a tough time with something, I offer to help them. We should work on being kind and helpful rather than being unaccommodating. All the people who come here are very nice and should be given all the respect that we would want if we were the visitors. Keep in mind, many people are neighbors. If someone believes that a confrontation will solve an issue, they will find that this very rarely has a positive outcome. We need to treat others the way we wish to be treated.

A selfish attitude has developed and this results in not only negative reactions between the users of the boat ramp, but now influences other people in the neighborhood, and as you know, causes ongoing deliberations among the City Council. There's no need for this if neighbors can interact in a positive way.

It's like, is your cup half full or half empty. I was raised looking at the cup half full. I have worked on City of Lake Oswego committees and other volunteer organizations. I am a lifelong resident of this community and have lived one block off Dogwood street for the last 41 years. I and other long term neighbors do not see why you are even considering

regulations.

Additionally, I was visiting with Landon Gentry this afternoon. I asked him what he thought was of primary concern. He believes exactly the same as I do, that the City should have a person who is familiar with native plants and vegetation recommend what to plant in place of the Ivy and bushes that have overtaken the ramp on both sides. New plants and bushes that can block visibility and control noise for the immediate residents will satisfy many of the concerns. Maintenance should be performed, just as we have someone for mowing the park. Everyone that I know in the area believes maintenance by the City is what will calm down all of the issues that keep coming up. Try it out and let's get this under control.

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