

To: Traffic Commission

Date: May 19, 2023

From: Linda and Gordon Philips and other residents of Hillcrest Circle

- Hillcrest Circle: is a cul de sac with only one entrance from Hillside Road.
- We are a close-knit neighborhood with 14 pre-school/elementary age children and there are also many 60+ seniors.
- We have had 4 medical emergencies in the recent past requiring fire trucks from Mt. Auburn Street and ambulances.
- The entrance to our street is at a curve and there is a blind hill coming from Hillside Road from Mt. Auburn Street/Maplewood Road.
- Often, there are cars parked just beyond the crosswalk on both sides of the road and this means that emergency vehicles and DPW trucks cannot enter our street. There have been instances in the past when this was reported.
- The parked cars at the entrance to our circle are almost always cars belonging to people who *do not live* on Hillcrest Circle.
- Even when there is a parked car on *only one side* of the entrance, a car that is leaving the road must go far into Hillside Road to see oncoming traffic due to the blind hill (Hillside Road) and large Rhododendron on the corner property.
- There have been concerns reported in the past, but on **April 28th at 5:30PM, my husband was hit head on by a car while riding his bike as he was returning home. It happened as he entered Hillcrest Circle via Hillside Road when there were parked cars on either side of the road leaving no room for the exiting car except where it blocked the road and thus the car collision occurred. He has a fractured rib, broken left collarbone, injured right shoulder and knee.**

We are asking the commission to authorize and enforce NO PARKING signs/zone on both sides of our road beyond the crosswalk for the length of **two vehicles**. We request that this be done immediately.

The safety of all our residents must be taken seriously. The danger when cars are parked where they are "legal" *does not reflect the unique issue of a curving entranceway, limited visibility, and sole access to our street for emergency trucks.*

Although the concern for this situation has been reported in the past, it was unfortunately underscored by substantial injuries sustained by my husband last month.

Respectfully,
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