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To the Mill Valley City Counsel,

The parking ordinances under consideration are confusing, ambiguous, poorly written and lacking in clear and concise definitions. They are fraught with unnecessary and difficult to enforce restrictions, even if you could decipher what can be parked and for how long.

Storage is one issue and parking for legitimate use is another. Vehicles should not be stored on the street and a parking ordinance should prohibit storage. It also needs to define what is unacceptable (or acceptable) use for parking in a way that does not interfere with reasonable and safe use.

Where did the RV use schedule come from? What if an owner goes on multiple weekend trips arriving home late on Sundays? After some trips they can park on Sunday night but on other Sunday nights they will not be allowed to park, based on how many other times and for how long they have already been parked in the past? Who is going to track this, and how? Many storage areas are not even open after 5PM. Why would you want to restrict somebody from parking overnight after arriving home from a family camping trip? No other municipalities in Marin have anywhere near this kind of a restrictive process.

The Corte Madera and Sausalito parking ordinance seem to work quit well. They rationally allow for residents to load and unload without imposing ridiculous and unenforceable restrictions. And they do not allow for storage. Read the other ordinances and then read the Mill Valley one. It becomes painful to try and track what is acceptable and what is not in the Mill Valley ordinance.

The confusion applies to all paragraphs of the ordinances including the definitions for commercial vehicles. There is so much confusion one has to ask, what are you doing? What are you trying to achieve? One of the earlier versions tried to ban pick-up trucks. How could a ban on pick-up trucks even be considered? So that one was removed. Then it's the plumber's truck. Then the small vaguely defined commercial van. Let's exclude those. And it goes on and on, rather than figuring out clearly what kind or size of trucks are being restricted. We understand you are tired of this but that does not excuse passing such a poorly written and ill conceived ordinance.

The document cannot be re-written enough to remove the confusion, ambiguity and lack of clear and concise definitions. I fully support pulling the document from the agenda. I also fully support a more qualified and comprehensive approach to a written ordinance prepared by a group or individual with some degree of, and interest in, understanding of municipal street use and parking as it applies to all.

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