

April 10, 2024

City Traffic Commission

Written Public Comments

## Item #5.3

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**From:** Paulyne Youri  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:30 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Quincy Ave. Citrus Cove Apartments Handicapped Parking Spaces

Dear Mr. Allenbach,

My name is Paulyne Youri, and I am a current resident of Citrus Cove Apartments. I am writing to you to express my opinion and concern regarding the petition to paint the curb of E. Quincy Ave and designate Handicapped parking spaces. I am unable to attend the City Council meeting in person, but I wanted to express my thoughts on the matter. I believe that the petition should be denied. Here's why. The cul de sac curbside parking is the only place for all of Citrus Cove's residents' guests to park. There is already a limited number of spaces available, but at least all spaces are equally available to all residents' guests, including those with handicap permits. Painting part of the curb as designated handicapped parking would restrict the amount of available guest parking available without providing any additional benefit.

I have lived in this complex for about a year and observed the cars parked on the cul de sac daily as I enter and exit the complex. Frankly, there is rarely a car with a handicap sign parked here. This indicates that there is no need or demand for designated handicapped spaces. Thus, if spaces are made handicapped only, they will likely be free spaces most of the time. These spaces could be used by and should be available to others.

Additionally, if there is a person with a handicap permit who seeks to park at the curb daily, then they are most likely a resident who should instead obtain a parking permit from management for a space reserved in the lots for residents. Or, if a person is not a resident but is seeking to park along the curb on a daily or near-daily basis, they should ask the resident they are visiting to purchase a parking permit in the residents' lot, which would guarantee that person parking. Again, as the curb currently stands, these spaces are for guests; each car parks on a first come, first served basis, and all spaces are available to everyone, including those with handicap permits.

Further, this cul de sac is already accessibility friendly, and painting a portion of the curb will not provide additional benefits to make the complex more accessible. As a resident, I believe that adding a handicapped curb will provide little benefit to the apartment complex as a whole and will instead create additional strain on the already limited parking available for residents' guests.

Therefore, I believe the request to designate part of the curb for handicapped parking should be denied.

Thank you.

Best regards,  
Paulyne Youri

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