

Hello,

We are writing to formally request the implementation of permit parking on South Swidler Place in Orange. Over the past few years, parking conditions have become increasingly challenging for the residents of our street, primarily due to the rise in the number of occupants in the nearby apartments.

The residents from these apartments have adopted practices that severely impact parking availability for homeowners on our street. These include deliberately parking vehicles in a manner that occupies multiple spaces, frequently swapping out vehicles to retain prime spots, leaving cars parked for extended periods, and moving them only for street sweeping on Thursdays. Furthermore, we have observed that some residents use their parked vehicles as gathering spots, lingering for hours and even working on their cars late into the night.

These behaviors have created significant challenges for the residents of South Swidler Place. For example, on Wednesdays, trash pickup has become increasingly difficult, leading many of us to resort to placing our trash cans in the street to a spot for trash day. Otherwise, our trash may not be collected due to blocked access, which has occurred multiple times. Additionally, some individuals park dangerously close to driveways, making it difficult for residents to enter or exit their homes.

The situation has escalated to the point where tensions have risen between residents and those occupying parking spots from the apartments. There have been altercations, including an incident involving our gardener, who was confronted by apartment residents for "taking" a parking spot. This hostile environment is creating an uncomfortable atmosphere for all involved.

Moreover, the lack of available parking has become a severe inconvenience for our guests, and we have received tickets when forced to use the parking lot across the street during gatherings. This is particularly concerning as we have a disabled child who requires regular medical attention, and nurses and other supportive service staff need a spot to park. The current situation often necessitates "musical cars" to ensure a spot in our driveway, leading to us blocking the sidewalk—a situation that is far from ideal.

It is worth noting that all streets surrounding ours have implemented permit parking due to similar issues, and it is unclear why South Swidler Place has yet to be afforded the same consideration. Given the significant challenges we face, we strongly believe that permit parking is a necessary measure to restore order and ensure that the residents of South Swidler Place can enjoy the peace and comfort of their homes.

Please consider our request and take the necessary steps to implement permit parking on our street.

Thank you.

James Perez