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Board of Supervisors  
East Fallowfield Township  
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Subject: **Request for Variance Allowing Street Parking**

Dear East Fallowfield Township and Board of Supervisors,

We are expressing our sincere interest in obtaining a variance that permits street parking within the Branford Village community while ensuring the vital passage of emergency vehicles and maintaining open sidewalks for pedestrians.

We understand and prioritize the need for unobstructed roadways to facilitate swift and safe response times for emergency services within our community. Therefore, our proposed variance includes a crucial provision that mandates all vehicles parked on the street to remain on the side of the sidewalks. This arrangement ensures emergency vehicles can pass through efficiently, enabling rapid responses to any urgent situation within our community.

In addition to facilitating emergency vehicle access, we recognize the significance of accessible sidewalks for the safety and convenience of pedestrians. To safeguard pedestrian mobility, we propose that any vehicle obstructing a sidewalk, whether parked on the street or in a driveway, may be subject to fines. This measure will reinforce the importance of keeping sidewalks clear and unobstructed, benefiting the entire community.

We wish to outline the reasons for seeking this variance, understanding that they extend beyond the convenience of our residents. The increase in the number of cars per household has surpassed the available space in driveways, resulting in a need for more parking options. Furthermore, the construction of designated areas for community parking contributes to heightened water runoff and drainage concerns. By allowing street parking, we can address the limited parking spaces and minimize the environmental impact of excessive stormwater runoff.

It is crucial to acknowledge that modern vehicles have grown in size compared to their predecessors. The construction of most household garages in Branford Village no longer accommodates larger vehicles such as SUVs, trucks, or full-size cars, which have become

prevalent in our community. Granting this variance would address the practical need for parking spaces that suit these modern vehicle dimensions.

In conclusion, the Branford Village HOA kindly requests your consideration in granting the variance that allows parking on the streets while ensuring that parked vehicles remain on the side of the sidewalks, prioritizing emergency vehicle access and pedestrian safety. We understand the significance of maintaining accessible sidewalks for pedestrians and are committed to enforcing these guidelines within our community.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and hope that you will give our request due consideration. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610-496-9438 or via email at Branfordboard@gmail.com. Thank you for your time, and we eagerly await your favorable response.

### Proposed Changes:

#### Parking on One Side of the Street:

- Allow parking on the side of the street where there are sidewalks only.
- Prohibit parking on the sidewalks to ensure unobstructed pedestrian pathways.

#### Sidewalks and Driveways:

- Homeowners with sidewalks must stay within a reasonable amount of parking, ensuring that sidewalks crossing driveways remain clear for pedestrian use.

#### Emergency Vehicle Access:

- Parking on one side of the street allows for sufficient width for emergency vehicles to navigate without obstruction.

#### Snow Emergency Regulations:

- During snow emergencies, there should be no parking on the streets to facilitate effective snow removal by the township.
- Residents are encouraged to use alternative parking arrangements during these periods.

#### Corner Clear Vision:

- No parking within 50 feet of corners to ensure clear visibility at crosswalks and intersections, promoting pedestrian and traffic safety.

#### Enforcement and Penalties:

- Violators of the new regulations will be subject to fines imposed by the Township Police Department.
- No "saving" of spots will be allowed; streets will remain public domain and open for parking within the new guidelines.

Rationale:

- Pedestrian Safety: Clear sidewalks and unobstructed pathways ensure safe pedestrian circulation throughout the neighborhood.
- Emergency Access: Adequate street width facilitates swift access for emergency vehicles, ensuring the safety of residents.
- Snow Emergency Preparedness: Prohibiting parking during snow emergencies enables efficient snow removal and minimizes disruptions.
- Traffic Visibility: Maintaining clear vision at corners enhances overall traffic safety and reduces the risk of accidents.

Sincerely,

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