

5/24/26

Mr. Jacob Obryan
Columbia Public Works Dept.
701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO 65205

Re: semi-trailer parking on Heather Lane

Dear Mr. Obryan:

We at Broadway Christian Church (BCC) have a concern about traffic safety on Heather Lane. We have two (2) entrances on Heather Lane into our parking lot on the East side of our property. We are aware that Ordinance 14-324 currently prohibits parking on the East side of the Heather Lane. However, Ordinance 14-289 (a) "prohibits parked vehicles from creating a hazard condition". A hazard is what we believe is being created on Heather Lane due to parking restricted on the east side of the street.

Presently, the West side of the street is available for parking. BCC is not adverse to personal use vehicles parking on the West side. However, what, in practice, is occurring is that semi-trailer trucks and trailers are being parked along the street throughout the week and not personal use vehicles. The size of these tractor trailers impedes exiting BCC drivers from clearly seeing on coming vehicles from either the North or the South.

Our premises, like many Columbia churches, are used not only by our members, but also by many community organizations. Within the last week there was an accident at the Northeast BCC exit when a visitor was attempting to pull out onto Heather Lane. Her field of vision was impaired by the size and placement of the tractor trailers on both sides of the exit. If the tractor trailers were parked on the East side of Heather Lane, there would have been no line of site impairment for her and all other exiting BCC drivers. A incident report was filed by the police.

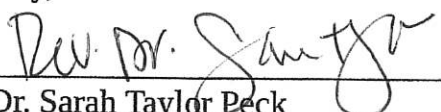
We don't believe there should be any objection from the trailer truck operators to moving to the East side of Heather Lane to park their vehicles. This move would actually provide at least one additional space for parking now taken up by BCC's entrances off of Heather Lane.

This proposed move may necessitate signage and yellow paint expenses. Members of BCC would be willing to cover those expenses.

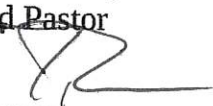
This safety issue is of paramount importance to BCC members and our guests and invitees. Representatives of BCC would be pleased to continue this discussion in person with you or other City of Columbia staff.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to hearing back from you on how best to solve this ongoing safety issue.

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Sarah Taylor Peck
BCC Lead Pastor



Todd Rauch
BCC Property Committee Chair



Alizia Adams
BCC Safety and Security Committee Chair