



Tremont Safety Committee

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Gentlemen:

The Tremont Safety Committee, and other interested Tremont neighborhood residents, are appreciative of the recent efforts of the 2nd Dist. personnel in helping us with what we believe are serious recurring traffic violations that impact the safety of people in our neighborhood.

While we enjoy the business and residential ambiance of the Tremont neighborhood, we nevertheless must keep reminding ourselves that we are a residential neighborhood where people are out and about at all hours, and not just on the busy weekends. However, it is on the busy weekends when we especially (but not exclusively) notice what we believe is an abuse of the City parking regulations.

Specifically, we notice violations in the following categories: parking in front of fire hydrants; parking in front of the driveways of residents; cars parked in valet zones for extended periods of time; double parking that causes blockage in the event that an emergency vehicle is needed; parking in crosswalks; parking in bus stop zones; parking in designated tow away, no stopping or parking anytime, or no parking from here to corner zones; and parking on treelawns especially in a fashion that blocks sidewalks. We call these things "Hot Spots" because they seem to occur mostly in and around the vicinity of businesses on Professor St., Literary Rd., College Ave., Jefferson Ave., Tremont St., W. 7th St., W. 10th St. and W. 11th St., and parts of Starkweather Ave. near Professor St.


While we are aware that parking violations may not hold a high priority in the scheme of seriousness that dictates the assignment of police officers, some of the violations are serious safety issues, and we would appreciate it if some arrangement could be made for 2nd Dist. patrol cars in Tremont to be aware of the kinds of violations pointed out above, and to cite the violators when violations are noticed.




Further, parking in front of a fire hydrant is a most serious offense, and although towing such a car would seem to be harsh, it would be even harsher if a fire occurred, and the fire personnel were hindered in their access to the hydrant. We ask you to keep this in mind. We are not speaking here of parking 2 feet away from a hydrant, which in itself would be a violation, but of parking directly in front of the hydrant, blocking it completely to the extent that it is almost impossible to see the hydrant when driving down the street!

We hope that some increased enforcement can take place as we work with the businesses and residents in Tremont to highlight the safety issues that are attendant to some violations. With increased enforcement, and education of residents and visitors to our neighborhood, we hope to solve these issues and make the neighborhood safer.

Sincerely,


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