

ORDINANCE NO. 1625

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 8.28, ONE-WAY STREETS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, The residents of Owen Street presented to the City Council on August 16, 1994, a petition requesting that Owen Street be made a one-way street; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has discussed the petition with the residents and considered the request carefully; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section One: Section 8.28.07, One-way Vehicular, Owen Street, Added

It shall be unlawful for any vehicle, motorized or unmotorized, to be driven or otherwise operated on Owen Street, from the intersection of White and Owen Streets to the intersection of Owen and Elk Streets, in any direction other than in the descending direction beginning at the intersection of White and Owen Streets.

Section Two: Repeal Clause

All Ordinances or Resolutions, and parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section Three: Emergency Clause

Since the residents of Owen Street believe that the increased traffic and parking of vehicles on Owen Street have created a dangerous situation in their neighborhood, and since the City Council has studied the situation and agrees with the residents, an emergency is hereby declared to exist; and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval. } not read

PASSED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, THIS 21th DAY OF September, 1994.

APPROVED:

Geri Best Fairman
Interim Mayor

ATTEST:

Juanita S. Barner
Juanita S. Barner, City Clerk

P E T I T I O N

We, the undersigned who reside on Owen Street which runs between White Street on the West and Spring Street on the East in the Eureka Springs Historic District, are asking the City of Eureka Springs to halt the parking and excessive traffic and speeding that exist on our street.

-- Proposals --

1. We propose that all parking (with the exception of residents and visiting guests) be discontinued on our street, by permit, if necessary.
2. We propose that Owen Street be made a one-way street going downhill from White Street toward Spring Street, which is the same direction our emergency vehicles would most likely be traveling.
3. We propose two speed bumps be placed on our street.

-- Reasoning --

1. The cars and trucks that are parking along the North side of Owen Street and on the South side of the lower portion of Owen Street cause a dangerous situation, often leaving too little space for emergency vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances and police cars to pass through safely.
2. The excessive speed of vehicles which continues day and night places each of us and our children, animals, vehicles and property in direct physical danger.
3. The cars and trucks coming and going, the noise of doors opening and closing, vehicles turning around in our driveways and yards and the general increase in noise pollution in the neighborhood has become unbearable.

-- Feelings --

Many of us are either retired, work at home or have night jobs and we are therefore at home during the day when most of this activity happens. We feel we have lost the neighborhood we knew when we made the decision to buy or rent our homes on Owen Street.

We also feel there is sufficient parking available in downtown lots on Main Street or in the newly created lot at the top of Planer Hill. We believe that we should not have to provide free parking, while at the same time sacrificing the peacefulness of the neighborhood where we live and the real property on which we pay taxes, simply because people refuse to use other available parking facilities.

The existing parking and traffic situation on Owen Street is an accident waiting to happen and now is the time for prevention. Thanking you for your consideration and action, we are:

PRINTED NAME	STREET NO.	SIGNATURE
Lester L. Armagost	35 OWEN	<i>Lester L. Armagost</i>
Jah RASKER	33 OWEN	<i>Jah Rasker</i>
VERNA M. MABERY	25 OWEN	<i>Verna M. Mabery</i>
Elizabeth A. Zabely	44 Owen	<i>Elizabeth A. Zabely</i>
Richard D. McKinley	36 Owen	<i>Richard D. McKinley</i>
Deborah Clay	40 Owen	<i>Deborah Clay</i>
JUDY MONTGOMERY	32 Owen	<i>Judy Montgomery</i>
DON E. CARTER	30 Mountain	<i>Don E. Carter (Park on Owen)</i>
SHARON HAMM	20 OWEN	<i>Sharon Hamm</i>
Adelle R Speltz	21 Owen	<i>Adelle R Speltz</i>
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