



June 6, 2021

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Sent by email

Hello Chief Daniels,

We are in receipt of your June 3 email and its attachments which contain an order for markings of fire lane no parking areas on public roads in the the Bella Beach Community.

First, as we have indicated previously, the Board is fully ready to assist the Road District and the Fire Department in carrying out the directives in your letter. However, as I have explained in the past, the HOA Board does not have the legal authority to place signs and markings on the public roads in Bella Beach. That is the responsibility of the Road District, and we believe the primary response to your directive must come from the Road District.

Also, as you are aware, the HOA has already taken some and is completing additional steps to ensure that the HOA owned roads are clear and passable by emergency vehicles. This includes designation of all the HOA roads as fire lanes, and marking them with appropriate no parking signs, and clearing trees, branches and other potential impediments to maneuvering emergency vehicles. The signs have been purchased and our landscape contractor has been tasked with mounting them. This is expected to be completed this coming week.

There are some discrepancies between the text in the attached supporting memos between the Road District, Fire district, and County Commissioners, and the map that has the fire lane areas highlighted in yellow. For example, two parking spaces on West Belle Circle parallel to the short rock wall on the west most segment were removed when the roads were re-stripped. In addition there are multiple parking spaces along the south rock wall on Bella Beach Circle, but the memos refer only to one parking space. It isn't clear why there can be only one space when the north and south corners of the road were crosshatched with no parking areas to permit fire truck turning. Another example is the map shows street parking on parts of East Belle Circle, while one of the memos says no street parking on E. Belle Circle. Loss of existing parking spaces often causes considerable angst. It would be good to be able to be clear and correct on these details, and not just assume it will get worked out.

Something else that I feel I should point out is that my understanding is that these directives concerning parking apply to the whole road district and not just the Bella Beach HOA. The Road District includes more than the HOA. Approximately 25% of the homes within the Road District area are not in the HOA. This includes a number of addresses on E. Belle Circle, West Belle Circle, and Oceanview. The owners and renters of these homes will need to be informed.

Finally, our president Chuck Craig was told by Rick McGraw that you wanted him to send your letter out to the Bella Beach homeowners. The board would be glad to do this officially as soon as we have some clarification so we can tell renters and homeowners clearly and correctly where parking is not allowed. I will contact your office early next week to see how to best resolve these questions.

For the Bella Beach Board of Directors,

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