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PARKING "VARIANCE" LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2013

The Town of Minturn is issuing this notice to address former Police Chief Brad Lamb's November 18, 2013 letter, entitled "Taylor Avenue Parking Variance." Chief Lamb's letter purports to grant a "variance" allowing vehicles to park on the west side of Taylor Street between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., between the south railroad track intersection and the north end of Taylor Street near the Lionshead trail access.

First, in the letter, Chief Lamb referenced a petition that was signed by Taylor Street residents requesting that parking be allowed on Taylor Street. The Town is not in possession of any such petition.

Second, while Chief Lamb used the term "variance," the letter does not grant a variance as used in the Town Code. There are several examples of variances in the Town Code, such as sign variances and zoning variances, but there is no Code section authorizing a parking variance.

The position of Police Chief is granted specific authority by the Minturn Town Code. The Police Chief has the authority to enforce State statutes and Town ordinances within the Town boundaries, and to perform other related duties as the Town Council requires. The Police Chief does not have the authority to change the laws that apply within the Town. The Town Council did not request or direct that Chief Lamb issue the letter.

Because of the confusion surrounding the letter, the Town Council wants to make it clear that the letter does not restrict the Town's ability to regulate parking on Taylor Street.

The Town takes the comments and concerns of its residents seriously. The Town Council held a special public meeting on January 27, 2014, to address the parking concerns on Taylor Street. The Town Council received public comment from Taylor Street residents, which the Town will consider as it develops a revised parking plan for Taylor Street. The Town Council is hopeful that it can adopt a parking plan for Taylor Street that is responsive to the needs of residents and ensures safe travel along the roadway.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Town Council or Town staff if you have questions, comments or concerns about our community. The Town's contact information may be found at <http://www.minturn.org> or by calling (970) 827-5645. We look forward to hearing from you.