

McCord Candies, Inc.
536 Main Street, Lafayette, IN 47901

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Parking Operations
P.O. Box 1688
Lafayette, IN 47902

Greetings from the Bootsmas!

This letter is not written to contest the citation that we received on 03/01/2018 but to share some of the complications/difficulties we encounter while trying to manage this 1912 McCord enterprise since becoming the new owners last June. Please allow us to present our concerns:

1. The steps leading to the basement door on 6th street (where most of our dairy products, fruits and vegetables, syrups, and all supplies are stored) is totally inaccessible by reason of the re-design of the sidewalks, when the City set our 3 garbage totes over a fenced-in steel grate.

Our only access point for ALL candy, supplies, paper products, deliveries by Coke, Indiana Oxygen, and groceries, is the front door at 6th and Main – the same entrance used by every customer!

When we shop at Gordon's and Sam's, and return with an average "lot" worth between \$300 and \$400, we have to deal with cumbersome boxes and heavy cases, including the normal ten, 25# bags of sugar, with no near-by place to park.

2. Wouldn't it make sense to have a "20-minute loading zone" close to our front door, for one of the oldest businesses in Lafayette, having been started by the Glatz family in 1912 and taken over by the McCords in 1947?

On the day that we got the parking violation, I picked up a significant amount of Styrofoam cups (that come in 500 lots in a large cardboard box), along with lids and groceries from both Sam's and Gordon's. I was fortunate to get the front spot near the "garden" on 6th. Later in the day, Denise had to go out for two boxes of Coke that weigh 40# each. The only "close" parking space, was 5 back from my morning spot, and therefore "the ticket" for parking on the same side of the street, 6 hours later, having already moved the car 3 times that day.

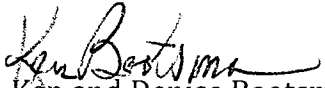
3. Note: Roth Florists (just two blocks away) was given two "loading zone" spaces for delivering flowers from their side door, which is great for them. Fair comparison?

4. Another complication is the way the City handles / or doesn't handle snow. Clearing our sidewalks is each individual owner's responsibility, and you recently more than doubled that space with pavers, which in turn, triples the work it takes to shovel snow. AND THEN you plow the streets, pushing the slush onto our freshly shoveled sidewalks.

Did you ever have to carry groceries from the tailgate or trunk of your vehicle, through street-plowed snow, over icy curbs, down a city block to your front door? Probably not, but that's what we were forced to do at least twice a week when the snows came, while paying City utilities, taxes, and permit fees.

In summary, it would be greatly appreciated if we could have just one (1) space designated as a "20 minute loading zone" during normal (City) M-F hours, close to our front door. Please?

Respectfully submitted,


Ken and Denise Bootsma
Mc Cord Candies



**Proposed 30-Minute
Loading Zone
Parking Space
536 Main Street**

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