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To: John Gosinski
From: Fire Chief Scott Cota
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Ref: Fire Hydrant Parking

Mr. Gosinski,

Per your request of the parking distance from a fire hydrant, I will include the (MVC) Michigan Vehicle Code as well as the codes from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Code Council (ICC) International Fire Code (IFC).

MVC act 300 of 1949, 257.674 section 674 (1) Prohibited parking; exception; bus loading zone; violation as civil infraction.

Part (d) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

IFC 508.5.4 Obstructions. Posts, fences, vehicles, growth, trash, storage and other materials or objects shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants, fire department inlet connections or fire protection system control valves in a manner that would prevent such equipment or fire hydrants from being immediately discernible. The fire department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining immediate access to fire protection equipment or fire hydrants.

NFPA 1 Fire Code, 13.1.3, Obstructions shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants, fire department inlet connections, or fire protection system control valves in a manner that would prevent such equipment or fire hydrants from being immediately visible and accessible.

13.1.4.1 An approved clear and unobstructed path shall be provided and maintained for access to the fire department inlet connections.

The fire department, code enforcement official or the (AHJ), authority having jurisdiction, has the right to increase these distances or to make the code more stringent. In the case of vehicles parking around fire hydrants at Lake Columbia, where feasible, no parking of vehicles within, fifty feet (50) on either side of a hydrant. This will allow emergency vehicles to get off the road and conduct fire operation in and around the hydrants.

Should you have any further question please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Scott A.Cota
Fire Chief