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My name is K. Knox and I have lived on Flannery Street, near Homeridge Park, for 45 years. In the last 4 years, there are increasing problems in the neighborhood due to illegal behavior that have occurred in the park. Such as the following:

- The breaking of locks into the park water ways on the north and south side of Homestead Road.
- The ripping of gates and the pulling out of the wire fences, that keep children safe from going into the park.
- All kinds of junk thrown into the creek bed, such as bikes, shopping carts, old blankets, xmas stuff, broken things.
- Bike riding drug dealing on the streets and in the parks. Occurred last week.
- Drugs and needles being found in the new Children's Section at the front of the park.
- Destruction of the gate in the rear of the park, that a Condo community uses to enter the park.
- Unauthorized camping and living (for over 4 years) in the park.

Over the last 4 years I have talked with police several times, and have been told that because of Covid, they were not to act to enforce any park rulings. I have talked with members of the Water District Property about the broken locks, fences and gates, and they have repaired them with stronger locks, and stronger metal fences. Still the brakes continue.

I encourage your department to pass this ordinance so the neighborhood around the park and waterway, can be corrected so that law breaking does not continue. People need to feel the City and Water Department can protect adults and children, and the Park. Thank you, K. Knox

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