

## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CARLTON CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** March 3, 2026

**RE:** Notice of Selective Enforcement and Administrative Failure

**FROM:** Joah Fitzgerald

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**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council,**

I am submitting this letter to formally document a pattern of selective enforcement and a failure of administrative transparency that has targeted my residence and my vehicle.

**1. The "Ticket Batching" Incident** On 2/17, I was issued **nine separate citations** simultaneously by a single officer. These citations cover alleged offenses—including moving violations—spanning a two-week period. I was never stopped for these alleged offenses at the time they occurred. Instead, the officer "saved" these citations and delivered them in a single bundle to my door. This is not a practice of public safety; it is a punitive "ticket dump" designed to overwhelm a resident.

**2. The Parking "Catch-22"** For years, my residence utilized a historical driveway area. Recently, I was commanded to cease using this area. I complied immediately. However, since moving my vehicle to the street and following the 72-hour ordinance, I have been targeted with "Abandoned Vehicle" and "Prohibited Parking" citations. I am being punished for the very solution the City forced upon me.

**3. Refusal of Administrative Guidance** Following my arraignment, I requested clear guidance from the Police Department on where I could legally park to ensure future compliance. The written response I received from the officer stated:

*"I am not able to specifically advise you as to where you can and cannot park... understanding how you can legally park and where will ultimately be up to you..."*

It is a fundamental failure of local government when a resident begs for help to follow the law and is told by law enforcement to "figure it out yourself" while being simultaneously buried in fines ultimately telling me where not to park.

**4. Evidence of Selective Enforcement** I have documented via timestamped photography that while my vehicle is "pre-marked" for towing or citation within hours of parking, multiple other vehicles on my block remain stationary and unmarked for weeks at a time. I have no desire to see my neighbors harassed; I am simply requesting the same "community standard" of leniency be applied to me that is clearly granted to everyone else.

**Formal Request for Action:** I am not asking for a "favor." I am asking for **Equal Protection under the Law**. I request that this Council:

- Review the ethics of "batching" tickets for delivery days after an alleged offense.
- Direct the City Manager to provide a clear, written determination on legal parking options for my residence.
- Cease the selective "pre-marking" of my vehicle's tires.

I have made this letter, as well as the officers email correspondence, available to the public at [CarltonOregon.com](http://CarltonOregon.com).

Respectfully submitted,

*Joah Fitzgerald*