

Boone Parking Still Stifles Town Council

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Signs, signs, everywhere signs. Do this, don't do that, can't you read the signs? That was the issue, as it pertained to signs in private parking lots, Boone Town Council discussed for over an hour during Tuesday evening's meeting. Discussion began with the town attorney Sam Furgiuele introducing suggestions for revisions to the towing ordinance. He provided several suggestions to strengthen aspects of the ordinance addressing; lot attendants displaying proper identification, attendants remaining in plain view, mitigation of aggressive attendant practices, developing ideas that deter drivers from parking in private lots, and improving signage. Most suggestions were met with multiple, varying opinions from Council members but the most debated issue was signage. Business owners John Tate and Mark Templeton provided several examples of signs they had developed following Town ordinance guidelines that were effective plus they shared, from their experiences, signage ideas that weren't effective. Council member, Jamie Leigh, brought the discussion to a stop stating they had talked in circles long enough and moved to table the matter until a later date. The Council decided to reflect on suggestions and bring their ideas, along with attorney Furgiuele's additional suggestions, to incorporate into revisions in the ordinance at a future meeting.