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Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:54 AM
To: City Manager; City Council
Subject: Re: Immediate Safety Action Requested – Repeated Vehicle Strikes at Our Home (Ward 1)

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Dear Members of the Laconia City Council and City Manager,

We are writing on behalf of our household, Vincent Ferrara and Dianna Ferrara, regarding the ongoing public safety concern at our home located at 247 Lexington Drive, where vehicles have repeatedly left the roadway and struck our property. This email serves as our second written request for follow-up and a clear timeline regarding mitigation review and next steps.

We would also like to note that we greatly appreciated Councilor Jon Hildreth stopping by to confirm that the City had received our initial letter and request.

In addition, we previously reached out to the Department of Public Works to request the installation of a temporary stop sign, as the existing stop sign is not visible to approaching vehicles until they are already at the intersection. While this could be a helpful immediate measure, we do not believe it would be sufficient on its own, and we respectfully request that the City also evaluate additional mitigation options to support public safety.

As background, this is not an isolated incident. In addition to the most recent impact and the associated damage, we have learned that this same property was struck on at least two prior occasions while owned by the previous longtime resident, Joyce Robinson, who lived here for approximately 20 years before passing. Her daughter provided the following approximate timeframes:

- Late 1990s: A vehicle left the roadway and entered the property
- Around 2010: A second vehicle strike impacted the property

While these dates are approximate, they reflect a clear pattern of recurring roadway departure incidents at this location. If helpful, we can also provide the names of contractors who previously performed repairs following those earlier impacts.

At this time, we respectfully request the following from the City:

1. A written response acknowledging receipt of this concern and outlining the City's assessment of the issue
2. A timeline for next steps, including any review by Public Works, Traffic Safety, or Engineering

3. An opportunity to meet on-site or discuss feasible mitigation measures to improve safety and reduce the likelihood of future incidents

We want to be clear that our request is not only about property damage, but about the ongoing risk of a serious injury or worse should another vehicle leave the roadway. We strongly believe this location warrants proactive review and practical mitigation to protect residents, motorists, and the broader public.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We appreciate the City's consideration and look forward to receiving a written response and proposed timeline for a mitigation discussion.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Jan 6, 2026 at 9:22 AM DLF <diannaferrara@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Members of the Laconia City Council and City Manager,

As Ward 1 residents, we are reaching out to our ward councilor, the City Manager, and the full City Council to request coordinated and immediate assistance with a serious and ongoing public safety concern affecting our home and this roadway.

Given the repeated nature of these incidents and the known pedestrian use of this area, we believe this matter warrants citywide attention and prompt action.

We are writing to request immediate City intervention regarding a documented and dangerous traffic hazard affecting our home.

Our home sustained a third known vehicle strike last week, causing property damage and underscoring an ongoing safety failure at this location. Since the home was built in 1985, it has reportedly been struck by vehicles on at least two prior occasions. This history demonstrates an ongoing and foreseeable safety risk, not an isolated accident.

The current roadway configuration directs vehicles straight toward our home, creating a serious hazard for residents, visitors, and the public. Each incident reinforces the reality that drivers have no physical deterrent preventing them from leaving the roadway and striking our property. This concern is heightened by the high number of pedestrians who use this route daily as a connector between Shore Drive, Lynnewood, and the nearby industrial park, making this a shared access corridor rather than an isolated residential street.

This is no longer simply a matter of property damage. It is a public safety issue. Without intervention, it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed.

We respectfully request that the City promptly evaluate this location and implement appropriate mitigation measures, such as a traffic or safety study, roadway modifications, protective barriers, signage, or other safety solutions deemed appropriate by City staff.

We further request a site visit by appropriate City staff and the opportunity to meet to discuss this matter in person, review potential solutions, and determine next steps to prevent future incidents.

Given the documented history of repeated vehicle strikes and the known pedestrian use of this roadway, we believe it is important that this hazard be addressed proactively to prevent a foreseeable and potentially catastrophic outcome.

We are prepared to provide photographs, incident details, and any reports necessary to assist with this review.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this urgent matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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