

EZ Stop Issue.....

To: Knoxville Planning Commission and concerned Farragut/Concord people

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I wanted to express a few of my thoughts on the proposed EZ Stop encroachment on historic Concord, and specifically the Concord Masonic Cemetery that is backed up to the future(?) store site.

I do not live in the Farragut/Concord area. I left there in 1982, after grad school at UTK. But I have many close relatives still in the area. Farragut/Concord used to be country. My father sold our dairy farm for Farragut High and Middle School in the 70's. Of course the area is almost unrecognizable all these decades later.

I still love the rural settings, and enjoy these still in Upstate South Carolina where I live. But one of the saddest things I see going down the roads are grave sites, cemeteries and headstones eroding down into the ditches.

Let me return to the issues concerning the cemetery encroachment. In March, 2022, my family and I buried my beautiful 35 year-old daughter, Jennifer Boring Ford, in Concord Masonic Cemetery. Her grave is about 25 feet from Second Drive, which runs the length of the cemetery. My parents, John and Juanita Boring are also close to the road, as will be my grave and others in my immediate family. DOES EZ STOP CONCERN ME??? HELL YES!!! The Masonic Lodge there was started there in the 1850s. It has served as schools and churches as well as housing the Masons. Others buried close to my daughter are my Grandmother and Grandfather Boring, as well as my GGrandfather, Joseph Albert Boring and his wife. Albert marched with General Sherman in the Atlanta campaign till he was shot in Resaca, GA. in 1864. He survived to have two wives and 10 children. Many of them are interred in that cemetery. Descendants of these people are all across the United States.

EZ Stop can disrupt historic Concord in many ways. Traffic: Will GPS direct everyone to leave the store and go out Loop Road? Second Drive? Second Drive is about 10 ft. wide. Maybe my gravestone will eventually fall into the ditch, or be paved over. Water: Where will the water runoff from the store go? What about the rumbles of all the cars and trucks. What about the petroleum fumes?

This appears to be a totally ill conceived project that needs to be changed or done away with. There are many other locations that would be more appropriate for something like this. What is really needed are worms, minnows and fishing supplies.

Sincerely, a concerned future residence of the Masonic Cemetery,

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