

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION
Library Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Establishment of No Parking and Limited Parking Regulations for the Ardmore, Bala Cynwyd and Gladwyne Libraries

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I. Action To Be Considered By The Board: Consider authorizing the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Lower Merion Chapter 145, Entitled Vehicles And Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-120, Schedule XX: Traffic and Parking Regulations on Public Property, by establishing No Parking and Limited Parking regulations for the Ardmore, Bala Cynwyd and Gladwyne Libraries.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration: The establishment of new parking regulations requires the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable): The current parking regulations only cover the parking lots of the Belmont Hills and Ludington Libraries. This amendment will add restrictions to the three other library parking lots. The Penn Wynne Library does not have a dedicated parking lot.

IV. Other Relevant Background Information: The parking situation at the Bala Cynwyd Library in particular has become problematic. Patrons have repeatedly reported not being able to park in the library's lot. Bala Cynwyd Library staff have surveyed the parking situation and noted that on multiple occasions more than 10 persons have parked in the library lot and left for other locations. This represents one-quarter of the available parking spaces. Personal contacts with neighboring institutions has helped, but has not eliminated the problem.

V. Impact On Township Finances: The cost of purchase and installation of signage is minimal.

VI. Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends authorizing the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt the proposed ordinance.