

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Parking Prohibition on Cynwyd Circle, Bala Cynwyd (Ward 13)

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- I. **Action To Be Considered By The Board:** Authorize the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Lower Merion Chapter 145 Vehicles & Traffic, Section 145-114 Schedule XIV: Stopping or Standing Prohibited by rescinding a “Parking Prohibited at All Times” regulation on the north side of Cynwyd Circle from Bryn Mawr Avenue east for 570 feet and on the south side from Bryn Mawr Avenue east for 58 feet in Bala Cynwyd.
- 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):** This request is consistent with past practice and policy.
- IV. **Other Relevant Background Information:** The Parking Services Department received a petition from residents of Cynwyd Circle and supported by the Ward Commissioner. They are requesting the current parking regulations on their street be changed to address the parking and traffic problems associated with dismissal times at the Bala Cynwyd Elementary and Middle Schools. Residents report that the combination of people crossing the street illegally and parents parking in a no parking zone on both sides of Cynwyd Circle is creating unsafe conditions and traffic issues. The use of a Stopping or Standing Prohibited regulation is more restrictive than the current Parking Prohibited regulation and could address issues occurring on the street. Staff has contacted Lower Merion School District staff and made them aware of the ongoing concerns. The schools have sent out notifications on two occasions asking parents to obey all traffic and parking regulations around the schools without success.

The current Parking Prohibited at All Times regulation accommodates drop-offs and pick-ups as long as the vehicles are actively loading and unloading. The proposed Stopping or Standing Prohibited regulation does not typically allow this to occur.
- V. **Impact On Township Finances:** The cost for installation and purchase of signage is minimal.

VI. **Staff Recommendation:** That the Police Committee recommends authorizing the Township Secretary to advertise the proposed ordinance.