

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Parking Prohibition on Bryn Mawr Avenue, 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 to amend the Code of the Township of Lower Merion Chapter 145, Vehicles & Traffic, Section 145-114 Schedule XIV: Stopping or Standing Prohibited, to amend the hours of the Stopping or Standing Prohibited regulation on the south side of Bryn Mawr Avenue from 50 feet west of Levering Mill Road west for 166 feet and from 216 feet west of Levering Mill Road west for 326 feet; And by amending Section 145-117, Schedule XVII: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours, to establish a no parking regulation on the south side of Bryn Mawr Avenue from Academy Road to W. Amherst Road.
- 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:** Staff received a request from the Lower Merion School District to change the times of the current Parking Prohibited Certain Hours restriction on Bryn Mawr Avenue to address the parking and traffic issues associated with arrival and dismissal times at the Bala Cynwyd Elementary and Middle Schools. Arrival time at the Middle School begins at 8:15 a.m. and dismissal is 3:05 p.m. Elementary School arrival is 9:00 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:35 p.m. Parents arrive at both schools early for dismissal and the process for both schools lasts approximately one hour. Traffic subsides at approximately 3:50 p.m. The current no parking restriction is from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The requested adjustment would change the afternoon time to 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. School staff believes this change will allow parents of the Middle School a place to arrive and wait for their children prior to dismissal and not interfere with the Elementary School dismissal.

The requested Stopping or Standing Prohibited would be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and replaces the current hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. School staff believes this change will improve parent pick-ups for morning

kindergarten dismissal at 11:50 a.m. and accommodate before and after care times at the Elementary School.

The proposed Parking Prohibited Certain Hours from Academy Road to W. Amherst Road would replace an unrestricted parking area and would accommodate approximately 16 vehicles for parents to drop-off/pick-up children. The restriction is from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The School District will supply and install additional signage in these proposed regulated areas identifying them as “Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off Area” which should make it easier for parents to utilize these areas properly.

- V. **Impact On Township Finances:** The cost for installation and purchase of signage is minimal.
- VI. **Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board authorize the Township Secretary to advertise the proposed ordinance.