

## **TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION**

### ***Police Committee***

#### **Issue Briefing**

**Topic:** Parking Prohibition on Hampstead Road, Penn Wynne (Ward 14)

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**Date:** January 18, 2019

**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 145-118 Schedule XVIII: Parking Time Limited, establishing a 2-hour parking limitation between the hours of 6:30 P.M. To 5:30 A.M., except Saturday and Sunday on the west side of Hampstead Road from Trent Road to Henley 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):** N/A

**IV. Other Relevant Background Information:** The Parking Services Department received a petition from residents of Hampstead Road in Penn Wynne. They are requesting the establishment of a 2-hour time restriction as referenced above. The times requested for the restriction are unique to the Township. According to residents, they are experiencing an increase in cars parked starting early evening and overnight. The issue also occurs on the weekend, but residents opted for no restrictions on the weekend. There are no parking issues during the day which is the reason they are seeking the evening/overnight restriction. Residents believe the people parking are from surrounding streets which then causes Hampstead Road residents to park on neighboring streets.

Resident support on the petition was 50% which is below the typical 70% standard used when evaluating similar parking requests. Additionally, the Ward Commissioner does not support this petition.

**V. Impact On Township Finances:** The cost for installation and purchase of signage is minimal, however, as an overnight restriction enforcement would be an additional burden on the Police Department.

**VI. Staff Recommendation:** Staff does not recommend authorizing the Township Secretary to advertise the proposed ordinance based on the minimal homeowner support, plus the Ward Commissioner's opposition to the regulation.