

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Parking Prohibition on W. Princeton Road, 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 establishing a “Stopping or Standing Prohibited” regulation on the south side of W. Princeton Road from Bryn Mawr Avenue east for 60 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 W. Princeton Road and supported by the Ward Commissioner. They are requesting a current “No Parking Here to Corner” regulation, not in the Township Code, 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 the south side side of W. Princeton Road 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. Township staff, school officials, and residents have enacted new regulations in recent months to improve conditions around the schools at dismissal times.

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.

