

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Parking Prohibition on Great Springs Road, Bryn Mawr (Ward 11)

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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 145-118 Schedule XVIII: Parking Time Limited by establishing a "Parking Time Limited" regulation, 2 hrs./8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Sat. and Sun. on both sides of Great Springs Road from N. Ithan Avenue south for 546 feet.
- 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 Great Springs Road and supported by the Ward Commissioner. They are requesting the establishment of a 2-hour time restriction, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Saturday and Sunday. The restriction would run on both sides of the street from N. Ithan Avenue south for 546 feet.

Residents are experiencing parking during the week by students from Harriton High School. This issue started earlier in the year with only a few vehicles parking and this number has steadily increased. The parking occurs on both sides at the N. Ithan Avenue end of the street and is impacting six homes that signed the petition who opted for a limited restriction. Other homes beyond the proposed restricted area are not impacted by the parking and did not join in on the petition. In addition to the parking, residents also express safety concerns created by the parked vehicles such as restricting the street.

Site inspections confirmed parking has increased from initial observations made months ago. Staff does not support claims of safety concerns by the parked vehicles since parked vehicles aid traffic calming. The parking/traffic situation on the street is like most streets in the Township. Commissioner O'Neill and residents were notified the limited distance of the restriction would allow vehicles to park beyond the limits of the restriction. Additionally, enforcement would be by the Police Department.

- 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.



**Proposed
Parking Time
Limited
2 hrs.
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Exc. Sat. and Sun.**

Great Springs Rd

Woodleave Rd

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Derring Ln

N Ithan Ave

Spellbark Ln

Oak Springs Rd