

## **TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION**

### ***Police Committee***

#### **Issue Briefing**

**Topic:** Parking Prohibition on Old Lancaster Road, Bala Cynwyd (Ward 13)

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**Date:** November 15, 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 145-115 Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited at All Times by establishing a “Parking Prohibited at All Times” regulation on the east side of Old Lancaster Road from Montgomery Avenue to Regency Circle 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 was contacted by residents at 245 Old Lancaster Road concerning on-going issues with people parking and blocking their driveways. The Police Department received several calls the past few months for enforcement and violations have been issued. The parkers have been identified as employees from local businesses. The home has two driveways, one is very wide and leads to a garage at the end of the house while the other driveway runs parallel to the sidewalk and front of the home. There is not enough room to allow parking for anything other than a few small vehicles due to the driveways. It can be difficult to decipher the driveway curb cuts from the limited height of the curb. Additionally, larger vehicles park in these small spaces resulting in obstructing the driveways.

The parking issue described is a result of addressing speeding and illegal passing concerns in the east side lane due to the width of the lane. The issue was addressed in 2018 by the addition of graphics to the roadway to designate the parking areas and to give the appearance that the roadway is narrower which resulted in traffic calming. The Traffic Safety Unit and the Township Engineer was involved in the project which addressed the concerns.

Parking Services and the Traffic Safety Unit reached out to the Township Engineer for input on correcting the current situation. They suggested the best alternative would be to sign the entire area on the east side as a No Parking Anytime from Montgomery Avenue to Regency Circle. Prior to a decision on a permanent restriction, temporary no parking signs were posted which has proven successful.

- 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. The Ward Commissioner supports the proposed regulation.



Montgomery Avenue

Proposed  
Parking  
Prohibited  
at All Times

Regency Circle

Old Lancaster Road

Old Lancaster Road

Google Earth

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