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May 27, 2025

TO: Village President and Board of Trustees

THROUGH: Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works

FROM: Mike Barbier, PE, PTOE, Civil Engineer II

SUBJECT: Parking Restrictions - Wilson Avenue

Request

Staff recommend amending Section 10-13-6 and Schedule XX of the Traffic Code to establish a No Stopping, Standing or Parking zone on the south side of Wilson Avenue from the east curb line of Lincoln Avenue to the west curb line of Main Street.

Background

There are existing parking restrictions on Wilson Avenue, near Glenbard East High School (GEHS). The north side of the street is a No Parking zone from Finley Road, extending east to the eastern edge of Madison Meadow Park. The south side of the street is a No Parking zone, except for the portion 265' east of Edson Avenue to Lincoln Avenue. (See Exhibit A)

Prior to February of 2025, parents and guardians were allowed to drive upon GEHS property to pick up their students. The parents and guardians would queue on GEHS property until the student entered the vehicle.

In February of 2025, Glenbard East High School (GEHS) made a significant change to their pick-up policy, prohibiting parents or guardians from driving on GEHS property to pick up students. This resulted in a significant increase in vehicles stopped along the no parking zones on the south side of Wilson Ave.

As the roadway was not designed to have vehicles occupying this area, eastbound through traffic must violate the painted median on the roadway, to get around the stopped/standing vehicles to make their way to Main Street (See Exhibit B). Also, during dismissal, students were observed walking between the stopped vehicles and into traffic (either to cross the street or to access a drivers' side door) causing a substantial personal injury risk. The traffic issues that developed due to the GEHS policy change also created an issue for emergency vehicles entering the area and delaying response time for any emergency response or call for service.

Following the policy change, the police department utilized several officers and community service officers over the next month to attempt to facilitate a safe travel pathway and were met with resistance from vehicle occupants who were there to pick up their student(s). The overwhelming complaint from the vehicle occupants was to challenge our officers on the current roadway signage that only prohibits parking, which by definition is leaving their vehicle unoccupied.

Analysis

To improve safety and achieve the original goal of the restrictions on the south side of Wilson Avenue, this would require amending the current No Parking zone to a No Standing, Stopping or Parking zone.

One concern that staff has is that every existing No Parking area is subject to the same enforcement limitations that were brought to light by the GEHS parents and guardians. It is possible that those waiting for student pick-up use a different No Parking zone, such as the north side of Wilson Avenue. While we hope that will not be the case, there may be a future need to enact similar restrictions on the north side of Wilson Avenue or other locations.

In order to amend the Village Traffic Code, there are 3 modifications required. Removal of the existing No Parking zone in Schedule VII, addition of modified No Parking zone in Schedule VII, and an addition of the new No Stopping, Standing or Parking zone to Schedule XX:

Deletion in Schedule VII:

SCHEDULE VII- PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS

curb line of Lincoln Ave.	A point 266 feet of the east curb line of Main St.
East curb line of Lincoln Ave.	

Addition in Schedule VII:

SCHEDULE VII- PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS

Name of Street	From	То
W.1	Francis 1 11 CM C C	10070
Wilson Ave., south side	East curb line of Main St.	A point 265 feet east
Wilson Ave., south side	East curb line of Iviali St.	A point 203 feet

Addition in Schedule XX:

SCHEDULE XX - NO STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING (a)

From	То
East curb line of Lincoln Ave.	West curb line of Main St.
	East curb line of Lincoln Ave.

This recommendation was initially presented to the Public Safety and Transportation Committee at the June 4, 2025 meeting. The Committee supports the proposed amendment to the Lombard Traffic Code and requested that this matter be placed on the Village Board agenda for the June 19, 2025 for consideration.

Recommendation

Staff recommend amending Section 10-13-6 and Schedule XX of the Village Traffic Code to remove the existing No Parking zone on the south side of Wilson Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to 266 feet east of Main Street, and adding both a No Stopping, Standing or Parking zone on Wilson Avenue from the east curb line of Lincoln Avenue to the west curb line of Main Street and a No Parking zone from the east curb line of Main Street to a point 265 feet east.

= Existing 'No Parking'

= Existing 'No Stopping, Standing or Parking' on School Days

= 2-hour Parking on School Days (9am – 3pm)



^{*}What is shown is the *current signed parking* restrictions.

Exhibit B – Standing, Stopping near Glenbard East High School (Looking East on Wilson Avenue)

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