



# VILLAGE OF LOMBARD POLICE DEPARTMENT



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To: Public Safety and Transportations Committee (PSTC)

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Subject: Public Safety and Transportation and Safety Committee (PSTC) Agenda Item:  
Extension of Parking Restrictions on Lincoln Av and Elizabeth St  
(LEGISTAR #260058)

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Members of the PSTC,

The police department has received a few concerns from residents in the past month or so related to student parking on the streets north of Glenbard East High School. While we are working to evaluate those concerns and determine potential solutions, we have identified one concern that has an obvious public safety impact. This concern is that parking is allowed on both sides of the street north of Graham on both Lincoln Av and Elizabeth St reduces those roadways to a single lane of traffic, which decreases the safety of both streets and negatively impacts the ability for emergency vehicles (particularly fire apparatus) to pass through the area.

As you may recall, this is not a new concern. We received a similar complaint from residents back in 2016 (LEGISTAR#160239 attached) that was directly related to high school parking on Lincoln Ave and Elizabeth St. between Graham St and Wilson Ave. That concern was brought to PSTC with a staff recommendation to prohibit parking on the west side of the street. The reasoning for this recommendation was the same reasoning as residents' concerns today.

Neither Lincoln Av nor Elizabeth St have been modified since the original analysis that was performed back in 2016. It appears that the only difference is that there has been an increase in student parking on side streets that has occurred over the past nine years that has led to the use of both sides of these streets by students north of the original area of concern.

Based upon the above, the police department is recommending that Schedule VII of the Village of Lombard Traffic Code be amended to include the following parking to be prohibited at all times:

**Elizabeth St. from Wilson Ave to ~~Graham Ave~~ Harding Ave.**

**Lincoln Ave. from Wilson Ave to ~~Graham Ave~~ Harding Ave.**

This modification will increase the safety of this area and make it more accessible to emergency vehicles. Additionally, by extending it to Harding Ave it is unlikely that students will seek parking north of the new restrictions because that would put them almost  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of the high school property.