

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

 X Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) X Waiver of First Requested
 X Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)
 Other Business (Pink)

TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

DATE: February 13th, 2026 (B of T) **Date:** March 5th, 2026

TITLE: Extension of Parking Restrictions on Lincoln Av and Elizabeth St

SUBMITTED BY: Chief Joe Grage, Police Department

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Extension of Parking Restrictions on Lincoln Av and Elizabeth St

The police department is proposing the attached modification to the parking restrictions on Lincoln Ave and Elizabeth St between Wilson Ave and Harding Ave based upon public safety concerns created by vehicles parked on both sides of the street, especially during school hours. This modification was recommended by the Public Safety and Transportation Committee on February 4th, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Time and Materials:

Signage and Village Installation

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X _____ Date _____

Finance Director X _____ Date _____

Village Manager X *Scott Niehaus* _____ Date 2/20/26

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



To: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager
From: Chief Joe Grage, Police Department
Through: N/A
Date: February 13th, 2026
Subject: Public Safety and Transportation and Safety Committee Recommendation

Request for Extension of Parking Restrictions on Lincoln Ave and Elizabeth St.

The police department has received recent complaints about increased student parking on streets north of Glenbard East High School. Parking on both sides of Lincoln Avenue and Elizabeth Street (north of Graham) reduces the roadway to a single lane, creating safety concerns and limiting access for emergency vehicles, especially fire apparatus. This issue is not new. A similar complaint was raised in 2016, and at that time staff recommended prohibiting parking on one side of the street for the same safety reasons. The streets themselves have not changed since that analysis, but student parking has increased and expanded further north.

As a result, the department recommends amending the Village of Lombard Traffic Code to prohibit parking at all times on:

- Elizabeth Street from Wilson Avenue to Harding Avenue
- Lincoln Avenue from Wilson Avenue to Harding Avenue

This change would improve safety, enhance emergency vehicle access, and discourage students from parking further north due to the increased distance from the school.

During the February 4th, 2026 meeting, the Public Safety and Transportation and Safety Committee voted to recommend adding the parking restriction in accordance with the attached staff recommendation.

Ordinance No.

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard have heretofore passed and approved Ordinance 7748 a, An Ordinance Regulating Traffic in the Village of Lombard (hereinafter the Lombard Traffic Code); and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard find that the Lombard Traffic Code has been amended from time to time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1: That Schedule VII of the Village of Lombard Traffic Code be amended to:

“Elizabeth St., west side Between Wilson Ave and ~~Graham Ave~~ Harding Ave”

“Lincoln Ave. east west side from Wilson Ave to ~~Ethel Ave~~ Harding Ave”

Section 3: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, publication in pamphlet form and the posting of appropriate signs as provided by law.

Passed on first read this 5th day of March, 2026.

First reading waived by action of the Board of Trustees this 5th day of March, 2026.

Passed on second read this ___ day of _____, 2022.

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Approved this 5th day of March, 2026.

Anthony Puccio
Village President

Attest:

Ranya Elkhatib
Village Clerk

LEGISTAR# 260058

Published by me in pamphlet form this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Ranya Elkhatib, Village Clerk



VILLAGE OF LOMBARD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Joe Grage
Chief of Police

Benny Ranallo
Deputy Chief of Administrative Services

Mike Chudzinski
Deputy Chief of Operations

To: Public Safety and Transportations Committee (PSTC)

From: Chief Joe Grage

Date: January 29th, 2026

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

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.

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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 ½ mile north of the high school property.



VILLAGE OF LOMBARD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Raymond Byrne
Chief of Police

Thomas Wirsing
Deputy Chief of Operations

Roy Newton
Deputy Chief of Administrative Services

TO: Deputy Chief Wirsing

FROM: Sgt. Joe Grage #754

DATE: 05/02/2016

SUBJECT: Public Safety and Transportation Committee Agenda Item-Resident Request for Parking Restriction on Elizabeth St. north of Wilson Ave.

The Police Department was forwarded a resident's concerns regarding the about street parking on Elizabeth St. north of Wilson Ave. after 3:00 PM during sporting and other events at Glenbard East High School. The resident's concern was that parking on Elizabeth St. near Wilson Ave. during these events significantly narrows the roadway to the point that it becomes a single lane.

I have examined the area and evaluated the resident's concern. I have noted the following:

1. Elizabeth St. is just under 27 feet wide north of Wilson Ave. Wilson Ave. is just over 27 feet wide in the same area and is posted "No Parking" on the north side of the roadway.
2. Elizabeth St. does become very congested during events at the high school that bring significant numbers of people there.
3. There is a stop sign for southbound traffic on Elizabeth St. at Wilson Ave. Vehicles parking on Elizabeth St. during these events frequently park within 30' of the stop sign in violation of the VOL Traffic Code. This interferes with the ability of southbound drivers to see and obey the stop sign. This creates a potentially hazardous situation because parked

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vehicles can also interfere with the ability for drivers on both Elizabeth St. and Wilson Ave. to see each other.

I took measurements of Elizabeth St. and created example diagrams based upon the width of the roadway and average widths of mid-size sedans, SUV's, and a fire engine. The diagrams clearly show that the roadway essentially becomes one way while vehicles are parked on both sides of the street. (see Figs. 1-3) This could interfere or impede the ability of emergency equipment to get to that area.

I performed the same analysis for Lincoln St. at Wilson because Lincoln St. is also located off Wilson Ave. near the high school and is the same width as Elizabeth St. I found that the same conditions that exist.

Based upon this, I recommend that Schedule VII of the VOL Traffic Code be amended to include the following parking to be prohibited at all times:

Elizabeth St. from Wilson Ave. to Graham Ave.

Lincoln St. from Wilson Ave. to Graham Ave.

FIG. 1

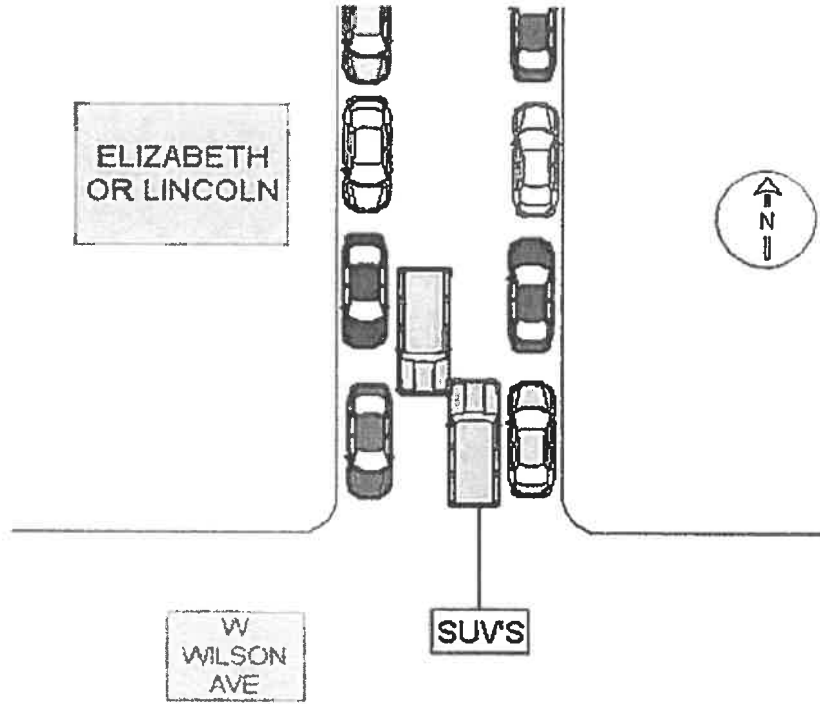


FIG. 2

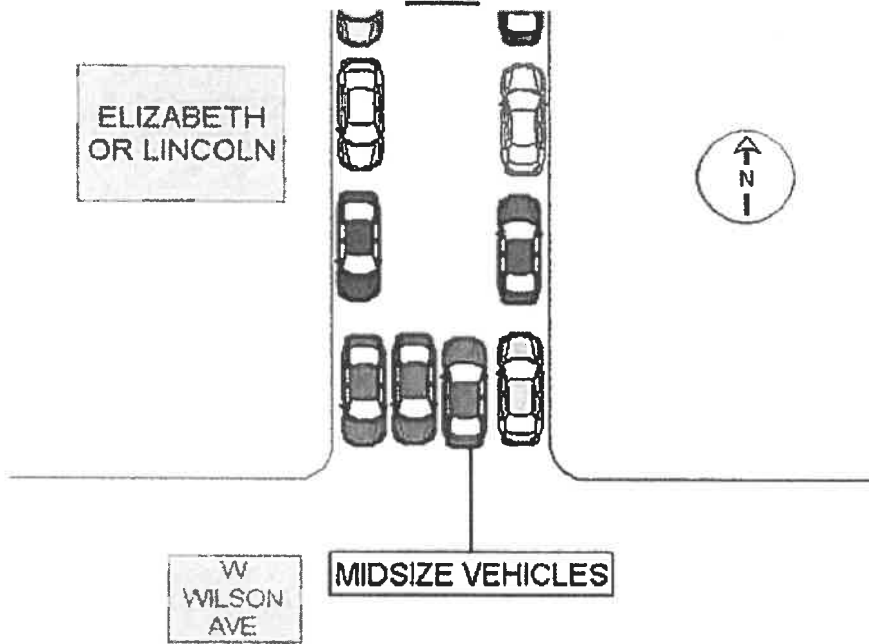


FIG. 3

