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CITY OF WEST ALLIS CLERK/TREASURER

Re: Ordinance Request for One-Hour Parking On East Side of 117th Street

Members of the Common Council:

I am writing on behalf of Jenny Jezo, a resident of West Allis, whose residence is 11710 West 117th Street, West Allis, Wisconsin. She and other residents of Ermenc Park Estates request an ordinance limiting parking to one hour on school days between 7:30am and 4:30pm on the east side of 117th Street, by Nathan Hale high school.

Ms. Jezo understands that an ordinance must be sponsored by either an Alderperson or Committee to be considered at a Common Council meeting. In fact, she has tried for several years to get this ordinance passed. There are many communications between Ms. Jezo and various Alderpeople, including Alderperson James Sengstock, Alderperson Rosalie Reinke, and Mayor Dan Devine, among others, about the one-hour parking ordinance request for the east side of 117th Street. These communications date back to summer 2007. However, nothing has yet been done to address her and other neighbors' and residents' concerns.

This one-hour parking ordinance request has had great support over the years by several Ermenc Park Estates residents and neighbors. The residents of Ermenc Park Estates are directly affected by this potential ordinance because of their proximity to the area. Residents and neighbors signed petitions in support of the one-hour parking ordinance in August 2007, in which they collected 17 signatures. In July 2009, support swelled and 37 signatures were collected. (See attached petitions.) As elected representatives of the residents and neighbors requesting this ordinance, Ms. Jezo asks that the one-hour parking ordinance be enacted in accord with the wishes of those residents and neighbors affected.

Not only are the residents and neighbors of Ermenc Park Estates affected by the current parking situation, but members of other communities have been and may be affected as well. Mail delivery has been a particular problem. A letter from a former mail carrier to Ermenc Park Estates, dated August 6, 2009, identified safety issues for mail carriers in the area, including inability to deliver mail in accord with USPS safety guidelines.

There are also safety concerns for students of Nathan Hale high school. Allowing parking on the east side of the street lets students cross the street between the parked cars where they cannot be easily seen. Traffic on the street also increases when students try to find free parking spaces, which adds to the potential for danger and students being struck by a moving vehicle.

If the Common Council is uneasy enacting a permanent one-hour parking ordinance, an alternative Ms. Jezo would request is a trial ordinance to be instituted for 90 days, as was shown to be effective for a similar situation in Wauwatosa. In Wauwatosa, residents near the school complained to an alderman, who brought the request before the Common Council. After a 90-day trial ordinance, the Common Council did not receive objections and the ordinance went into effect. A 90-day trial ordinance would allow immediate relief to the residents and neighbors of Ermenc Park Estates, and give the Common Council an opportunity to observe its effectiveness.

Ms. Jezo, as well as residents and neighbors of Ermenc Park Estates, ask that you consider the requests of your constituents and enact a one-hour parking restriction on the east side of 117th Street, effective on school days only between 7:30am and 4:30pm.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Brodek, JD

Wisconsin State Bar # 1086630

Staff Attorney



PETITION

THE UDERSIGNED, BEING LANDOWNERS OF ERMENC PARK ESTATES HEREBY PETITION THE CITY TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

PLEASE RETURN AND POST: 1) THE NO TRUCKING SIGNS ON THE SOUTH END OF EAST SIDE OF 117th STREET AND 2) THE 1 HOUR PARKING SIGN ON TH EAST SIDE OF SOUTH 117th STREET BOTH SIGNS SHOULD BE POSTED FROM NORTH END AT LINCOLN AVE. AND CONTINUING SOUTHBOUND TO CLEVELAND AVE. THE 1 HOUR PARKING SIGN SHOULD READ AS: 1 HOUR PARKING FOR THE HOURS OF 7 A.M AND 4:00 P.M. SCHOOL DAYS WE FEEL THAT WITHOUT THESE SIGNS THAT IT VIOLATES THE SPIRIT OF THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT SET FORTH WHEN THIS SUB-DIVISION WAS CREATED, AND HAS IMPACTED AND COMPROMISED OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. THE SAFETY ISSUES AND ENDLESS PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ENSUED WITHOUT THESE SIGNS IN PLACE HAVE SET A BAD PRECEDENT WHICH WILL PERMIT THE DEGRADATION AND DEVAULATION OF OUR SUBDIVSION.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING LANDOWNERS OF ERMENC PARK ESTATES HEREBY PETITION THE TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1) RETURN and RESUME: the traffic pattern at Nathan Hale High School to how it was originally used from 1967-2007 (30) years by utilizing the north entrances entering and exiting including school bus traffic on and off of Lincoln Avenue a commercially designed/constructed double lane boulevard controlled by a traffic light for pedestrian crossings. Remove any temporary markings and temporary restrictive cones changed in 2007. Nathan Hale High School has multiple improved site plans on file at the City of West Allis level and neglected to go through the proper legal procedures within the city's planning committee. The principal in late summer of 2007 proceeded in a flagrant misguided manner and directly requested the school district's maintenance department to physically make the changes within the school's parking lot. By the school and/or school district's failure to go through the city's planning committee, Ermenc Park Estates was denied the opportunity to be properly notified and was denied the options to object to these changes, which the changes consequently have had grave negative impact on the residents and residential area of Ermenc Park Estates.

AND

2) RE-POST: the 1 hour parking sign on the east side of south 117th Street will be reposted from north end at Lincoln Avenue 2300 blk, and continuing southbound to Cleveland Avenue 2700 blk. The 1 hour parking sign should read as follows: 1 HOUR PARKING FOR THE HOURS OF 7 A.M AND 4:00 P.M. SCHOOL DAYS. The no parking signs were posted for 23 years since the road was constructed in 1967. The way in which these signs were simply removed on/or around year 2000/2001 did not follow the city's proper notification procedures, and thus neglected in notifying the residents of said removal, denying said residents any opportunity in options to object. In addition, signs need to be posted from S. 2300 blk of 118th Street to the S.2700 blk of 118th Street AND West Harrison Avenue from 117th Street to 118th Street All students that elect to drive and park their vehicles must do so within the parking lot of Nathan Hale High School and not within the entire boundaries of the residential area known as Ermene Park Estates. The school must mandate the students to pay any parking fees. The residents of Ermene Park Estates are not willing to be placed in the position to accommodate and/or absorb any problems the school/and/or school board has in enforcing/regulating their rules upon their students. There is written and photo documentation as proof that there are more than sufficient number of spaces in the parking lot to resolve and satisfy this matter. We are demanding immediate action. This needs to be completed prior to the school year of 2009-2010 commencing.

We feel that without these items returned and additions to the original format, that these violate the spirit of the restrictive covenant and our zoning as an "RE" which is the highest taxed ratio set forth in the city of West Allis when this sub-division was created; has impacted and compromised our quality of life. The safety issues and endless

problems which have ensued without these items in place have set a bad precedent which will permit and allow the degradation and devaluation of our subdivision.

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