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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Eric S. Lom, City Traffic Engineer
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Re: Parking changes on Matthias St near the former St. Bernadette's School

On the section of Matthias Street between Lourdes Drive and Bona Avenue there are a number of parking restrictions on both sides of the street, many of which (but not all) are enforced during school hours only. According to our records, these restrictions were put into place (and subsequently changed) over the past 25 years or so in response to concerns raised by adjacent homeowners. Their concerns stemmed from parking that was generated by the St. Bernadette's campus.

Because there is no longer a school in operation at St. Bernadette's, there should no longer be a need for any school-based restrictions on the adjacent portion of Matthias Street. It's worth noting that in the place of the former school is a peer-run rehabilitation center, which should generate little or no on-street parking.

Based on this, the Traffic Section recently removed the school-related parking restrictions for a 90-day trial. We have received no feedback from the neighborhood and we have observed no problems. As such, we recommend keeping the changes.

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Repeal Ord. 05-06:** "Parking be prohibited on the west side of Matthias Street from Lourdes Drive to a point 310 feet south of Lourdes Drive."
2. **Repeal Ord. 05-07:** "Parking be prohibited, except for 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days, on the west side of Matthias Street from a point 310 feet south of Lourdes Drive to a point 490 feet south of Lourdes Drive."
3. **Repeal Ord. 05-09:** "Parking be prohibited from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days, on the east side of Matthias Street from a point 250 feet south of Lourdes Drive to a point 495 feet south of Lourdes Drive."
4. **Repeal Ord. 05-08:** "Parking be prohibited on the west side of Matthias Street from a point 490 feet south of Lourdes Drive to a point 130 feet north of Bona Avenue."