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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Eric Lom, City Traffic Engineer
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Re: Parking restriction changes on Ashbury Dr and Lightning Dr near Appleton North HS
Follow-Up to Six-Month Trial Period

The Traffic Section was contacted by a number of citizens regarding safety concerns on Ashbury Drive in the area of Appleton North High School (ANHS). The concerns we were hearing generally revolved around a recent dramatic increase in the number of students parking on Ashbury Drive, and the effect that was having on traffic safety.

This portion of Ashbury Drive is 36 feet wide. At a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour, this roadway width can safely handle moderate traffic volumes and parking on both sides, assuming a relatively low prevalence of on-street parking. However, due to changes at ANHS, bumper-to-bumper on-street parking recently became commonplace in this area. This created a situation where it was quite difficult for 2-way traffic to safely pass, especially when larger vehicles (buses, fire trucks, etc.) were involved (Fire Station 6 is nearby and they often use Ashbury Drive to respond to calls).

Based on our overall review of the situation, we felt the only reasonable solution was to remove parking from one side of the entire block. After making contact with several of the nearby property owners, we instituted a 6-month trial to test the changes.

Upon review at the end of the trial period, we believe the change adequately addressed the issues without any undue hardship. Additionally, we have received no negative feedback regarding this change. As such we recommend making the change permanent.

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Repeal Ord. 62-03:** "Parking be prohibited on Ashbury Drive from a point 200 feet west of Lightning Drive to a point 200 feet east of Lightning Drive."
2. **Repeal Ord. 58-03:** "Parking be prohibited on Lightning Drive from a point 120 feet north of Ashbury Drive to a point 120 feet south of Ashbury Drive."
3. **Create:** "Parking be prohibited on the south side of Ashbury Drive from a point 810 east of Ballard Road to a point 190 feet east of Lightning Drive."
4. **Create:** "Parking be prohibited on the east side of Lightning Drive from a point 50 north of Ashbury Drive to a point 55 feet south of Ashbury Drive."
5. **Create:** "Parking be prohibited on the west side of Lightning Drive from a point 255 north of Ashbury Drive to a point 300 feet south of Ashbury Drive."
6. **Create:** "Parking be prohibited on the north side of Ashbury Drive from Lightning Drive to a point 125 feet west of Lightning Drive."