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To:

Municipal Services Committee

From:

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Date:

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Re:

Proposed parking restriction on Capitol Drive near Ferber Elementary School

Follow-Up to Six-Month Trial Period

Late in 2016, my office received numerous concerns about safety issues that were being caused by cars parked on *both* sides of Capitol Drive in the area east of Northbreeze Drive during school drop-off and pick-up times. During these busy times of the day, Capitol Drive traffic was brought to a near standstill due to a combination of heavy traffic, pick-up and drop-off activities, and a roadway that had been narrowed by snowbanks.

In an effort to address this, a *No Stopping/Standing/Parking* zone (<u>from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days</u>) restriction was tested on the north side of Capitol Dive, extending from Northbreeze Drive to Meade Street. This essentially extended the existing *No Stopping/Standing/Parking* zone that had previously existed west of Northbreeze Dr.

Additionally, it was identified that pick-up and drop-off activities on the south side of Capitol Drive just east of Northbreeze Dr. were also contributing to the standstill. To address this the existing *No Stopping/Standing/Parking* zone is being extended east past the first driveway. This should also help keep the driveway open and accessible for the property owner.

We believe this change has improved safety in this area. Additionally, we have received no negative feedback from the neighborhood regarding this change. As such we recommend making the changes permanent.

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

- 1. *Create:* "Stopping/Standing/Parking be prohibited from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the north side of Capitol Drive from Northbreeze Drive to a point 120 feet west of Meade Street."
- 2. *Repeal 69-15:* "Stopping, standing and parking be prohibited, on school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on the south side of Capitol Drive from a point 20 feet west of Northbreeze Drive to a point 20 feet east of Northbreeze Drive."
- 3. *Create:* "Stopping, standing and parking be prohibited, on school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on the south side of Capitol Drive from a point 20 feet west of Northbreeze Drive to a point 45 feet east of Northbreeze Drive."