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Chief of Police

TO: The Honorable Mayor Manier and Washington City Council

FROM: Chief Michael D. McCoy and D.C. Jeff Stevens

RE: Consideration of Prohibiting Parking within 30' of the Bus Driveway at Lincoln Grade School

DATE: December 28, 2017

Mayor and Aldermen,

This month, the Public Works Department received a request from a Lincoln Grade School employee that the City prohibit parking near the bus entrance at LGS. Public Works Manager Kevin Schone asked the Police Department to research the option and present it to the Public Safety Committee for consideration. Deputy Chief Stevens contacted District 52 Superintendent Pat Minasian.

Superintendent Minasian explained that the District's school buses enter the lot from northbound and southbound Lincoln Street using the property's northern driveway. A problem exists when motorists park close to the driveway, especially at pick up or drop off times, as the bus drivers must swing wide to enter the drive. Minasian suggested a 1-2 car length buffer zone on both sides of the drive would improve safety and traffic flow. Current City Ordinance prohibits parking in such a way as to obstruct the use of any driveway, but a dedicated restriction in this location would sidestep any claim of ambiguity regarding the effect of that ordinance in this location and allow for signage to alert motorists to the prohibition.

The southern edge of the driveway is about 405 feet from the northern edge of the Lincoln/Jackson intersection. A buffer zone of 2 car lengths, or about 30 feet, would start about 375 feet north of the intersection and end about 30 feet northwest of the northern edge of the approximately 40 feet-wide drive. Measured along the curb and face of the drive, the total prohibition is 100 feet along Lincoln Street.

The speed limit at this part of Lincoln Street is 20 M.P.H. There is no recent history of crashes at the location, although the low speeds common there during congested periods likely contribute to that.

This issue was presented to the Public Safety Committee on December 18, 2017. The Committee voted to recommend the ordinance change.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would prohibit parking on the east side of Lincoln Street for 30 feet on each side of the existing north driveway of Lincoln Grade School. The purpose of the prohibition is to facilitate entry and exit of large vehicles such as school buses.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ENTITLED "PARKING REGULATIONS" TO RESTRICT PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF LINCOLN STREET NORTH OF JACKSON STREET

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that Chapter 72 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

Section 1. That paragraph (A) of §72.10 of the Code of Ordinances be, and the same hereby is, amended by inserting the following at the end of said paragraph (A) of said §72.10:

Street	Side	From	Time	Ord. No.
Lincoln Street	East	From a point 375 feet north of the north side of its intersection with Jackson Street to a point 475 feet north of that intersection.	Never	

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith be, and the same hereby are, expressly repealed.

Section 3. That appropriate signs indicating the parking restrictions herein contained shall be erected in appropriate places in and around the parking areas designated, which signs shall give reasonable notice that parking is restricted as stated above.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall not be enforced until such time as the herein above-referred-to signs are appropriately placed as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2017 pursuant to a roll call as follows:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS:
Mayor - Gary Hunter
Aldermen, Ward 1 - David Burch
Aldermen, Ward 1 - Miss Rosemarie
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1 inch = 25 feet

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Legend
Regional
County Boundary
Washington City Limits
Shaded District
East Pyrites
Division Block
Water Features

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