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Subject: Ordinance to install NO PARKING Signs

Julia,

I live at 219 Browning Drive (Lakewood East Subdivision, the subdivision off East Heather across from Lakewood Elem) at the corner of Barrett Drive. The Barrett Drive side of is across the street from 103 Barrett Drive.

For the past several years, vehicles have been parking along Barrett Drive in the grass within the parish right-of-way in front of my side yard. This is not an occasional occurrence; it happens almost everyday at all hours of the day and night.

Over time, this has caused damage to the grass within the parish right-of-way that I have tried to keep in good condition. Sometimes there are so many vehicles parked there that vehicles (including school buses) have had great difficulty passing through there. So this has impeded traffic flow on a public street, which has had an effect on safety as well.

I have spoken to the neighbor hosting these guests, asking them to have their visitors park elsewhere, or at least off of the grass. I even took the extra step of placing a "Please Keep Off The Grass" sign in my yard. Unfortunately, these measures have been to no avail.

I am aware that this is not my private property. It belongs to ALL of the citizens of St. Charles Parish. But it is my responsibility to maintain since it abuts my property. This is a blatant disregard for OUR property and for the capability for vehicles to use a public street. I see no other recourse but to request that NO PARKING signs be installed at this location of Barrett Drive in order for the Parish to have the ability to enforce the law, and protect our health, safety, and welfare.

I have attached a draft ordinance that details specifics, and an aerial photo of the precise location. In lieu of this request, I COULD live with the parish INSTEAD widening the asphalt at this location so that on-street parking can still take place without there being grass to damage or traffic impeded. Please feel free to call my cell at 504.491.0767 if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you.

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