

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Monday, June 17, 2019 ◆ 2:30 p.m. Municipal Building, Third Floor Conference Room

# **Agenda**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Request of Councilman John Harrington to review the traffic pattern around Jefferson School.

#### 5/15/2017

Acting Chief Dunbar stated that he has assigned the Special Assignment Unit to review the traffic pattern around Jefferson School. They are to have their report completed by May 24, 2017, to bring back to Traffic Commission. It is suggested to reach out to Dennis McPheron to attend the next meeting when it is discussed.

Motion to table, by Director Schmelzer, second by Thomas. Motion passed 5-0.

#### 06/19/2017

Chief Dunbar stated that Sgt. Brian Dill with the Special Assignment Unit reviewed the area for best options for traffic pattern around Jefferson School. He spoke with school personnel as well as the residents in the area. The following are several proposals for consideration:

- A. Remove the No Parking restriction on Seventh Street between S. Main St. and Maple Ave. to allow for additional stacking.
- B. Make Washington Ave. between Sixth St. and Seventh St. No Parking during school hours.
- C. Make Maple Avenue between Seventh Street and Fairlawn Place one-way going southbound allowing two lanes of stacking.
- D. Make Fairlawn Place from Maple Ave. to Washington Ave. No Parking during school hours.
- E. Maple Avenue between Fairlawn Place and Pearl Street has already been made No Parking Any Time on both sides of the street.

Schmelzer requested that Chief Dunbar develop a map with the recommendations and forward to the Superintendent of Findlay City Schools for review. The net benefit of these recommendations is to get cars off of Sixth Street and increase bus maneuverability on Fairlawn Avenue.

Motion to have the Engineering Department create an exhibit to reflect proposals A, B, C, and D from Special Assignment Unit, and forward to Ed Kurt, Superintendent of Findlay City Schools, and Jefferson School Principal for review, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 5-0.

#### 08/28/2017

Motion to lift item from table, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

Director Schmelzer reported that Findlay City Schools Superintendent Ed Kurt stated that it is very difficult to make any changes to traffic patterns around schools during the school year. Superintendent Kurt stated that they would continue to monitor the traffic around the school throughout the year and, if necessary, make a change at the beginning of the summer to get resident acclimated and then parents. The Principal of Jefferson School stated that the double stacking on the one way of Maple Avenue is not a safe idea. Will look at periodically throughout school year with school staff and take notes.

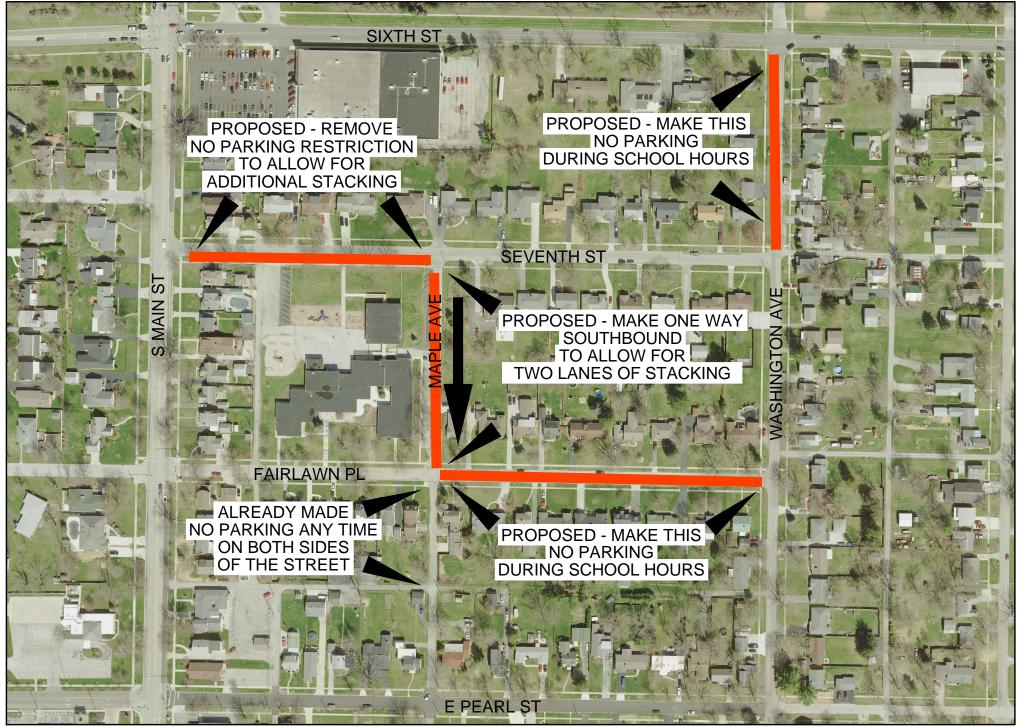
Motion to table item and evaluate traffic patterns throughout the school year, by Director Schmelzer, second by Director Thomas. Motion passed 4-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Request of David Owens, Mallett Enterprises: proposal to make the first n/s alley to the east of Main Street between Main Cross and Crawford two-way from Main Cross to the intersecting e/w alley; change the remaining portion of the n/s alley to one-way southbound from the e/w alley south to Crawford.
- 2. Request of Jon Fleegle to designate one parking space for loading zone at 221 Broadway.
- 3. Request of Blanchard Housing Partners and Krystal Ridge, Inc., to make the intersection of Bishop Lane and Crystal Lane a 3-way stop.
- 4. Request of Blanchard Housing Partners and Krystal Ridge, Inc., to make the north side of the newly extended Bishop Lane "No Parking Any Time" immediately in front of the apartment development.
- Request of Del Nichols, 1210 South Street, to make Williams Street one way going south from E. Sandusky St. to the end of Williams Street.
- 6. Request to review adding speed hump on Lima Street and Putnam Street.
- 7. Request of Katie Mercer to change parking restriction on Broadway to allow parking starting at 5am.
- 8. Request to review pedestrian safety downtown Findlay.

SCALE: 1" = 200'

# JEFFERSON SCHOOL TRAFFIC ISSUES - PROPOSED CONDITIONS



From: David Owens <dowens@mallettent.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2019 10:56 AM

**To:** Kathy Launder

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Traffic Committee Agenda

<u>Security Checkpoint:</u> External Email! Do not click on links or open attachments unless you trust the source and know the content is safe.

Good Morning, Ms. Launder:

Please accept this email as a request to add the following topic to the Traffic Committee Meeting Agenda next week.

Directional proposal for 1st Alley east of Main St. that connects E. Main Cross and E. Sandusky St.

#### **Proposed Solution:**

- Propose the N/S alley (behind First Fed) be 2-way from E. Main Cross to the E/W alley behind the Parking
  Garage (where the dumpster is). The current width of the alley is reportedly within guidelines to support this
  proposal.
- Propose remaining portion of the N/S alley (from the dumpster to E. Crawford) be 1-way, going south.
- Suggest the N/S alley between E. Sandusky and E. Crawford remain 1-way, going north, as is.
- Suggest the E/W alley (directly behind the parking structure between Beech and the N/S alley) remain 2way, as is

I believe this will satisfactorily address everyone's concerns with this issue - and does not pose a financial burden to the city or taxpayers.

- 1-way, reverse-angle parking on E. Crawford remains, as is no lost parking spaces for the city, businesses, or citizens
- E. Crawford remains 1-way, as is although I would recommend more visible signage for vehicles on East Street approaching E. Crawford from either direction.
- No changes necessary for intersection of E. Crawford and Main St. no need to replace stoplight that was removed.
- Vehicles could get to First Fed, The Findlay Parking Structure, and all buildings on both the alley and E. Crawford St. 24/7, 365, legally, without any hassle.
- All parking tenants, business owners, employees, and customers including First Fed would be able to exit the same way they are currently.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If I have mistakenly addressed/sent this email to the incorrect entity, please advise and I will take corrective action immediately.

Thanks again - and have a pleasant day,

# Dave

David S. Owens President/CEO Mallett Enterprises Findlay, LLC dowens@mallettent.com Cell (937) 207-4077 Fax (567) 525-3348

From: Tom Drake <TDrake@findlaylaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 11:57 AM

To: David Owens

Cc: Nicole Cannell; Kathy Launder

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]RE: Traffic Committee Agenda

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Drake Law Firm Properties, LLC, the owner of the second and third floor of the First Federal Bank Building and about half of the spaces in the building's parking lot, supports Mr. Owens' proposal set forth below.

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From: David Owens <dowens@mallettent.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 10:59 AMTo: Tom Drake <TDrake@findlaylaw.com>Cc: Nicole Cannell <ncannell@mallettent.com>Subject: Fw: Traffic Committee Agenda

Tom.

Just an FYI....

Since we did not receive a response from Mr. Slough, I reformatted/readdressed this email to the Mayor's Chief Assistance just moments ago. I wanted you to have as much of a head's up as possible.

Thanks - and have a great day! Dave

#### David S. Owens

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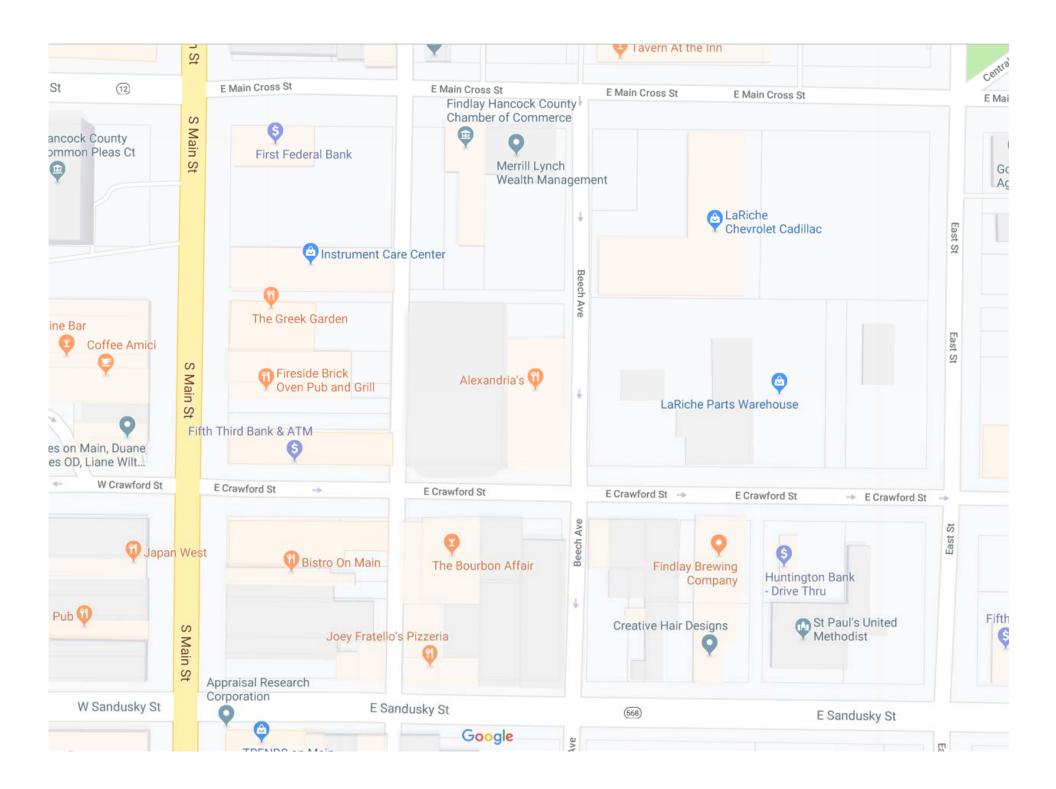
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**From:** Jon Fleegle <jon@property-analysts.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 8:27 AM

To: Kathy Launder

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]aprking question

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#### Kathy

Hope your week is going well. I have a question/request for you. We have extensively remodeled a building at 221 Broadway. Three loft apartments on the second floor. The first floor retail area has also been renovated and is ready for lease. We have a potential high end client that is interested in the space. They have inquired about getting one of the parking spots in front of 221 Broadway to be reserved for "loading and unloading" similar to like what Bindels Appliance has in front of the store front on Broadway. They will have deliveries throughout the day and this will make a difference in their decision to lease that space. Is that possible for us to have one of these? Thank you

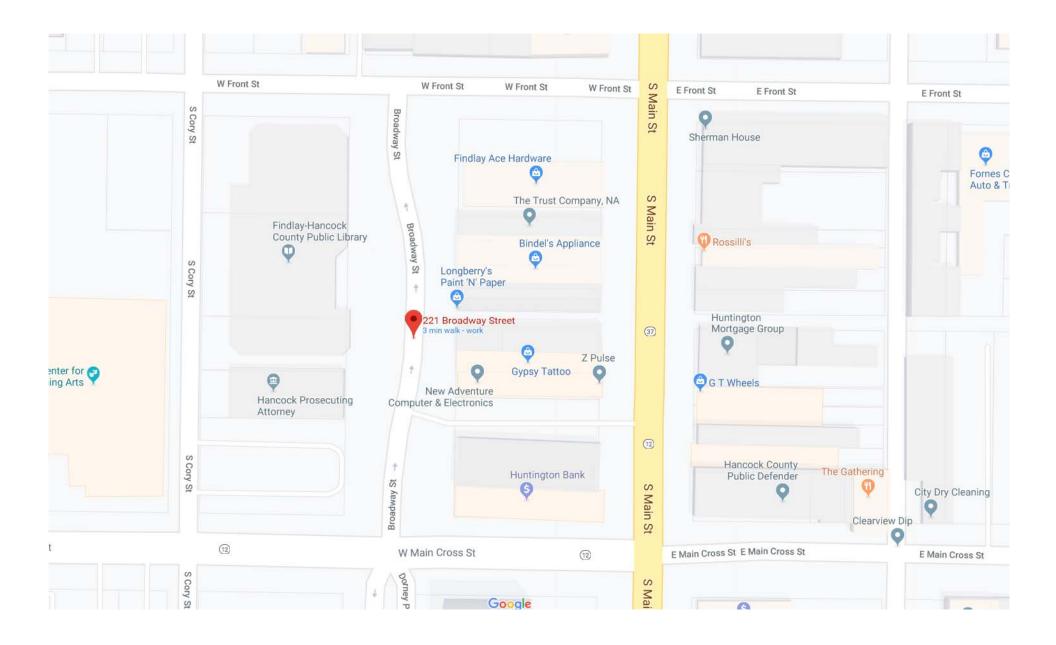
Best Regards,

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April 19, 2019

City of Findlay Traffic Commission 318 Dorney Plaza Findlay, Ohio 45840

Re:

Bishop Lane Roadway Extension Blanchard Station Apartments

Dear Members of the Traffic Commission:

On behalf of our clients, Blanchard Housing Partners and Krystal Ridge, Inc., we are respectfully submitting a request to install stop signs at the intersection of Bishop Lane and Crystal Lane (see attached exhibit). The developers have submitted plans to the City of Findlay Planning Commission for a proposed apartment complex to be located in a new subdivision (Krystal Ridge 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition) and there was discussion on the traffic concerns in the vicinity of this intersection. The Planning Commission placed a condition on the site plan that we formally submit a request to the Traffic Commission to see if this intersection can be made into a 3-way stop. As required by the Planning Commission, we are respectfully requesting approval to make this intersection a 3-way stop.

In addition to this intersection, it was also discussed at the meeting to make the northern side of the newly extended Bishop Lane be "No Parking" along the apartment side of the street. Again, we are respectfully requesting that the side of the street immediately in front of the apartment development be made No Parking.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Stone, P.E., P.S.

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President

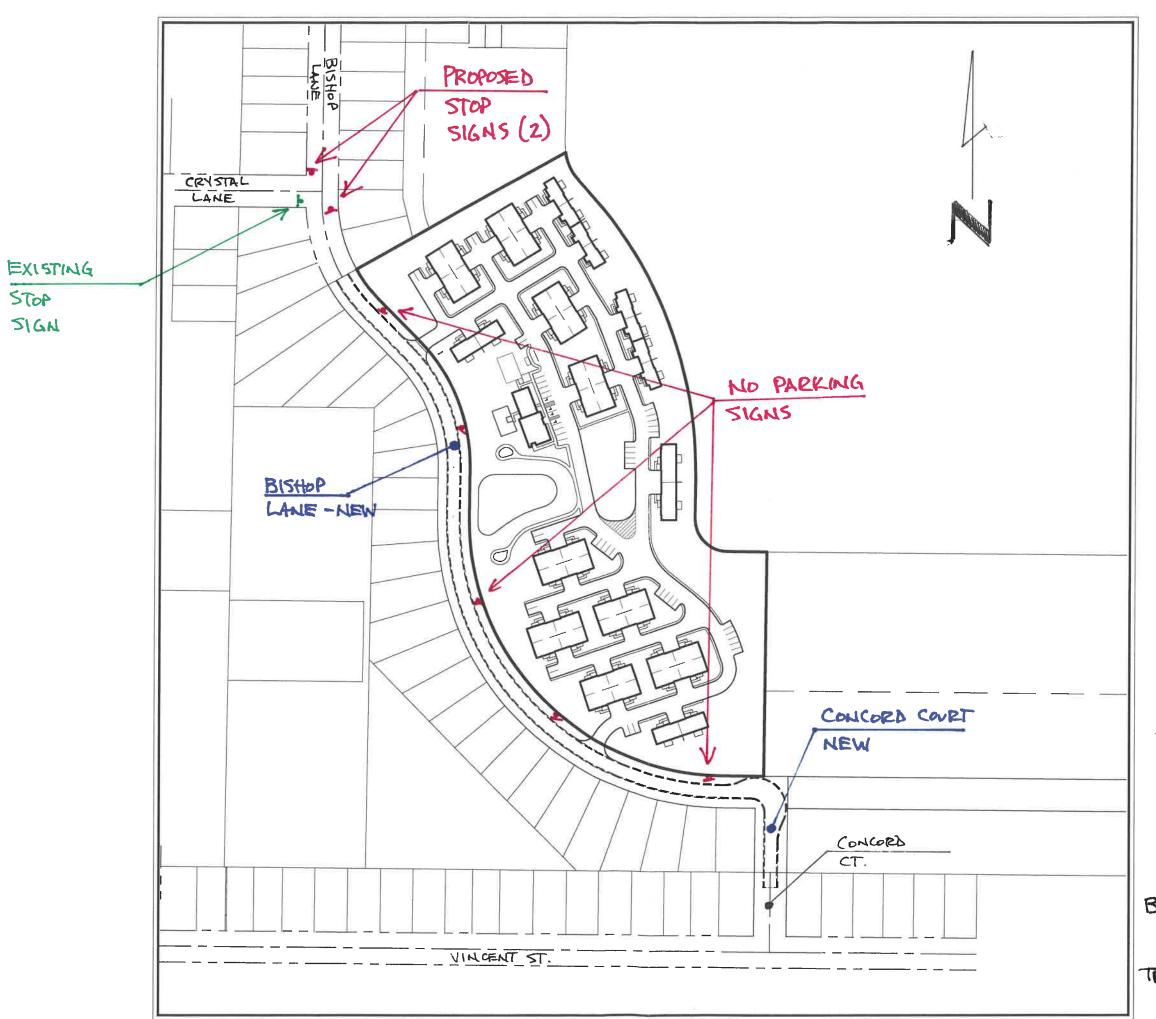
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TRAFFIC COMMISSION EXHIBIT

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Mr. Paul Smelzer Traffic Commission Findlay, Ohio 45840 RECEIVED
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Mr. Smelzer,

A Mr. Del Nichols of 1210 South St. Findlay contacted me about a problem he would like addressed by the Traffic Commission.

Williams Road is located at the rear of his property and is narrow. Large trucks routinely use the street and when they have to pass each other one of them have to get off the street. When they do so they are making ruts in his rear yard.

His suggestion is to make the road one way south from East Sandusky St. to the end of Williams road so there would be room for the vehicles without having to leave the street.

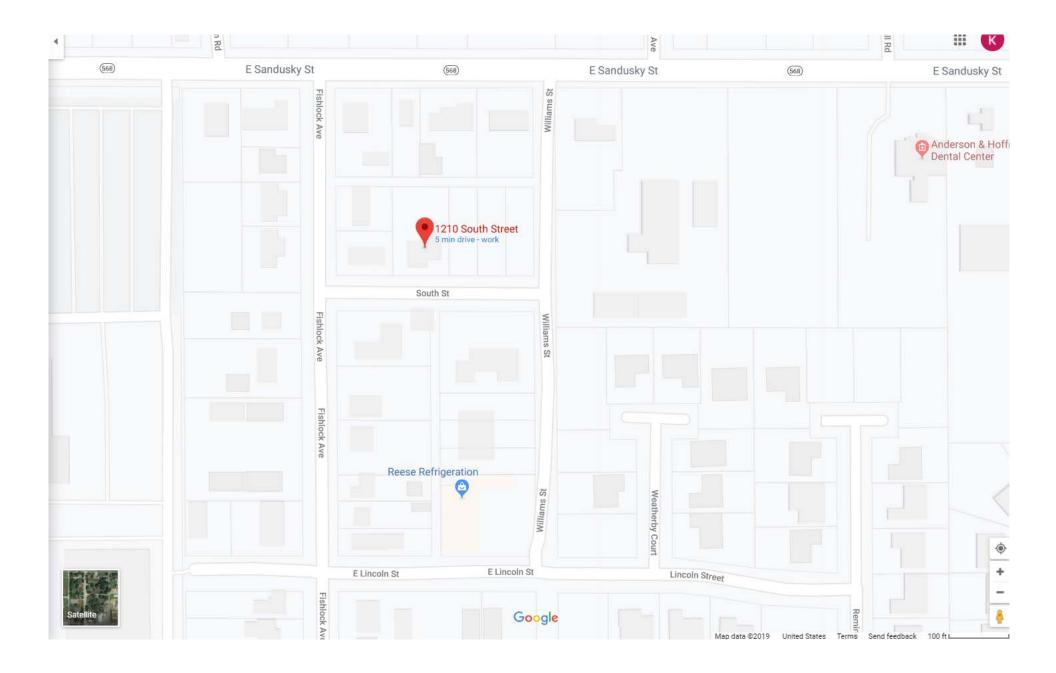
If/when the Traffic Commission would be considering this he would like to be invited and will produce photos of the problem.

Thank you for your assistance in the matter.

Sincerely,

**Ron Monday** 





From: Paul Schmelzer

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2019 1:31 PM

To: Kathy Launder

**Subject:** FW: Speed humps on Lima St.

Add this Lima St speed hump discussion to the June traffic commission agenda.

Thanks.

# Paul E. Schmelzer, P.E., P.S.

Safety Director City of Findlay 318 Dorney Plaza, Room 310 Findlay, Ohio 45840

Phone: 419.424.7137

From: Paul Schmelzer

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 1:29 PM

To: Dave Honse <dhonse@findlayohio.com>; Brian Thomas <bthomas@findlayohio.com>; Jeremy Kalb <jkalb@findlayohio.com>

Subject: Speed humps on Lima St.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87zsRSPaANs

Dave,

Check out this video on speed humps and see if you can get some pricing on the humps. I am putting this on the agenda for June traffic commission to discuss install in summer and removal in winter.

# Paul E. Schmelzer, P.E., P.S.

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Phone: 419.424.7137

From: Strzempka, Christopher < Christopher.Strzempka@aptim.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 9:28 AM

To: Traffic Commission
Cc: cstrzempka9@aol.com

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]East Lima Street Traffic Concerns and Request

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#### Dear Madam/Sir:

The first intent of this email is to express my concerns with vehicular traffic patterns and occurrences along East Lima Street. My residence is at 205 East Lima Street. My concerns are based on witnessing the following:

- Heavy traffic flow mostly in the morning and evening during "rush hour".
- Excessive speeds by automobiles, and sometimes tractor trailers exiting McDonald Supply, throughout the day. The 200 block of East Lima street appears to be where most vehicles reach their maximum speed.
- I have had two recent damages to private property due to traffic: the rear ending of a neighbors car that damaged my maple tree and a hit and run of my suburban that was parked in the street.
- Several years ago, a red Ford pickup up truck jumped the curb at the corner of Beech street, stopped on the sidewalk at the 201 house property, then rather then backing up, proceeded to drive through my front lawn and out my driveway.

I sent a previous request to the Commission requesting a stop sign be placed along the street at Beech and possibly East Street intersections, with the intent to slow traffic. The Commission said that stop signs do not slow traffic speed. My records also show that the commission mentioned about doing a traffic study. I have not seen the results of the study.

The second part of this email, is a request to have the City deter or prevent motorists from using the street as a convenient pass through on their way to work or other destinations. I one suggestion that I believe will work:

• Place a stop sign at Beech and East Street intersections.

I am open to any suggestions that the Commission has to addressing my second item above.

I appreciate the opportunity to present my concerns and suggestions to the Commission and the City. I would be glad to meet with any one of you at my residence in the future to witness these occurrences.

#### Sincerely,

#### **CHRISTOPHER STRZEMPKA**

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From: Cassie Miller <cassie.miller88@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:27 PM

**To:** Traffic Commission

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Speed bump request

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Cassie Miller 1121 Putnam street Findlay Ohio 45840 (419)379-4075 Cassie.Miller88@hotmail.com

I have grown up on Putnam street. I am now a resident as of 6 years ago.

Am I able to get a document for my fellow residents to sign, in support of traffic control on our street?

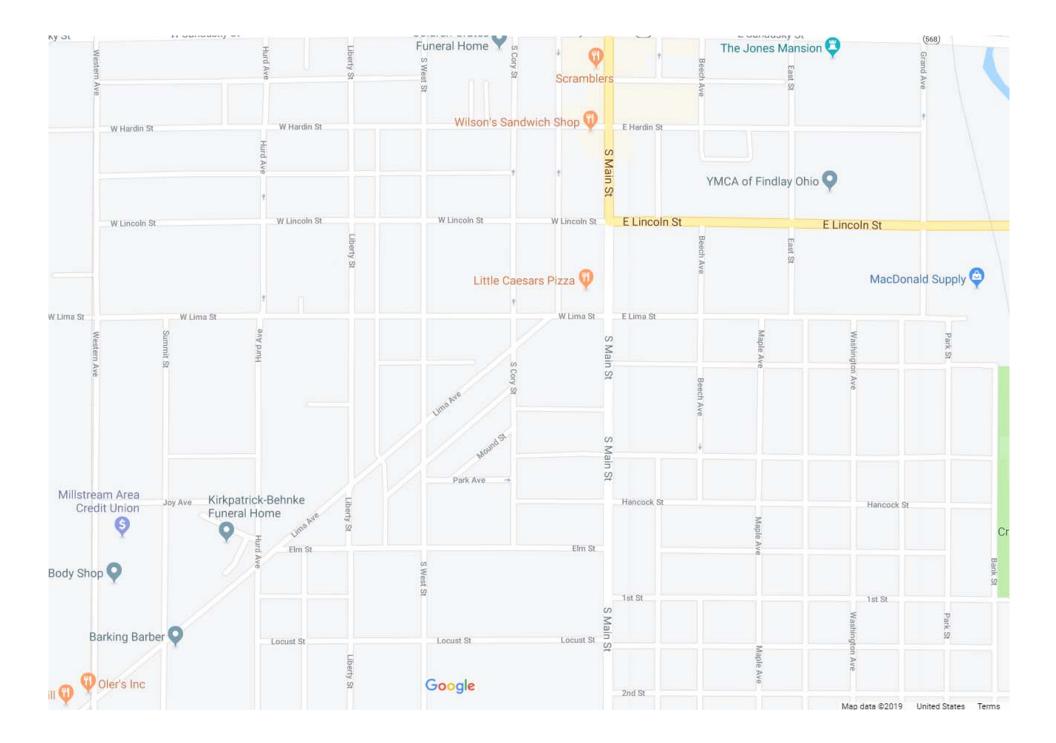
I live not far from Winthrop apartments. They are equipped with speed bumps in their parking lot. I have realized that some Winthrop residents have no regard to safety. I think speed bumps would be a great safety measure on our street.

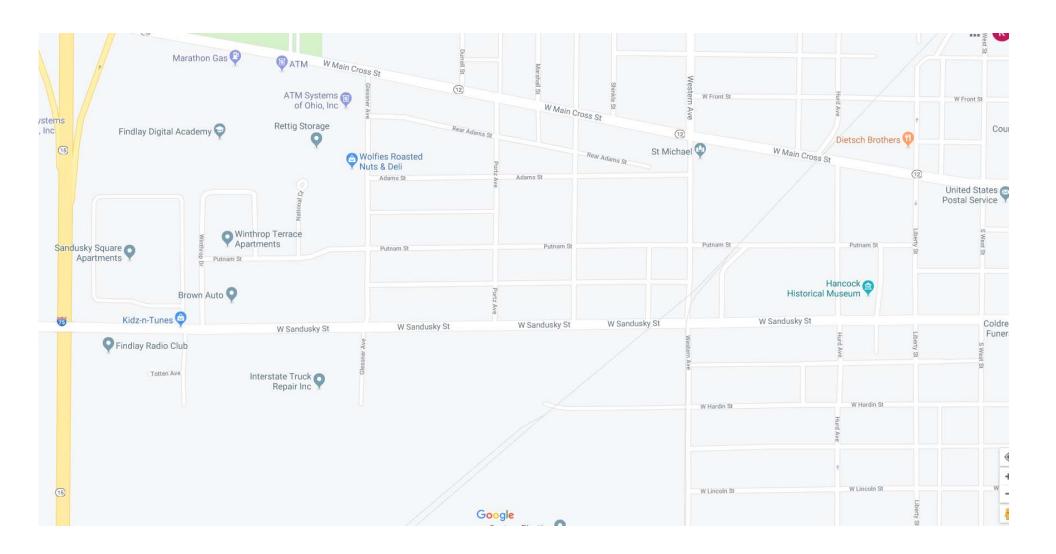
There are a lot of young children including my own that enjoy our young and prospering neighborhood. Please keep that into consideration.

Thank you for your time!

Cassie Miller

Sent from my iPhone





From: John Dunbar

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 05, 2019 10:37 AM

To: Paul Schmelzer
Cc: Kathy Launder

**Subject:** RE: question from new business owner and parking limits

Katie Mercer (419)306-7532

John Dunbar Chief of Police Findlay Police Department 318 Dorney Plaza Room116 Findlay, Ohio 45840 419-424-7194

From: Paul Schmelzer <pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2019 3:12 PM

**To:** John Dunbar <jdunbar@findlayohio.com> **Cc:** Kathy Launder <klaunder@findlayohio.com>

Subject: RE: question from new business owner and parking limits

Traffic commission works. What is her phone number? Kathy can put her on the agenda.

# Paul E. Schmelzer, P.E., P.S.

Safety Director City of Findlay 318 Dorney Plaza, Room 310 Findlay, Ohio 45840

Phone: 419.424.7137

From: John Dunbar

Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2019 1:36 PM

To: Paul Schmelzer < pschmelzer@findlayohio.com >

Subject: question from new business owner and parking limits

Here is an e-mail from Lt. Swope regarding a person who is starting a business on Broadway and her hours will be in violation of the parking signs:

I was contacted by Katie Mercer who is a new business owner on Broadway. She is opening up a Yoga Studio starting in July and she is having morning classes that begin at 0530 and 0600. She stated this will be the biggest money maker for her business. Her concern is the parking restrictions on Broadway from 0100-0600 if her customers begin to park there and begin to

receive parking tickets. She didn't realize there were parking restrictions until after she signed her lease and the landlord never mentioned it. She advised her customers would begin arriving at the studio at 0515. Since this is not a one time or temporary event (it would be every Tuesday and Thursday) I told her an event permit to allow parking would not be the right course of action. The free lots are about a block away and people won't realistically use them.

Should she be referred to the Traffic Commission or somewhere else? I don't think officers can just ignore the signs for those visiting her business while ticketing those who are parked there for another reason.

Your thoughts?

John Dunbar Chief of Police Findlay Police Department 318 Dorney Plaza Room116 Findlay, Ohio 45840 419-424-7194

