

South Portland City Council
Position Paper of the City Manager

Subject:

ORDER #211-16/17 – Amending the “Traffic Schedule,” regarding No Parking on Lawn Avenue, both sides; adding a stop sign at the intersection of Wythburn Road and Mardale Avenue; and one-hour parking on the west side of Main Street from the private driveway at the north corner of Mardale Avenue to a point 150 feet north. Passage requires majority vote.

Position:

The Police Department has been addressing several traffic concerns regarding parking congestion and access on Lawn Avenue, safety issues at the intersection of Wythburn Road and Mardale Avenue, and parking on Main Street.

Chief Googins is recommending the Traffic Schedule be amended to: prohibit parking on both sides of Lawn Avenue from Lincoln Street west to the bend in the road; add a third stop sign at the intersection of Wythburn Road and Mardale Avenue, thus making this intersection a three way stop; and one-hour parking on the west side of Main Street from the private driveway at the north corner of Mardale Avenue to a point 150 feet north.

Attached is a memorandum from Chief Googins regarding these issues. He will be at Monday night’s meeting to answer any questions.

Requested Action:

Council passage ORDER #211-16/17.



City Manager



POLICE DEPARTMENT

EDWARD J. GOOGINS
CHIEF OF POLICE

AMY J. BERRY
DEPUTY CHIEF

To: Scott Morelli, City Manager
From: Edward J. Googins, Chief of Police
Date: May 25, 2017
Reference: Revisions to the Traffic Schedule

In response to several recent concerns that have been brought to our attention, I would like to recommend the following changes to the traffic schedule:

- 1) No parking on both sides of Lawn Avenue from Lincoln Street west to the bend in the road. This is a very narrow section of street and any parking makes it difficult for large vehicles to get through.
- 2) Adding a third stop sign at the intersection of Wythburn Road and Mardale Avenue which would make this intersection a three way stop. At the present time only two legs of this intersection have stop signs and it can be confusing to motorists that think all other traffic is going to stop.
- 3) One-hour parking on the west side on Main Street from the private driveway at the north corner of Mardale Avenue to a point 150 feet north. This will allow temporary on-street parking near the building for larger vehicles that routinely stop to patronize the business. This change has been temporarily made without any negative concerns.

I request these revisions be placed on a future Council agenda for action.



CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

PATRICIA A. SMITH
Mayor

SCOTT T. MORELLI
City Manager

EMILY F. SCULLY
City Clerk

SALLY J. DAGGETT
Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry

**IN CITY COUNCIL
ORDER #211-16/17**

District One
CLAUDE V. Z. MORGAN

District Two
PATRICIA A. SMITH

District Three
EBEN C. ROSE

District Four
LINDA C. COHEN

District Five
BRAD FOX

At Large
MAXINE R. BEECHER

At Large
SUSAN J. HENDERSON

ORDERED, the *Traffic Schedule* be and hereby is amended as follows:

No Parking

Lawn Avenue

both sides from Lincoln Street west
to the bend in the road.

Stop Signs

Wythburn Road and
Mardale Avenue

adding a Third Stop Sign

Limited Parking

Main Street

One-hour parking on the west side
from the private driveway at the
North corner of Mardale to a point
150 feet north

Fiscal Note: Less than \$1,000

Dated June 5, 2017