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July 16, 2004

**Re: Request Designating North side
of West 24th St. Terr., a No Parking zone**

Dear Mr. Woosley:

I am requesting the City of Lawrence conduct a survey to determine the viability of designating the North side of West 24th St Terrace a "No Parking" zone.

I live at 3312 West 24th St. Terrace, which is approximately 76' from the corner of Kasold and West 24th St. Terrace. In my opinion, the left turn that is required to be made in order to enter West 24th St. Terrace is probably one of the City's most dangerous turns. When proceeding South on Kasold, it is impossible to see oncoming traffic heading North on Kasold, until it is almost too late. As you approach the left turn, you reach a decision point, "to go" or "not go." The turn is so dangerous my neighbor to the West of me refuses to egress our street. She uses West 25th Street to ingress and egress to get onto Kasold.

When attempting to back out of my driveway, my attention is diverted between the traffic coming off Kasold and trying to see traffic coming up the hill attempting to get onto Kasold. My problem becomes even more acute when people park their vehicle(s), sometimes at least two deep, in front of my house making impossible to see the oncoming traffic until I am actually in the street. The property immediately across the street is a single family residence with a one car garage.

There have been times when I have been "caught" between traffic coming off of Kasold and traffic trying to get onto Kasold. During the Winter months things can get really interesting as you can imagine.

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Finally, the neighborhood is designated a single family residential area, yet home owners are renting to college students who are parking disable vehicles on the North side of the street.

I am very concerned about my property value and the continued parking of vehicles in front of my home is or could have a detrimental effect on my property.

I am requesting a survey be conducted to determine the viability of designated the North side of West 24th Street Terrace a "No Parking" zone. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


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David Woosley

From: hitek.b@juno.com
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To City of Lawrence
Traffic Safety Commission Agenda

This letter is in response to Item No. 3: Consider proposal to move the NO PARKING restriction on 24th Place east of Kasold Drive from the south side of the street to the north side.

The meeting is OCT 4, 2004-7:30 PM

I cannot attend the meeting so I would like to explain why I oppose this change. Also your letter is in error. The street is 24th Terrace, not 24th Place.

The intersection at Kasold and 24th Terrace is a very dangerous one because of the steep hill. When heading south on Kasold and turning left onto 24th Terrace, the traffic heading north on Kasold cannot be seen until real close. In order to get a better look at traffic, I for one, move farther forward before turning. If parking is moved to the south side of 24th terrace that will not be possible and more dangerous because the left turn will have to be made sooner giving less vision of the traffic. Also if cars are parked on the south side and there is a car at the stop sign on the north you cannot turn onto the street and if you start you turn and are squeezed out you could become stuck in the intersection in the path of northbound traffic. Parking on the north side of the street, now will not allow cars to park too close to the stop sign because of the way the driveways are situated. Which is good. The south side can possibly put cars too close to the intersection. Also the north side of the street has more room to park all the way down, where as the south loses space because of two streets coming off the south and not the north.

Another issue is in the winter with snow. The north side gets more sun on the pavement and allows the snow and ice to melt faster making parking easier. The south side stays in the shade from trees and houses and is always more slippery and dangerous. I live on the north side and the cars park in front of my house. I can easily live with neighbors parking in front of my house when I feel it is the better solution. Another reason, and this is a concern of mine and maybe not others. My driveway slopes towards my house where as most other neighbors' slopes away. When the snow is deep and I back out of my drive and I have to go rather fast to get out and if I back into the street to head uphill I cannot start up from a dead stop so I back out and head the opposite way from Kasold, go the bottom of the hill, east on 24th Terrace, turn around and get momentum to make it up the hill to reach Kasold. In order to get out of my drive in the snow I have to move fast and make a larger turn which causes me to cross over the south side of the street and sometime even hit the curb.

If the parking is moved to the south I will not be able to make sharp turns to get out of the driveway without hitting cars on the south side.

I am opposed to this idea and I know who's idea this was. The only reason this person wants to have this changed is because he doesn't like cars parked in front of his house. Please come view the street and see what you think, but I think there is no problem and if there is no problem then don't fix.

Thank you

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