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Subject: No Parking near Free State Softball field

Hello

I'm a parent of a current member of the Free State High softball team, and I expect to have daughters playing in that program for the next six seasons. I'm hoping you can help point me in the right direction to resolve a problem.

Unless I just didn't see them previously, it seems that No Parking signs were recently erected north of Overland Drive on Wakarusa near the Free State High School softball field. This has caused significant inconvenience for staff, players and fans and a major obstacle for those with limited mobility.

Since this section of roadway was constructed it has provided convenient parking for those attending softball games at Free State. To the best of my knowledge this has never caused a problem. The reason most attendees have parked on Wakarusa is that it runs along the outfield fence perhaps 70 yards from the spectator area. By contrast the nearest parking lot on campus is several hundred yards away with a fairly steep valley on the path in between. During baseball games and other events it seems likely that it will be necessary to park even further away due to the very limited size of the closest on-campus lots.

I have observed that the parking prohibition has created problems for staff and players transporting equipment. Worst of all, it virtually prohibits people with limited mobility from attending the games.

There is very little traffic this four lane stretch of Wakarusa. My wife and I walk and bicycle there on a regular basis, and it is extremely rare to see more than one or two vehicles at any given time on the entire stretch between Overland and Queens. While I recognize that over time traffic will become heavier. I think it is highly unlikely that it will ever be so heavy that parked cars will create a safety hazard.

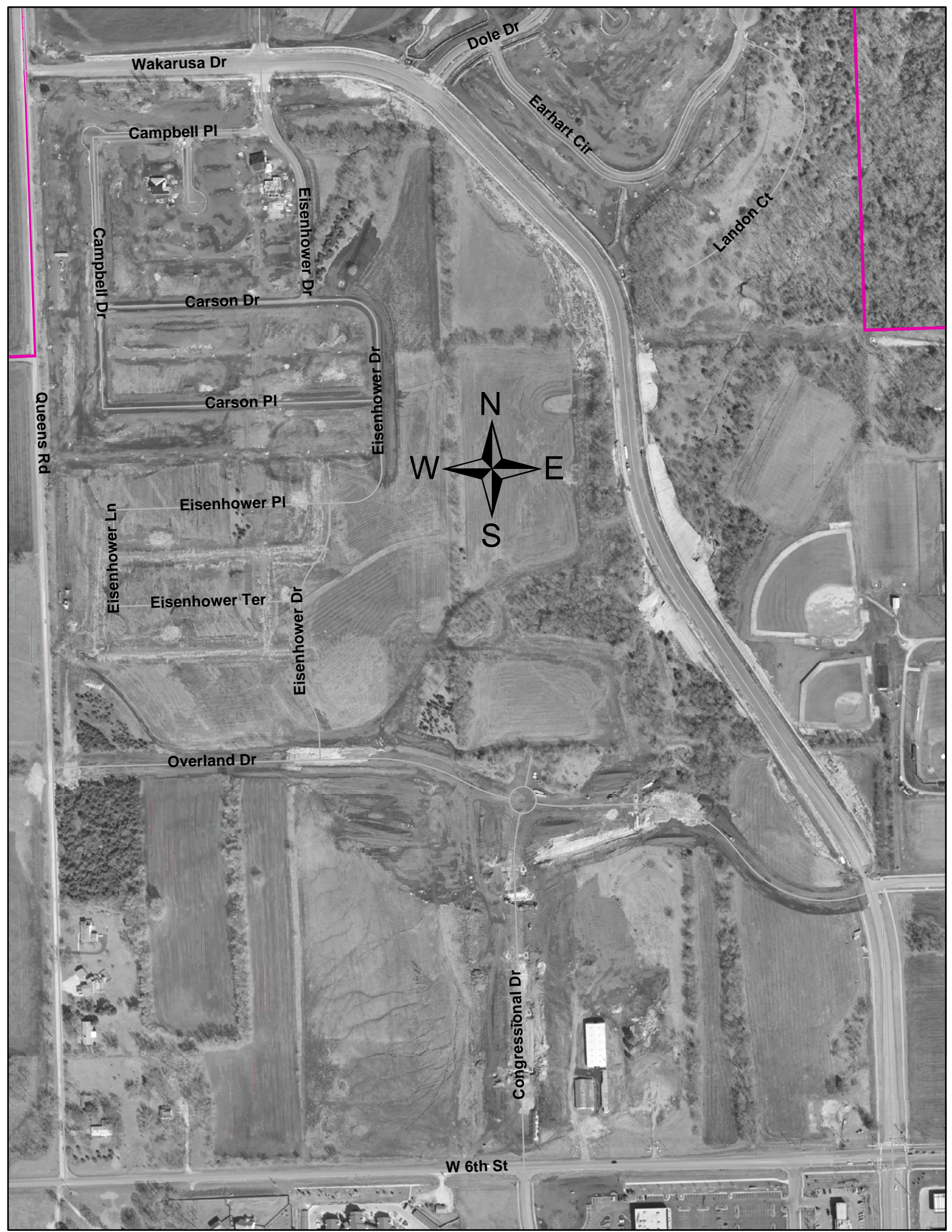
I would prefer to see the No Parking signs removed completely. At a minimum, perhaps arrangements could be made to permit parking during Free State softball games (5-10 afternoons per year depending upon various factors). By doing so, my parents might have a reasonable opportunity to see their granddaughters play high school softball.

Can you point me in the right direction to have this matter reconsidered?

Thanks

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