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TO: City of Lawrence Traffic Safety Commission

FR: Fountain Townhomes Association on Jana Drive and Other Residents of Jana Drive

RE: Request to Remove No Parking Signs in 900 & 1000 Blocks of Jana Drive

By way of this memo and the attached petition, the residents of Jana Drive hereby request that the no parking signs on the east side of Jana Drive from Holiday Drive to Harvard Road be removed and that parking be allowed on the east and west sides, just it has been both legally and practically for the past nearly 40 years.

Since 1969 when the Fountain Townhomes were built and the mid-1970's when duplexes were built in the 900 and 1000 blocks of Jana Drive, there has been parking on both the east and west sides of the street until earlier this year.

In 1998 as part of Ordinance No. 7022 (attached), which dealt with a variety of streets, parking was prohibited on the east side of Jana Drive from Holiday Drive to Harvard Road. It is unknown to the current residents of Jana Drive who or how a request to prohibit parking on the east side of Jana Drive was brought to the City of Lawrence / Traffic Safety Commission. Regardless, as residents on Jana Drive who lived on Jana Drive at that time can attest, no signs were ever erected to prohibit parking. This discrepancy was discovered 10 years later this year by City of Lawrence Public Works field crews while reviewing the city code, according to David Woosley.

Some residents on this section of Jana Drive have lived there since 1983. The observation of long-time and current residents is that there are no significant traffic problems. Drivers have always been able to travel in either direction with only occasional need to wait for a car coming in the opposite direction to pass before proceeding. If anything, it is less safe now because cars are driving faster on the street than they were when there was parking on both sides of the street. Parking has become a problem though, because only half the street is available on which to park. Residents who previously could park in front of their own homes now have to park in front of their neighbors' homes, which then limits parking for those neighbors. Visitors to residents on Jana Drive also have less parking available to them. The nearest streets of Holiday Drive and the 1100 block of Jana Drive have parking on both sides of the street, so there does not appear to be an over-riding need or reason for the parking prohibition on 900-1000 Jana Drive.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. For a contact, please feel free to communicate with Mark Strand at 785-749-5100 (home), 785-864-7574 (work) or at [markstrand@sunflower.com](mailto:markstrand@sunflower.com).

ORDINANCE NO. 7022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 410.12, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, 1997, RELATING TO NO PARKING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS:

SECTION I. Chapter 17, Article 4, Section 410.12, of the Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 1997, is hereby amended to read as follows, to-wit:

- 17-410.12 (a) Illinois Street, east side, Sunnyside Avenue to 19th Street; 11th Street, north 50 feet;
- (b) Illinois Street, west side, 17th Street, south 50 feet; 17th Street, north 50 feet;
- (c) Indian Avenue, south side, Massachusetts Street to Barker Avenue;
- (d) Indiana Street, east side, 2nd Street to 3rd Street; 4th Street, south 50 feet; 6th Street as far north as the first alley on the west side of Indiana Street; 9th Street to 12th Street; 17th Street, south 75 feet; 17th Street to Sunflower Road; 19th Street, north 100 feet; Sunnyside Avenue, south 30 feet;
- (e) Indiana Street, west side, 2nd Street to 3rd Street; 4th Street, north 50 feet; 10th Street, north 53 feet; 11th Street, north 138 feet; 11th Street, south 162 feet; 16th Street to 19th Street;
- (f) Inverness Drive, both sides, Clinton Parkway to Wakarusa Drive;
- (g) Inverness Drive, east side, Clinton Parkway to 27th Street;
- (h) Iowa Street, both sides, 6th Street south to the city limits; 200 feet south of Riverridge Road to 200 feet north of Riverridge Road.
- (i) Jana Drive, east and north sides, Lawrence Avenue, west and north 435 feet; Harvard Road to Holiday Drive;
- (j) Jasu Drive, east side, Alabama Street to Missouri Street;
- (k) Jefferson Way, north side, Congressional Drive to Colonial Drive;

SECTION II. Chapter 17, Article 4, Section 410.12, of the Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas 1997, is hereby repealed and of no further force and effect, it being the intent of this ordinance that its provisions be substituted in place thereof.

SECTION III. From and after the passage and publication of this ordinance, parking is prohibited on the east side of Jana Drive from Holiday Drive to Harvard Road.

PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1998.

APPROVED

Martin A. Kennedy  
Martin A. Kennedy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Raymond J. Hummert  
Raymond J. Hummert, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality

DAVID L. CORNUS 5.26.98  
Date

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance; that said ordinance was passed on the 26 day of May, 1998; that the record of the final vote on its passage is found on page \_\_\_\_\_ of Journal \_\_\_\_\_; that it was published in the Lawrence Daily Journal-World on the 1 Day of June, 1998.  
Raymond J. Hummert  
City Clerk

# PETITION

The residents of the 900 and 1000 blocks of Jana Drive in Lawrence, KS hereby petition the City Lawrence and City Traffic Safety Commission to remove the no parking signs on the east side of the 900 and 1000 blocks of Jana Drive.

ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1030 JANA DR	Mark D Strahl
1034 Jana Dr.	Marty White
1032 Jana Dr	Patricia Leach
1028 Jana Dr.	Elaine DiMassio
1026 Jana Dr.	Bob
1012 Jana Dr.	Jarah Rahipi
1010 Jana Dr	Jamie Baggett
1052 JANA DR	Pat
1044 Jana Dr	Pat
1036 Jana Dr.	Timmy Fiedler
1028 Jana Dr	Pat
1024 JANA DR.	Ben
1024 Jana Dr.	Pat
1020 Jana Drive	Patricia Fitchard
1016 JANA DRIVE	Donna Kidd
1008 Jana Dr	Pat
942 Jana Dr.	Ann Smith
958 Jana Dr.	Michelle Smith
952 Jana Drive	Pat
1013.1 Jana Dr.	Pat
1013.3 Jana Dr.	Seth Weisbrock
1019 Jana Dr	Marsha Smith
1019 Jana Dr	Pat
10251 JANA DR B	Pat
1031 Jana Dr.	Pat
1042 Jana Dr	Pat
960 Jana Dr.	Pat
1018 JANA DRIVE	Pat
1013.2 JANA DRIVE	Pat
1039 Jana Dr	Pat
1035 Jana Dr.	Pat
1029 JANA	Pat

Sally W. Ahl  
c/o Laidlaw Transit, Inc.  
1548 East 23 Street  
Lawrence, Kansas 66046

Mr. David Woosley  
Traffic Engineer  
Lawrence City Hall  
6 East 6 Street  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Mr. Woosley:

As a school bus driver I am particularly concerned with safety of the children I transport as well as of vehicles on the road. Thus I am appreciative of the work the city does in maintaining roads and in directions for traffic.

I do wish to bring to your attention a street where there are real problems--at least in the morning (c. 8-9am) and afternoon (c. 4-5pm) when I travel that road, driving School Bus 114. The road is Jana Drive--particularly between Harvard Road and Holiday Drive.

Jana Drive is a two-way road with parking allowed on both sides at present. However, when people park on both sides there is room for only one vehicle between the parked cars. I navigate the bus very carefully, for although it is a Vanguard (a smaller size bus) it has little space on either side--especially when cars are not parked very close to the curb.

Also, since parked cars only allow one line of moving traffic, a real problem is created when cars come from two directions--as is indeed permissible on the street. That was made very clear to me this morning--and fortunately there was a open place behind parked cars for the car facing me (and the two cars behind me) to pull into.

Lastly, I wonder what will happen when the road is not clear due to snow, etc. Will even the single lane of traffic be impeded?

I would appreciate your looking into this matter.

Sincerely,

*Sally W. Ahl*

Sally W. Ahl

cc: Mr. Wayne Zachery, DDS, Laidlaw

ITEM NO. 3:

Re-consider request from Sally W. Ahl, c/o Laidlaw Transit, Inc., 1548 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, to establish NO PARKING along one side of Jana Drive between Harvard Road and Holiday Drive.

David Woosley advised the Commission that this item had been approved by the Commission at the January 1998 meeting, however, it was returned to the Commission by the City Commission, for additional citizen input.

Roger Rogg, 1024 S. Jana Drive, stated that he has lived in the neighborhood for eight years. Jana Street is strictly a residential street with primarily duplexes and triplexes with only single car garages (mostly used for storage). This evening, there were 31 cars parked in the street for the 20 residences. If this restriction is passed, there will be a lot of inconvenience for the residents. You can almost always pass the parked vehicles because they are seldom parked directly across from each other. No other large vehicles such as fire and medical trucks or garbage trucks have indicated a problem on the street. Moving vans get up and down the street all the time with no problem. If safety was a concern then it should be done, but there is not a safety problem. The good of the many should out-weigh the convenience of the few.

Commissioner Benefiel reminded the Commission that the issue of parking on both sides of a street in a heavily residential area is an item that keeps coming back to the Commission and that the recommendation in January was the correct thing to do.

Commissioner Bracciano advised the Commission that safety rules prevent a school bus from backing-up at any time.

Commissioner Shepard asked if essentially the street was acting as a parking lot for the duplexes and triplexes. Rogg replied that was exactly what was happening.

Commissioner Bracciano stated that his concern was for all traffic, not just a school bus.

Commissioner Sloan stated that he has tried to be consistent and has not been inclined to eliminate parking unless there was no opposition. Parking slows down the traffic, which is advantageous for a neighborhood.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SLOAN TO DENY THE REQUEST.  
The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRACCIANO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEINBACHER, TO ESTABLISH "NO PARKING" ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF JANA DRIVE BETWEEN HARVARD ROAD AND HOLIDAY DRIVE. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 5-1(Sloan)-1(Heckler).