

AGENDA – TSC 8/3/09

ITEM NO. 2: Consider request to establish NO SEMI TRUCKS in the Old West Lawrence neighborhood.

Facts:

1. The City Code prohibits trucks licenses over 26,000 lbs. from using any street in the city except TRUCK ROUTES and TRUCK DELIVERY ROUTES.
2. 6th Street is designated a TRUCK ROUTE, 9th Street is designated a TRUCK DELIVERY ROUTE and Tennessee Street is designated a TRUCK DELIVERY ROUTE.

MINUTES – TSC 8/3/09

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David Woosley presented the information provided in the staff report.

Commissioner Ziegelmeyer asked what would be the effect of NO SEMI TRUCKS when a truck could actually go through a neighborhood if they have to make a delivery in that neighborhood; Officer Counter advised that trucks can use any street when making intra-city deliveries.

Public comment:

Carol Pilant, 615 W. 8th Street: In the last year I have noticed a big increase in semi-sized trucks; trucks specifically delivering beer to Jensen's; the trucks come to the ally next to my house and head south down the alley between Louisiana and Indiana and between 8th and 9th to deliver on 9th Street to Jensen's; I have plants and rocks on the corner and the trucks drive over the curb and have smashed them during the past year; I don't understand why trucks that size are coming through the neighborhood; I would suggest there be more signs in the neighborhood prohibiting trucks from entering; I think it is inappropriate for trucks that size to drive through the neighborhood, especially when their deliveries are on 9th Street.

Commissioner Miller: I would suggest that you get everyone together, including the beer distributors, perhaps a representative from the police department, and see if something can be worked-out between all parties involved.

Commissioner Woods asked how the existing NO TRUCKS signs are enforced; Officer Counter advised there is not an ordinance prohibiting trucks from using streets that are signed NO TRUCKS.

David Carttar, 741 Tennessee Street, Vice-President Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association: The only point that I would like to make is what the point is of an ordinance that specifies a weight limit and specific routes that trucks are allowed to drive if there is no ability to enforce the code; I appreciate the suggestion to get the neighborhood together.

Betty Alderson, 1920 Maine Street: I thought this was addressed a number of years ago because this problem exists in other neighborhoods.

Commissioner Woods: A sign is not going to cure the problem; the suggestion to get everyone together and try to work something out is the best solution.

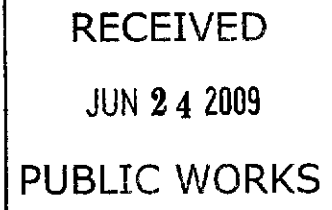
Commissioner Harden: Another concern I would have is the axel loading on the street and whether they are designed for that load; neighborhood streets are not normally designed for that type vehicle.

Commissioner Miller: I think you'll make more progress and quicker progress by getting everyone concerned together; I think doing an ordinance will tick people off and not serve you well.

Commissioner Harden: A negotiated solution is always quicker and probably better.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIEGELMEYER, TO RECOMMEND DENYING THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH NO SEMI TRUCKS IN THE OLD WEST LAWRENCE NEIGHBORHOOD; THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

615 West 8th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044
June 20, 2009



Dear Mr. Woosley,

In the past year, a situation has been occurring which not only concerns neighborhood street and alley safety in OWL but also the continued destruction of my garden and the old stone curbing at the alley entrance between my house at 615 West 8th and Wildgen's house at 801 Louisiana. Highway semi-size beer trucks are making deliveries to our cherished neighborhood Jensen's Liquor Emporium on 9th Street. Formerly beer trucks were not as large as these big boys. It is almost impossible to get these monster trucks to make that turn from 8th Street into the alley without taking part of either my corner with garden or Wildgen's corner with lawn. If it's been raining, there are huge ruts and destruction of my garden plants and rock arrangement.

One might well ask why these trucks are using 8th Street as a delivery option. I was under the impression that trucks of this size were not allowed in OWL. Both Mike Wildgen and I have witnessed these trucks on their deliveries. We went down the alley to address the driver of one particular truck. It would solve many problems if Jeff Jensen could have deliveries made before the store opens for business and the semi could pull up on 9th just outside the front of his store and transport the beer the few feet farther to the back door of Jensen's. There are many options that would work better than the present dangerous turn on 8th Street. The driver of the O'Malley delivery truck suggested that he could turn north off 9th Street and actually pull in behind Owen's and Jensen's for delivery. In order to allow a wide enough space for this to happen, two parking spaces on the Water's Edge side of Indiana would have to be designated a no parking area. Delivery trucks are also known to stop in the middle of the street for deliveries. Beer needs to be loaded into the back of Jensen's because of the setup of the store. There is only a small difference from the present alley unloading of the beer and what could be a 9th Street unloading and then dolly delivery to Jensen's back door. Smaller trucks could also be used for this delivery.

Given this background information, I'm requesting that semi-size trucks not be allowed in OWL to make deliveries. There are several options which would work and would keep the semi trucks on the main streets. I would be happy to facilitate any of this and offer my time and assistance.

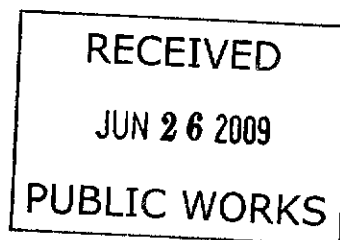
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Pilant".

Carol Pilant

Woosley

*Old West Lawrence
Neighborhood Association
Lawrence, Kansas*




*Chairman
Lawrence Traffic Commission
c/o David Woosley
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Lawrence, Ks 66044*

Re: Carol Pilant Letter

Dear Sir:

The Old West Lawrence Association supports the request of Carol Pilant to eliminate the use of local streets by the semi-trucks that are often seen on the neighborhood streets. Besides the beer trucks that are cited in the letter the Groenke (sp) gasoline trucks often use 8th Street. We doubt that they are lost. Rather they are looking for an easy way to enter the various business sites along 9th Street unmindful of the danger they pose to the residents.

As noted in the Pilant letter OWL residents are happy to sit down with business owners, traffic engineers, police department representatives and semi-truck drivers to seek solutions. However, the continued use of the neighborhood alleys and local streets are a continuing hazard for children, cyclists, and residents of the area. While these solutions are being sought we ask that the Lawrence Police Department enforce the existing ordinances regarding these trucks on local streets.

*Thank you,

David Carttar
OWL Board*

*Cc: Ron Olin, Chief of Police
Mayor Chestnut*

Truck Route Map Lawrence, Kansas

Truck Route

Truck Routes are hereby established in the shown locations. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to operate a truck, trailer, or semi-trailer with a registered gross vehicle weight in excess of 20,000 lbs., on any street within the corporate limits of the City, other than the designated truck routes.

Truck Delivery Route

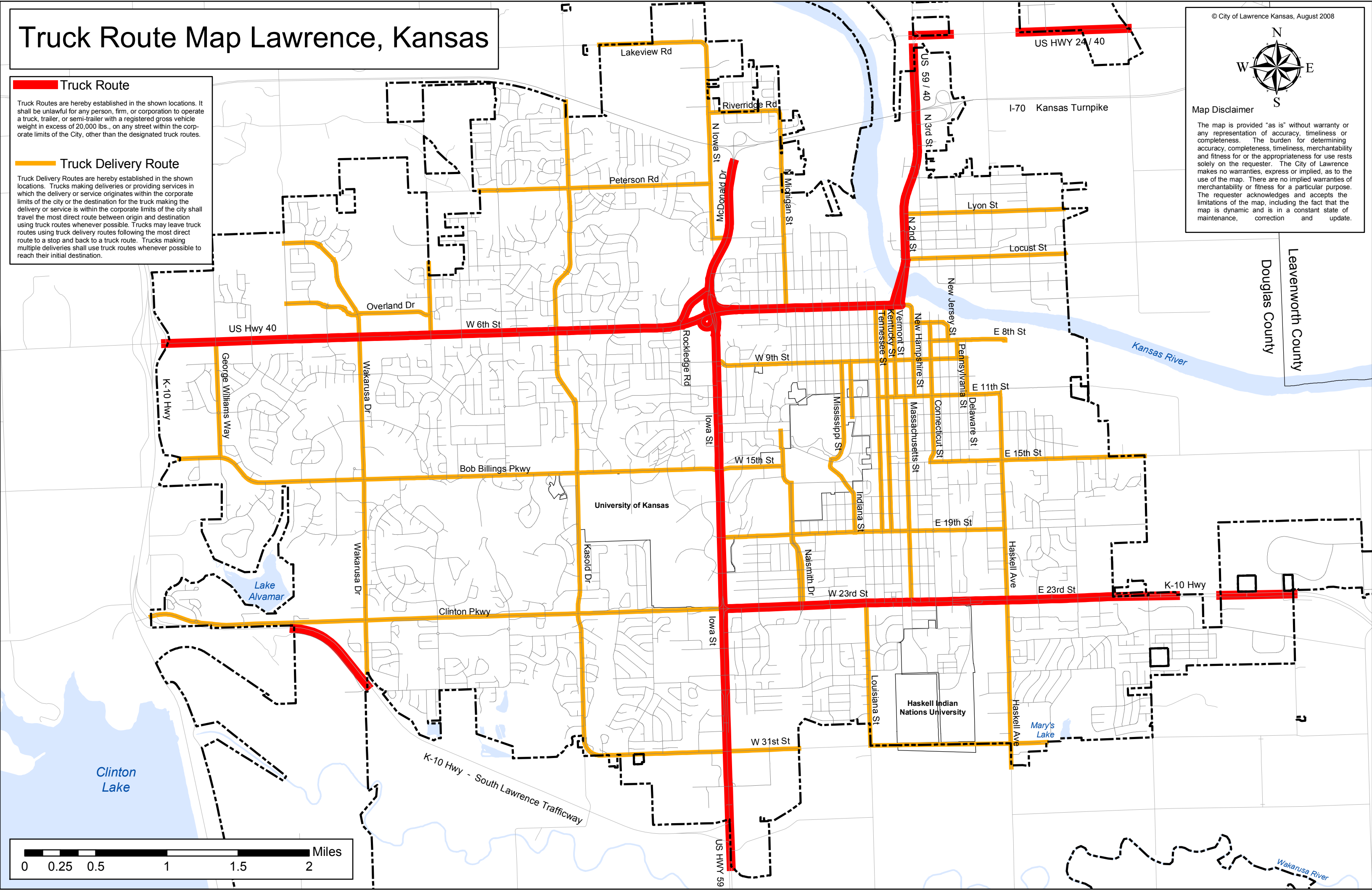
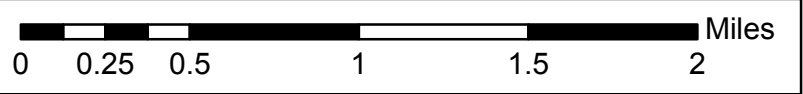
Truck Delivery Routes are hereby established in the shown locations. Trucks making deliveries or providing services in which the delivery or service originates within the corporate limits of the city or the destination for the truck making the delivery or service is within the corporate limits of the city shall travel the most direct route between origin and destination using truck routes whenever possible. Trucks may leave truck routes using truck delivery routes following the most direct route to a stop and back to a truck route. Trucks making multiple deliveries shall use truck routes whenever possible to reach their initial destination.

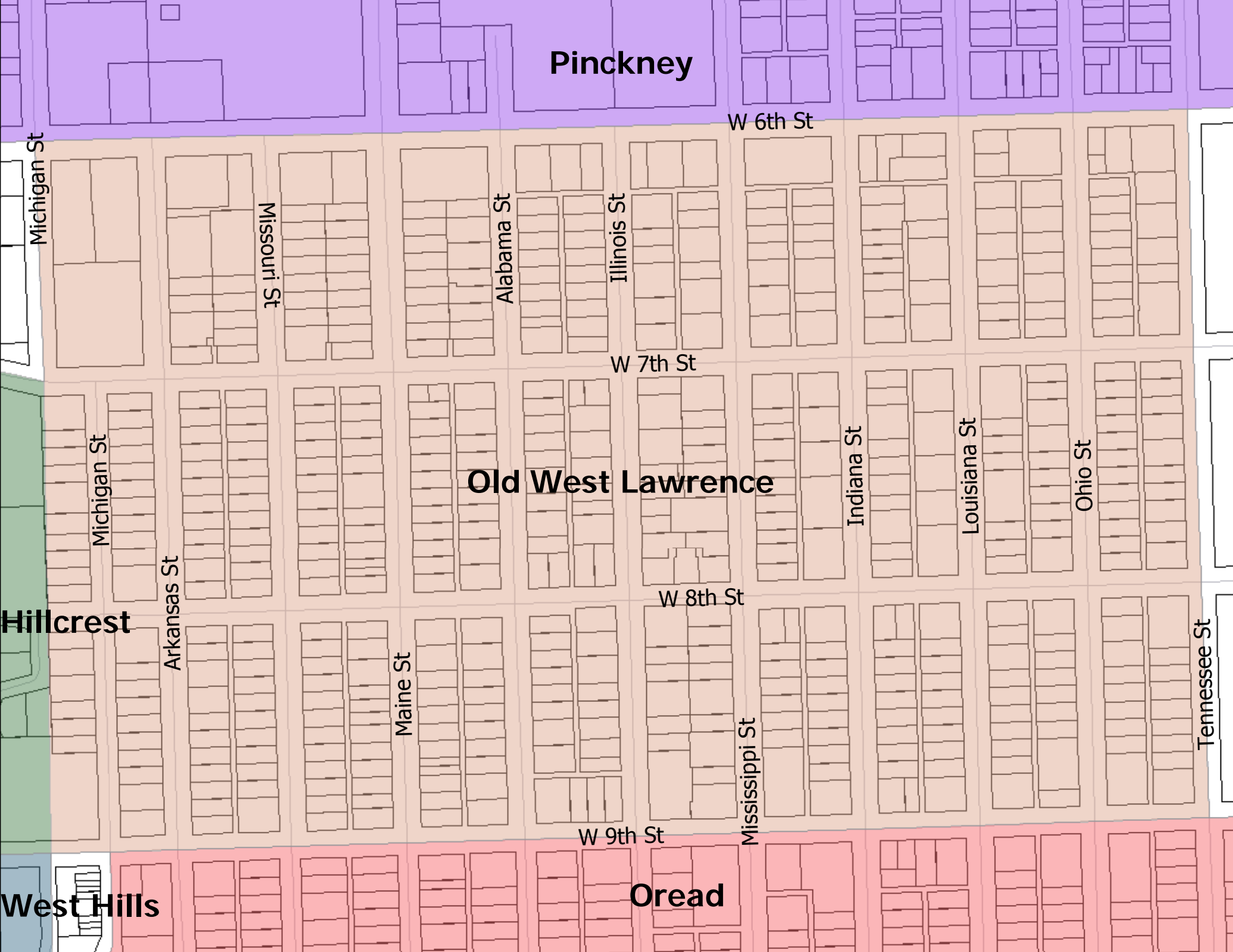
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