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It is the mission of the Kentwood Police Department to reduce serious crime, increase traffic safety, and serve the community with excellence.

Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to inform you of a proposed change to parking on your street. Recent construction on Lyles Street and Heyboer Avenue has narrowed the road width to provide added traffic calming within the neighborhood. This change also requires that we adjust the parking to accommodate emergency, delivery and other vehicles that will need to park and access homes on these streets. To ensure access and traffic safety are maintained, and to still allow some on-street parking, the Kentwood Police Department is recommending parking be limited to one side on each of these streets.

If KPD's proposed traffic control order is approved by the City Commission, parking would not be allowed on the north side of Lyles Street from Heyboer Avenue east to Eastern Avenue and on the west side of Heyboer Avenue from 52nd Street north to Andover Street. This change would go into effect after approval by the City Commission and the installation of the No Parking signs in those areas of the streets. Winter on-street parking rules would still apply. From Nov. 15 to March 15, parking on any public street is prohibited 1 a.m.-8 a.m. or at any other times when on-street parking could impede the City's winter operations. Vehicles parked on the streets during these hours are subject to ticketing.

If you have input or questions about this change, please contact the Kentwood Police Department Traffic Bureau at 616.656.6580.

The Kentwood Police Department is committed to continuously improving traffic safety across our City. As part of this commitment, we are reviewing the City's current traffic control orders to ensure they meet the needs of our growing community and follow safety best practices for roadway design and usage as well as traffic volume and usage. When current traffic control orders do not meet these important criteria, we are recommending changes, including new traffic control orders.

The full reconstruction of Lyles and Heyboer this past summer was part of the City's ongoing investment in maintaining and improving important infrastructure for our residents. Quality infrastructure is critical for a safe and functioning community. The reconstruction included new curbs, gutters and sidewalks as well as the replacement of sections of water main and storm sewer.

The City Commission will consider this traffic control order at its Dec. 21 meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at Kentwood City Hall, 4900 Breton Ave. SE. Before the Commission discusses this order, residents will have an opportunity to provide comment and ask questions during a public hearing at its Dec. 21 meeting.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the proposed changes to parking on your street.

In partnership,

Chief Bryan Litwin

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