



Board Meeting Agenda Abstract

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Location:

Agenda Item

Town Code Amendment - North Lakes Subdivision No Parking, Stopping, or Standing Ordinance - Part 7, Chapter 3: Parking Regulations - (Matthews) - Item 10.A

Item Explanation

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider amending Part 7, Chapter 3 of the Town Code of Ordinances pertaining to Parking Regulations, in order to address the impact Willow Spring High School parking and carpool traffic is having on the adjacent neighborhood.

Staff Comments

On April 21, 2026, the Town Board adopted an illegal parking fine increase and management and staff introduced a draft ordinance that would establish no parking on school days between the hours of 6:30 AM and 3:30 PM within North Lakes Subdivision. Establishing no parking zones during school hours is commonly used by municipalities across Wake County to address unwanted student parking and carpool drop-off in neighborhoods adjacent to high schools. Examples of some form of this can be found in Apex, Holly Springs, Wake Forest, and Raleigh.

Town Management, Police, and Public Works Department leadership recently visited neighborhoods adjacent to Holly Springs High School and found that the no parking ordinance implemented by Holly Springs has been effective in deterring parking during school days and hours, while making it available for resident and public use at all other times. This ordinance was implemented following community meetings which demonstrated a strong neighborhood consensus in support of enacting an ordinance for the entire area of the neighborhood which means sacrificing the convenience of on street parking to gain the benefit of eliminating school parking and drop-off traffic. Since student parking complaints have been received and observed on multiple blocks of Long Lake Drive, Catherine Lake Court, and Fontana Lake Drive, and establishment of no parking zones on those streets is likely to push student parking to adjacent streets, application of an ordinance for the entirety of North Lakes, from the large lake dam to Old Honeycutt Road was proposed.

Since the meeting on April 21, Town Management and staff hosted a community meeting on June 4, 2026, where they gathered individualized, address-based feedback on the proposal from residents in the North Lakes area. During this meeting, staff presented a proposed ordinance that would prohibit parking, stopping, or standing for all of North Lakes south of Old Honeycutt Road. They highlighted that this comprehensive approach has successfully

addressed similar issues in neighboring communities. Additionally, they noted that restricting parking in only a small area would likely push student parking onto adjacent streets.

Management and staff expressed their willingness to recommend a smaller area for the restrictions, applying them only in locations where there was a strong consensus among residents—targeting at least 75% support from respondents. A survey was conducted and remained open until June 8 to help inform the final recommendation from management and staff. The Town received a total of 130 valid responses out of a possible 290, resulting in a response rate of 45%.

Management and staff recommend that the Town Board adopt the "No Parking, Stopping, or Standing on School Days" ordinance, which will apply from 6:30 AM to 3:30 PM on school days. Based on the results of the community survey, the final proposed zone is smaller than what was initially suggested. To ensure the policy reflects the local consensus, the ordinance will specifically target streets where at least 75% of respondents supported the restriction.

Additionally, Town staff evaluated streets that received 50-75% support to consider including restrictions, provided that all of the surrounding blocks had more than 75% support. This approach would ensure consistent enforcement for neighboring areas. After reviewing the survey results, it was confirmed that no streets with 50-75% support would be left unaddressed, commonly referred to as "donut holes," between streets where there is no consensus on the no parking ordinance. Therefore, the staff's recommendation is to establish no parking zones only on street blocks that received 75% or greater support.

Based on staff's review of these results, the segments that achieved consensus are; Jones Lake Road from a point 110 feet west of the roundabout (the South Lakes private dam) to its intersection with Catherine Lake Drive, Long Lake Drive from its intersection with Catfish Lake Drive to the cul-de-sac to the southeast (adjacent to the greenway connection to Willow Spring HS), Long Lake Drive from its northern intersection with Jones Lake Road to Fontana Lake Drive, Beaverdam Lake Drive, and Fontana Lake Drive.

If approved, the Town will install appropriate signage and coordinate with the Town's communications department, Willow Spring High School representatives and the School Resource Officer to inform students and parents. Additionally, Mayor Harris, Town Management, and Police Chief Smith are scheduled to meet with Southern Area Superintendent Thompson and Principal Martin to discuss how the school can assist in addressing the impact student and parent behavior is having on neighboring residential streets.

Fiscal Note

Yes

The budgets for FY 2026 and FY 2027 include funding for a small number of additional regulatory signs throughout the fiscal year. The estimated total cost for the new signage, excluding staff installation time, is less than \$4,000 and can be accommodated within the existing budget.

Recommendation

MOTION TO: Amend Part 7, Chapter 3 of the Town Code of Ordinances: Parking Regulations

as presented and recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

[Proposed-North Lakes No Parking Ordinance.docx](#)

[No Parking School Days - Survey Results Map \(16x9\) 6-11-2026.pdf](#)

[No Parking School Days - Recommended Roads Map \(16x9\) 6-11-2026.pdf](#)