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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director

DATE: February 12, 2019

SUBJECT: MOTION OF 10/16/18 BY COUNCILOR KENNEDY  
 REQUEST CITY MANAGER INSTRUCT THE TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER TO REPORT  
 ON FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING “NO PARKING” ZONES AT CERTAIN  
 INTERSECTIONS ALONG PAWTUCKET BOULEVARD

According to City of Lowell ordinances, Pawtucket Boulevard extends from the intersection with Lebanon Street to the intersection with Old Ferry Road. Current City traffic ordinances do not allow parking within 20’ of an intersection. Current City traffic ordinances that restrict parking on Pawtucket Boulevard are as follows (see attached map):

SECTION 266-56: PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS AT ALL TIMES

Name of Street	Side	Direction of Travel/Restriction
Pawtucket Boulevard	Both	From 614 feet easterly of Bedford Avenue to 20 feet easterly of Magnolia Street.
Pawtucket Boulevard	Both	From Varnum Avenue to Boulevard Street.

Generally, issues with parking on Pawtucket Boulevard arise when events are held at nearby locations, including the Sampas Pavilion and the Boathouse. Vehicles line the street, right up to the side streets. These vehicles are parked illegally. The result of vehicles parked along the Boulevard is that residents on streets that intersect with Pawtucket Boulevard often have difficulty seeing to safely exit their street. LPD notes that people are parking in front of Camelot Court, which blocks the view of oncoming traffic and has resulted in serious accidents when people attempt to pull out across two lanes of oncoming traffic.

In addition to the concern of motor vehicle accidents, people parked on the other side of the street must cross Pawtucket Boulevard on foot. It is difficult to do so safely, given the speed of traffic. The Transportation Engineer is concerned that allowing parking there during events without ticketing implies that it is safe to do so. There are several signalized crosswalks along Pawtucket Boulevard, which would be the only safe place to cross.

These events do not currently require a permit from any City Department, as they are not in City ROW. After a discussion with LPD, the Transportation Engineer recommends that LPD enforce the parking ordinance and that the City inform DCR that parking will not be permitted along the Boulevard for future events and recommends that they look into a shuttle service from available parking lots.

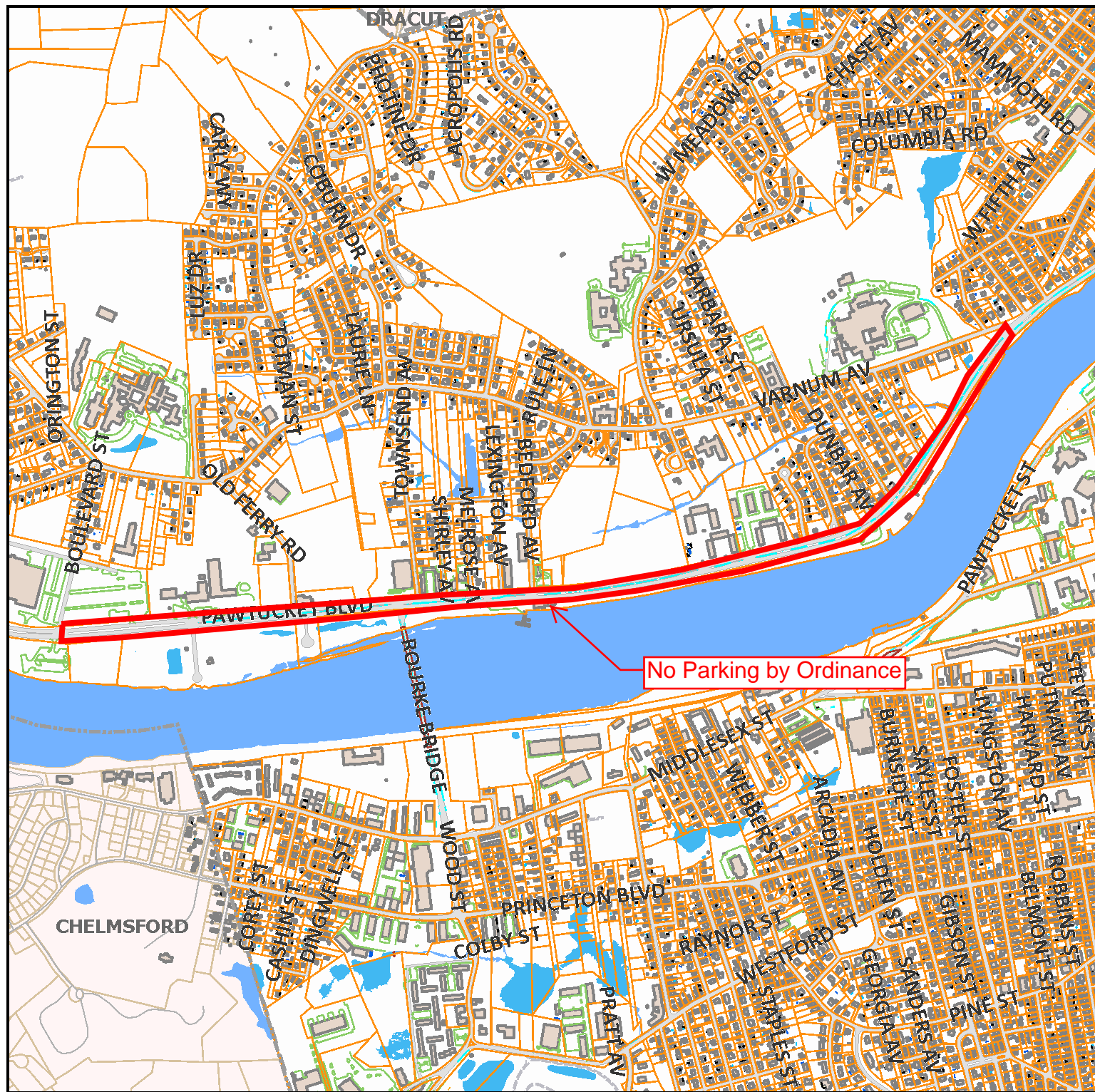
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Attachment

cc: Lt. Stephen Gendreau, LPD  
 John Cooper, Sign Department  
 Superintendent Kelly Richardson, LPD  
 Natasha Vance, Transportation Engineer



# City of Lowell Massachusetts



- Lowell Boundary
- Parcels
- Buildings
  - Building
  - Foundation
  - Mobile Home
  - Tank
  - Deck
- Pool - Above Ground
- Pool - In-Ground
- Paved Roads
- Water Bodies
  - Open Water
  - River
- Border Town Parcels

No Parking by Ordinance

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January 28, 2019