

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

POLICE COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026
7:10 PM (Approximately)**

Chairperson: Louis Rossman

Vice Chairperson: V. Scott Zelov, Chris McGuire, Charles Gregory

AGENDA

1. **AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FOR OPEN POLICE POSITIONS**
2. **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 145, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - MORRIS AVENUE PARKING RESTRICTIONS**
3. **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 145, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - SABINE AVENUE AND SABINE CIRCLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS**



Township of Lower Merion
A FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

COMMITTEE: Police

ITEM: **AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT FOR OPEN POLICE POSITIONS**

Consider for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners authorizing the Township Manager to make conditional offers of employment to eight probationary police candidates who have fulfilled the Civil Service requirements for eligibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Issue Briefing - Offer of Employment 05-29-2026.docx](#)

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Conditional Offers of Employment – Open Police Positions

Prepared By: Andrew J. Block, Superintendent of Police

Date: May 29, 2026

- I. **Action to Be Considered by the Board:** Authorize the Township Manager to make conditional offers of employment to eight probationary police candidates who have fulfilled the Civil Service requirements for eligibility to begin filling vacant budgeted sworn police officer positions.
- II. **Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:** Filling vacant positions in the Police Department requires the approval of the Board of Commissioners.
- III. **Current Policy or Practice (If Applicable):** This request is consistent with past practice and Civil Service Regulations.
- IV. **Other Relevant Background Information:** The 2026 budgeted authorized complement of sworn officers for the Police Department is 136. We currently have 122 active officers. This leaves the Department with 14 open positions before the next academy class, which starts on Monday, July 6, 2026. In addition to the vacancies noted above, we currently have 11 officers eligible to retire as of today.

This action will fill eight current vacancies from the existing certified list of police officer candidates, which the Civil Service Commission approved on April 8, 2026. These potential candidates have been subject to thorough background investigations.

If approved, eight potential candidates will complete a medical physical, a psychological examination, and other related tasks. Seven of the candidates will then need to attend the police academy, and one candidate, who is already Act 120 certified, will begin in-house training, followed by the Field Training Officer Program.

- V. **Impact on Township Finances:** These requested positions are included in the 2026 adopted budget.
- VI. **Staff Recommendation:** The recommendation is to authorize the Township Manager to make conditional offers of employment to eight probationary police candidates.



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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

COMMITTEE: Police

ITEM: **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 145, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - MORRIS AVENUE PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Consider for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners authorizing the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145 thereof, entitled Vehicles And Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-115, Schedule XV: "Parking Prohibited At All Times" by rescinding the no parking zone on the west side of Morris Avenue located 390 feet south of New Gulph Road and extending for 125 feet, and by the addition of a no parking zone on the west side of Morris Avenue starting 347 feet southwest of New Gulph Road and extending southwest for 217 feet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Issue Briefing - Morris Ave Parking Restrictions 05-29-2026.pdf](#)

[Draft Ordinance - No parking - Morris Ave - New Gulph.docx](#)

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Morris Avenue (Bryn Mawr) Parking Restrictions

Prepared By: Gerald G. Adams, Director of Parking Services

Date: May 29, 2026

- I. Action To Be Considered by The Board:** Authorize the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145 thereof, entitled Vehicles And Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-115, Schedule XV: “Parking Prohibited At All Times” by rescinding the no parking zone on the west side of Morris Avenue located 390 feet south of New Gulph Road and extending for 125 feet, and by the addition of a no parking zone on the west side of Morris Avenue starting 347 feet southwest of New Gulph Road and extending southwest for 217 feet.
- II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:** The establishment of parking regulations requires the approval of the Board of Commissioners.
- III. Current Policy or Practice (If Applicable):** This request is consistent with past practice and policy.
- IV. Other Relevant Background Information:** At the request of Bryn Mawr College, the Police Department reviewed the sight distance on Morris Avenue, Bryn Mawr, at the exit driveway onto Morris Avenue at Bryn Mawr College’s Erdman Hall. It was determined that more sight distance was needed for safe exit onto Morris Avenue and that the Code should be amended to extend the no parking zone around the driveway.
- V. Impact On Township Finances:** The cost for moving signage is minimal.
- VI. Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends authorizing the Township Secretary to advertise the ordinance.



AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE To Amend The Code Of The Township Of Lower Merion, Chapter 145 Thereof, Entitled Vehicles And Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-115, Schedule XV: “Parking Prohibited At All Times” By Rescinding The No Parking Zone On The West Side Of Morris Avenue Located 390 Feet South Of New Gulph Road And Extending For 125 Feet, And By The Addition Of A No Parking Zone On The West Side Of Morris Avenue Starting 347 Feet Southwest Of New Gulph Road And Extending Southwest For 217 Feet.

Section 1. The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145, entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-115, Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited at All Times, is hereby amended by repealing the following regulation:

§145-115. Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited at All Times.

<u>Name of Highway</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Limit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Morris Avenue	West	All Times	390 feet south of New Gulph Road South for 125 feet.

Section 2. The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145, entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, Section 145-115, Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited at All Times, is hereby amended by the addition of the following regulation:

§145-115. Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited at All Times.

<u>Name of Highway</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Limit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Morris Avenue	West	All Times	347 feet southwest of New Gulph Road Extending southwest For 217 feet.

Section 3. Nothing in this Ordinance or in Chapter 145 of the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, as hereby amended, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding in any Court, any rights acquired or liability incurred, any permit issued, or any cause or causes of action existing under the said Chapter 145 prior to the adoption of this amendment.

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining

sections, sentences, clauses, parts, or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted as if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provision had not been included herein.

Section 5 This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

Approved by the Board this day of , 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Todd M. Sinai, President

ATTEST:

Jody L. Kelley, Secretary



Township of Lower Merion
A FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

COMMITTEE: Police

ITEM: **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 145, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - SABINE AVENUE AND SABINE CIRCLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Consider for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners authorizing the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145 thereof, entitled Vehicles And Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-118, Schedule XVIII: Parking Time Limited, by removing a 2-hour parking limitation between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday on both sides of Sabine Avenue from Penn Road east for a distance of 182 feet; by prohibiting parking at all times on the west side of Sabine Avenue between Penn Road and North Wynnewood Road and on the northeast side of Sabine Circle from Sabine Avenue To the end of the cul-de-sac; by enacting a 2-hour parking limitation between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday on the east side of Sabine Avenue between Penn Road and North Wynnewood Road; and by enacting a 4-hour parking limitation between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday on the southwest side of Sabine Circle from Sabine Avenue to the end of the cul-de-sac.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Issue Briefing - Sabine Ave & Sabine Circle Parking Restrictions 05-29-2026.pdf](#)

[Draft Ord - Sabine Parking Regulations.docx](#)

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Sabine Avenue and Sabine Circle Parking Restrictions

Prepared By: Gerald G. Adams, Director of Parking Services

Date: May 29, 2026

- I. Actions To Be Considered by The Board:** Authorize the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145 thereof, entitled Vehicles And Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-118, Schedule XVIII: Parking Time Limited, by removing a 2-hour parking limitation between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday on both sides of Sabine Avenue from Penn Road east for a distance of 182 feet; by prohibiting parking at all times on the west side of Sabine Avenue between Penn Road and North Wynnewood Road and on the northeast side of Sabine Circle from Sabine Avenue To the end of the cul-de-sac; by enacting a 2-hour parking limitation between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday on the east side of Sabine Avenue between Penn Road and North Wynnewood Road; and by enacting a 4-hour parking limitation between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday on the southwest side of Sabine Circle from Sabine Avenue to the end of the cul-de-sac.
- II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:** The establishment of parking regulations requires the approval of the Board of Commissioners.
- III. Other Relevant Background Information:** Residents of Sabine Avenue submitted a petition requesting a 2-hour parking restriction on their street, Monday through Friday. with parking permitted on both sides of the street. The petition was signed by over 80% of households on the street. The request arose as a result of local students parking on the street, with residents citing limited available parking during the day, illegal turns, obstructed driveways, sight obstructions, damaged vehicles and traffic congestion. Currently, parking is permitted on both sides of the street.

The Director of Parking Services conducted daily inspections for 24 school days. He observed minimal parking available on the east side of Sabine Avenue with the available parking on the west side rarely utilized. A daily average of three spaces near North Wynnewood Road were available. A review by the Police and Fire Departments found that allowing parking on both sides of the street would impede access by emergency

vehicles. As a result, staff recommends amending the parking regulations on Sabine Avenue to allow parking on the east side of Sabine Avenue only with a 2-hour parking restriction. Staff is recommending the 2-hour limit because available residential parking on Sabine Avenue will be reduced by the proposed change to parking on the east side only.

Residents of Sabine Circle submitted a petition requesting a 4-hour parking restriction, September to June, due to the impact of local school student parking on the street. The petition was signed by over 80% of households on the street. The request arose as a result of local students parking on the street, with residents citing limited open parking, obstructed driveways, sight obstructions in the Cul-de-sac, disruption of the character of the residential street, and litter. The Parking Services Director's 24-day daily inspections found significant parking available on the street during school hours. An average of 7 cars per school day were parked on the street in both the morning and afternoon. The Fire Department found no issues with access because the street has a 27-foot cartway. However, the ability to open the truck doors and side tool cabinets was severely hampered when cars were parked on both sides of the street. The Police Department found no safety issues with the existing parking during school hours.

As a result of the Fire Department's access concerns, staff recommends restricting parking to the southwest side of Sabine Circle to facilitate emergency vehicle operation. In addition, staff recommends a 4-hour parking restriction as it is likely that more vehicles will park on Sabine Circle if the staff recommended parking restrictions on Sabine Avenue are implemented.

- IV. **Impact On Township Finances:** The cost for installation and removal of signage is minimal.
- V. **Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends authorizing the Township Secretary to advertise the ordinance.



**RED LINES WILL BE NO
PARKING ANYTIME**

**GREEN LINES WILL BE THE
HOURLY RESTRICTED PARKING
LOCATIONS INCLUDING THE
SABINE CIRCLE CUL_DE_SAC**

AN ORDINANCE

NO _____

AN ORDINANCE To Amend The Code Of The Township Of Lower Merion, Chapter 145 Thereof, Entitled Vehicles And Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-118, Schedule XVIII: Parking Time Limited, By Removing A 2-Hour Parking Limitation Between The Hours Of 8:00 A.M. To 6:00 P.M. Except Saturday And Sunday On Both Sides Of Sabine Avenue From Penn Road East For A Distance Of 182 Feet; By Prohibiting Parking At All Times On The West Side Of Sabine Avenue Between Penn Road And North Wynnewood Road And On The Northeast Side Of Sabine Circle From Sabine Avenue To The End Of The Cul-De-Sac; By Enacting A 2-Hour Parking Limitation Between The Hours Of 7:30 A.M. To 4:00 P.M. Except Saturday And Sunday On The East Side Of Sabine Avenue Between Penn Road And North Wynnewood Road; And By Enacting A 4-Hour Parking Limitation Between The Hours Of 8:00 A.M. To 3:00 P.M. Except Saturday And Sunday On The Southwest Side Of Sabine Circle From Sabine Avenue To The End Of The Cul-De-Sac.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Merion hereby ordains:

Section 1. The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145, entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-118, Schedule XVIII: Parking Time Limited, is hereby amended by removing the following regulation:

§145-118. Schedule XVIII: Parking Time Limited

<u>Name of Highway</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Time Limit/Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sabine Avenue	Both	2 hrs./8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. except Sat. and Sun	From Penn Road east for a distance of 182 feet

Section 2. The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145, entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-115, Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited at All Times, is hereby amended by the addition of the following regulations:

§145-115. Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited at All Times

<u>Name of Highway</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sabine Avenue	West	Between Penn Road and North Wynnewood Road
Sabine Circle	Northeast	From Sabine Avenue to the end of the cul-de-sac.

Section 3. The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145, entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-118, Schedule XVIII: Parking Time Limited, is hereby amended by the addition of the following regulations:

§145-118. Schedule XVIII: Parking Time Limited

<u>Name of Highway</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Time Limit/Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sabine Avenue	East	2 hrs./7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except Sat. and Sun	Between Penn Road And North Wynnewood Road
Sabine Circle	Southwest	4 hrs./8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. except Sat. and Sun.	From Sabine Avenue to the end of the cul-de-sac.

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