

## Area 21 Parking Permit Extension

Parking has always been a problem on Lincoln Avenue. I grew up on Lincoln Avenue, and I remember 40 years ago my parents complaining about people parking in front of our house to go church, to go to school, and to go to the shops on Grand Avenue. But my parents didn't ask for permit parking because they believed, as I do now, that these are public streets, not private enclaves. We live with the conveniences of the city as well as the inconveniences. Each of us knew about these pluses and minuses when we bought our properties.

No one asked me about this permit parking extension, but I will be directly affected by it. I live just to the east of the extended permit area. So whatever problem exists down the block will now become my problem. Extending the permit area doesn't solve anything—it just passes the problem on to someone else. In this case that someone is me and the folks on my block. So should the folks on my block apply for permit parking and "pass the problem on" to the next block?" If we all do that, pretty soon there will be no place to park anywhere in residential St. Paul. Where does it stop?

Extension of this permit pits neighbor against neighbor. It has created animosity between the folks on my block and those in the proposed extended permit area. This does nothing to solve the problem. I urge you to vote against extending this permit area.

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