

Dear Ms. Lantry:

We are writing in regards to the Area 21 parking petition being presented for final approval at tomorrow's city council meeting on March 21, 2012. Unfortunately we are unable to attend, but want to voice our support for resident permit only parking from 8-5 PM, September through May, on Lincoln Avenue, between Prior and Cleveland Avenues.

We moved to Area 21 almost three years ago. We were very attracted to the neighborhood, proximity to college campuses, the river, restaurants, grocery stores, and many other amenities. We have since discovered that we also have wonderful neighbors. As a neighborhood, we have worked hard to follow the process of approval for Area 21 parking restrictions.

We feel that residents living along Lincoln Avenue between Prior and Cleveland are being taken advantage of by St. Thomas University (STU) students, staff, and faculty. Most school mornings, our street is lined with cars of persons attending or teaching at STU. Some cars remain parked all day; others leave by noon but then are replaced quickly by other vehicles. Frequently, if we want or need to stop at home during the day, we are unable to find a parking spot. We have a garage, but as tax paying citizens, we have the right to park in front of our house. Many of those non-residents parking on our street disregard the sidewalks leading to our homes, our recycling bins on the boulevard needing to be picked up, and our attempts to keep our front yards clean of debris.

Please respect our neighborhood's completion of the process, the hard work it required to gather signatures including and beyond Area 21, and our persistence in making our voices heard by our community and city councils.

Sincerely,
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