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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ashley Maher  
Board Administrator

FROM: Officer Corey P. Rateau  
Traffic and Parking Unit

DATE: March 8, 2023

RE: Request for Parking Changes at the Hardy School

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We received complaints from the Hardy School (Principal Peretz), the Lake @ Brooks Traffic Supervisor, as well as from some concerned parents regarding dangerous drop-off/pick up practices on Brooks Avenue. Upon going to observe and access the situation, it appears that people are either parking or standing on the north side of Brooks Ave between Lake Street and Chandler St (adjacent to the school) to drop-off children going to the Hardy. Since parking is already allowed on the southern side of this section, this practice creates a single travel lane on this busy two-way street, with children often exiting into traffic to run around vehicles to get to the sidewalk. It also frequently causes traffic to backup in the intersection at Lake and Brooks.

To eliminate this practice and hopefully move it to the designated drop-off area on Chandler Street, the Arlington Police Department is requesting that Schedule 1 of the Traffic Rules and Orders be amended as follows (and please note that Principal Peretz supports this request):

- *Brooks Avenue, North, From Lake Street to Chandler Street, No Stopping at Anytime.*

The reason why "No Stopping" is the preferred language/regulation in this situation is because by legal definition, both "No Parking" and "No Standing" to some degree allow the vehicle to stop and remain in place while dropping-off or picking-up people and packages.

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Cc: Juliann Flaherty, Chief of Police  
Captain Sean Kiernan, Support Services Division Commander  
Lt. Rick Pedrini, OIC/Traffic, Details, and Licensing Unit

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