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Dear Patrick:

Having read all the material made available concerning the parking considerations for the 400 and 500 blocks of Virginia Terrace, we would like to make an additional suggestion. We propose that the 'Alternate Side Parking' restrictions already in force for all of Madison be extended on these two blocks in two ways.

First, instead of having the current restriction being applied for the period of November 14 - March 15, the new restriction would specifically apply to 'while the Madison Public Schools are in session'.

Secondly, the current restriction stated as:

'Park on the **EVEN** house numbered side of the street on even numbered days from **1:00 am – 7:00 am.**'
would be changed to

'Park on the **EVEN** house numbered side of the street on even numbered days from **1:00 am –4:00 pm.**'

Attachment B outlining parking options for the 400 and 500 blocks of Virginia Terrace created by Bill Putnam comes close to this option in his description cited in 'D' described as 'No Parking on one side'.

Putnam's current Pros are:

Provides more street width, especially in winter

and this would only be increased and certainly not negated as the current ordinance allows for this consideration of one side only parking and should not be influenced by the current 'plan/proposal' allowing for a 'four hour window one day a week allowing snow plows to access the curb and clear the street.'

Additionally, residents are familiar with the current 7 hours per day winter parking restrictions so that extending that consideration would fit into current residential parking planning. It has been easy to note how much easier it is to navigate Virginia Terrace very early in the morning during the November to March time period demonstrating what an application of this rule might look like if applied to a wider time period.

Residents would continue to have time (4:00pm - 1:00am) to make household adjustments for residential parking as has been the case for the November - March restrictions already in place.

We are surprised that some form of this suggestion has not been put forth previously but we would like to have it considered. The current state of affairs is appalling. It is dangerous not just for the people who live on Virginia Terrace but for others who depend on having good access to their homes by police, fire fighters, ambulance service, school buses, garbage removal and other large vehicles from public service agencies (MG&E; cable and internet providers etc.). The street has been impassable at times during the past few winters and has certainly been very problematic but it is not just during the winter that there have been problems. The above proposal attempts to make changes so that there can be consistent access by larger vehicles to all of Virginia Terrace as well as other streets adjacent to it but also for everyday drivers on the street.

Best Regards,
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