



**TO:** Mayor & City Council Members  
**FROM:** Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator  
**DATE:** August 26, 2020  
**RE:** "No Parking" Signs Lexington Ave.

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**Agenda Item:** Extension of No Parking Zones on Lexington Ave. as presented on attached Map.

**Background Information:**

Staff has received a request to extend the posting of "No Parking Zone" on Lexington Ave as described in the resolution. Lexington Avenue is a County Road and is maintained by the Anoka County Highway Department. Requests for parking restrictions on this road must be submitted to the Anoka County Transportation Board for endorsement and then to the County Board for final approval.

A resolution requesting a no parking zone requires approval from the local municipality before the County can consider the request. Local approval is required, as the City is the municipal law enforcement agency responsible for enforcement of the parking restrictions.

On weekends during the summer and the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day holidays, the small parking areas at this DNR boat ramp can't handle the parking demands and excess parking spills onto Lexington Ave.

The shoulder parking creates safety concerns along this section of the road due to the number of vehicles parking on the paved shoulder, the geometry of the section on Lexington Avenue and the posted 55 MPH speed limit.

It is recognized that extension of no parking zones only addresses safety issues on Lexington Ave. The availability of off-street vehicle/trailer parking spaces is a related but separate matter that will have to be considered at some point as demand for recreational use of Coon Lake continues to expand. Care should be taken to consider the consequences of restricting parking in one area that result in shifting the problem to another segment of the road.

To address the safety issues and minimize the impact of loss of on-street parking on Lexington Ave (CSAH 17), staff is proposing that the following no parking restrictions be considered:

- Request “No Parking Zones” be posted on North side of Lexington Ave. for a distance of 500 feet from the either side of the entrance to the Coon Lake County Park as shown on the attached map;

2017 Average Annual Daily Traffic count on Lexington Ave is 2,200. Lexington Avenue is posted 55 MPH speed limit.

**Recommendation(s):**

Staff is requesting that Council consider approval of RESOLUTION 2020 - XX, RESOLUTION REQUESTING NO PARKING ZONES ON COUNTY ROAD 17 FOR A DISTANCE OF 500 FEET FROM THE ENTRANCE OF THE ANOKA COUNTY PARK ON NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD BY THE ANOKA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AS IDENTIFIED IN THE RESOLUTION

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
ANOKA COUNTY  
MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020 -XX**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE EXTENSION OF NO PARKING ZONES ON  
COUNTY ROAD 17 (LEXINGTON AVE.)**

**WHEREAS**, parking of vehicles and boat trailers along County Road 17 has become a concern for residents, pedestrians, and motorists;

**WHEREAS**, parked vehicles create safety issues to motorists, pedestrians and adjoining private property owners on County Road 22;

**WHEREAS**, enforcement of parking restrictions is the responsibility of the local law enforcement agency for the City of Columbus;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Columbus that the Anoka County Highway Department be requested to:

- Post a “No Parking Zone” on North side of Lexington Ave. for a distance of 500 feet from the either side of the entrance to the Coon Lake County Park as shown on the attached map.

Adopted this 26th day of August, 2020 by the City Council of the City of Columbus.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

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Jesse H. Preiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator

# Coon Lake Anoka County Park



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