

**A report of the Streets Committee to Borough Council of Lemoyne
May 20, 2022**

The Streets Committee was asked by Borough Council to look into concerns on specific streets which were brought to its attention in Feb. of 2022. The Streets Committee began working on the concerns with the intent of developing recommendations for the concerns raised. Two extended meetings were held over the course of four evenings which addressed these issues.

As a result of these meetings a series of actions are recommended in regards to two general items, namely General Item 1, Tractor Trailers around North 10th Street and Walnut Street and General Item 2, Concerns regarding traffic around Sycamore Street and Walnut Street.

General Item 1:

A concern was raised by Mr. Harry Noss, 65 N. 10th Street, stating that tractor trailers were finding their way to the area of North 10th Street and Walnut and were having to turn left onto N. 10th Street to get out. In doing so they drive across his curb and he is concerned they will damage it and he will have to pay for replacement. He was joined in his concern by Mr. Robert Turner, 941 Walnut Street.

The committee discussed these concerns and those of his neighbors and then developed the following recommendations.

Recommended changes and additions to signs to direct truck traffic in Lemoyne

1. **Walnut Street (a.k.a. By-pass) and Riverview Drive** - Presently there is a "No Truck" sign at this corner which is often missed or ignored which results in trucks proceeding up Riverview Road and travelling across Indiana Ave. and down Ninth Street into a residential area where they have difficulty maneuvering.
 1. It is recommended that flashing lights be placed on the "No Truck" sign located at Walnut Street (a.k.a. By-pass) and Riverview Drive
 1. This may require a budgetary consideration.
 2. It is recommended that a sign be placed at the corner of Riverview and Indiana facing towards Riverview that states "All trucks must turn right" (i.e., towards 12th Street).
 1. This may require a change in the ordinance 525-14
 1. This recommendation sets up a seemingly curious conflict with recommendation #2, below. However, this can be resolved through ordinance amendments which are addressed on page 5
 3. It is recommended that a sign be placed at the corner of Ninth St. and Indiana facing Indiana that states "No trucks except for local deliveries"
 1. This sign is for those trucks, which having made a delivery are seeking to exit the area near and around Riverview Road.
 2. This may require a change in the ordinance 525-14
2. **12th and Indiana Ave.** – Presently there are stop signs at all four corners of this intersection with a restriction on left turns for southbound traffic each day from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

2. It is recommended that a sign be placed on Indiana at 12th Street facing 12th Street which would indicate. "No Trucks except local deliveries"
 1. This may require a change in the ordinance 525-14
3. **Walnut St. and Third St.** - Presently there are stop signs on Walnut Street, one facing east and one facing west.
 2. It is recommended that a sign be placed on Walnut Street just east of Third Street which would face west which would state "No Trucks except local deliveries"
 3. This would prohibit trucks except local deliveries from travelling on Walnut from 3rd Street all the way through Cumberland Road to Indiana.
 1. This may require a change in the ordinance 525-14
4. **At Fifth St. and Indiana Ave.** - Presently, there is a stop sign on Indiana Ave. at Fifth Street facing west and a stop sign on Cumberland Road and Fifth and facing east.
 2. It is recommended that a sign be placed facing west on the corner of Indiana Ave. and Fifth St. that would state "All Trucks Must Turn Right"
 1. This would divert trucks coming from the west away from Cumberland Road and Walnut Street by redirecting them south on Fifth St. to Market Street.
 2. This may require a change in the ordinance 525-14
5. **Need for Action on the Ordinance:** Presently, the above listed recommendations cannot be put in place until the ordinance which controls them (525-14) is amended and adopted. If any or all of these recommendations are approved, it will be necessary for Council to review the present ordinance and make changes or assign the task to the appropriate committee. Please see more details regarding this requirement later in this document.

Overall Recommendations General Item 1

It is the recommendation of the Streets Committee that Council accept and approve the above changes and additions.

It is the recommendation of the Streets Committee that if the any or all of the listed changes are approved, the Ordinance Committee or the appropriate committee named by Council take up a review and revision of Ordinance 525-14 in order for the Borough to be able to proceed with the recommended signs additions and changes.

General Item: 2

Concerns Raised regarding safety on Sycamore Street and also the destruction of private property caused by delivery trucks on Sycamore

Mr. Joe Miller, 307 Walnut Street, raised a concern about delivery trucks traveling down Sycamore Street from Washington Terrace and causing damage to fence at the corner of his property. He also registered a concern about speeding vehicles which travel up Sycamore Street without regard to the caution sign regarding children at play. He was joined in his concern by Mr. Mike Twigg, 247 Walnut Street.

Meetings were held where these concerns were discussed. As a result of these meetings a series of actions were deemed necessary in order to alleviate the problems discussed.

The following recommendations are hereby presented.

Recommendations from Streets Committee regarding concerns at Sycamore and Walnut

1. It is recommended that the Borough place a **90 degree turn warning sign** on Sycamore prior to the sharp curve in the vicinity of Schell Park and behind the home at 307 Walnut. This sign would face west.
 1. This sign could be placed close to the curve facing west on Sycamore or up at the top of the hill near Washington Terrace.
2. It is recommended that the Borough purchase two speed humps for Sycamore Street to be placed near Schell Park in the next fiscal year.
 1. This is a budgetary consideration.

These items require no action other than Borough Council approval followed by the placement of the necessary funds in the budget for implementation in 2023.

Changes needed to Ordinance 525-14

The existing Ordinance 525-14 defines and outlines the areas where trucks and commercial vehicles are prohibited from operating on listed borough streets.

Regarding General Item 1, if these recommendations are adopted the ordinance that governs them will need to be amended. Below is provided the Ordinance 525-14 as it presently is found. It has been retyped from the Book of Ordinances and accurately reflects what is found there.

Questions about these recommendations at the initial presentation made to Council on May 19, raised a concern about a conflict which would be established if the recommendation were enacted.

At the same time, there does exist a solution which lies within the subsequent work that would need to be done by the Ordinance Committee as part of the approval of the additional signs. What appears below is an example of how the problems which might arise can be addressed. Hopefully, this will help to clarify what is intended by the recommended changes.

525-14 Trucks and commercial vehicles not permitted on certain streets except for local delivery or pickup.

A. No person shall operate a truck or commercial vehicle upon any of the following portions of streets in the Borough of Lemoyne, except where necessary in order to deliver goods, wares, or merchandise to property located upon such street or portion thereof or upon another street accessible only by traversing such street or to pick up goods, wares, or merchandise from premises so located.

Street	Between	And
Maple Street	Walton Street	Lowther Street
Riverview Road	Indiana Ave.	Old By-Pass
Walton Street	East Borough Line	Maple Street

A. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall upon conviction thereof before a Magisterial District Judge, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$5.00 or more than \$50.00 and the costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, imprisonment in the County jail for not more than 10 days.

Comment: It is not the intent of the Streets Committee or its Chair to seek to direct Council regarding how the ordinance in question should be amended. Recent questions about these recommendations at the initial presentation made it clear that this action recommended by the Streets Committee caused some internal conflicts with the recommendation and was not clearly presented. Therefore, what appears below is an example of how the problems might be addressed in hopes that it will help to clarify what is intended by the recommended changes.

An example of a revised ordinance 525-14

Changes and additions are in **red**.

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Riverview Road	Indiana Ave.	Old By-Pass
Walton Street	East Borough Line	Maple Street
Indiana Ave	North Ninth Street	12th Street**
Walnut Street	North Ninth Street	West to Dead End
Walnut Street	North 3rd Street	East to Indiana
Cumberland Road	North 5th Street	Walnut Street

****See paragraph C below.**

B. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall upon conviction thereof before a Magisterial District Judge, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$5.00 or more than \$50.00 and the costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, imprisonment in the County jail for not more than 10 days.

C. ****Special Situational Consideration for Indiana Ave. between 9th Street and 12th Street**
Where a situation has arisen that a prohibited vehicle(s) has arrived at the corner of Riverview Road and Indiana Ave. and will find that they can proceed no further down Ninth Street. Such vehicles will be directed to turn right and must travel on Indiana to 12th Street in order to avoid nearby streets which also prohibit their operation. In such cases travel along this portion of Indiana Ave. will be permitted but only for the purpose of extracting said vehicle(s) from the residential area.

Respectfully submitted

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