



*Groveport Police Department
Memorandum*

To: Administrator B.J. King; Public Service Director Brian Strayer; Groveport City Council Packet

From: Chief Casey M. Adams

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Date: Friday, June 11th, 2021

Re: **WEST STREET PARKING COMPLAINT (CANAL STREET TO KINSEL AVE)**

I have been monitoring the West Street Parking Complaint that was brought to the attention of Mayor Lance Westcamp and Groveport City Council on Tuesday, May 25th, 2021. As Michael Ream stated, this has been on an ongoing issue for an extended period of time with several vehicles from surrounding residences along the West Street corridor from Canal Street to Kinsel Avenue. During the daytime hours I observed 8 to 12 vehicle parked along this stretch of roadway, a lot of these vehicles can be larger Cargo Vans, Pick-up Trucks and Sports Utility Vehicles which can cause visibility issues for individuals wanting to back out of driveways on the East side of West Street. In the evening hours I observed anywhere from 10 to 14 vehicles parking along West Street and also vehicles parking in their front yard (directly across from 360 West Street) or multiple vehicles parking in driveways along both sides of the street. Finally, I observed 10 to 12 vehicles parking along West Street in the overnight hours.

To compare that to other residential streets in the City of Groveport, Green Avenue East of Tallman Street, the vehicles parking along Green Avenue can range from 14 to 19 vehicles during the same time frame depending on the time of day. Elmont Place between Old Hamilton Road and Venison Way can range from 16 to 24 vehicles, and finally Shellbark Court from Hickory Grove Circle to Shagbark Place there were anywhere from 12 to 16 vehicles. The difference with these other neighborhoods, you have double wide driveways and it seems that the vehicles parking on the streets are sedan type passenger vehicles that do not hinder visibility as much for individuals backing out onto the street.

It seems that the parking congestion concentrates along West Street from Lambert Street to Crow Avenue where there are multiple twin-single homes on the East side of the street and the driveways are single car driveways that are only separated by two car lengths between driveway access points. These vehicles do block the mailboxes, but when looking at who blocks the mailboxes, it seems that the vehicle(s) are associated with the home they are parking in front of on West Street.



Finally, if the City of Groveport considered moving the “No Parking On This Side of the Street” signage from the West to the East side of West Street, the signage would be switched from the Non-Fire Hydrant side to the Fire Hydrant side of West Street, but permitting parking on the East side of West Street would decrease the amount of parking along West Street due to the three streets that are along the West side of West Street (Lambert Street, Green Avenue and Crow Avenue). The larger vehicles that do park on West Street in front of 360 West Street are the larger type vehicles previously discussed, but are usually parking on the North side of the individual’s property line away from the driveway access point.

On Thursday, June 10th, 2021; I spoke with Michael Ream @ 360 West Street, we discussed the issues about parking on West Street, I advised I was unable to witness vehicles parking in front of his mailbox, and Mr. Ream advised it had been around three weeks since anyone had blocked his mailbox with their vehicle. Mr. Ream main concern or complaint was that most of the vehicles parking in front of his residence are individuals living across the street on the East side of West Street. Mr. Ream understood my observations of not witnessing vehicles blocking his mailbox, and I advised him that I understood the difficulty of seeing vehicles operating on West Street when the larger parked Vans/Sport Utility Vehicles/Pick-Up Trucks parked in front of his property.

I will continue to monitor the situation, I will also have officers attempt to make contact with the individuals who live across the street from 360 West Street to see if they can park their smaller vehicles on the street and park the larger vehicles in their driveway.

Chief Casey M. Adams





(North Side of 360 West Street)





(West Street looking North from Crow Avenue)





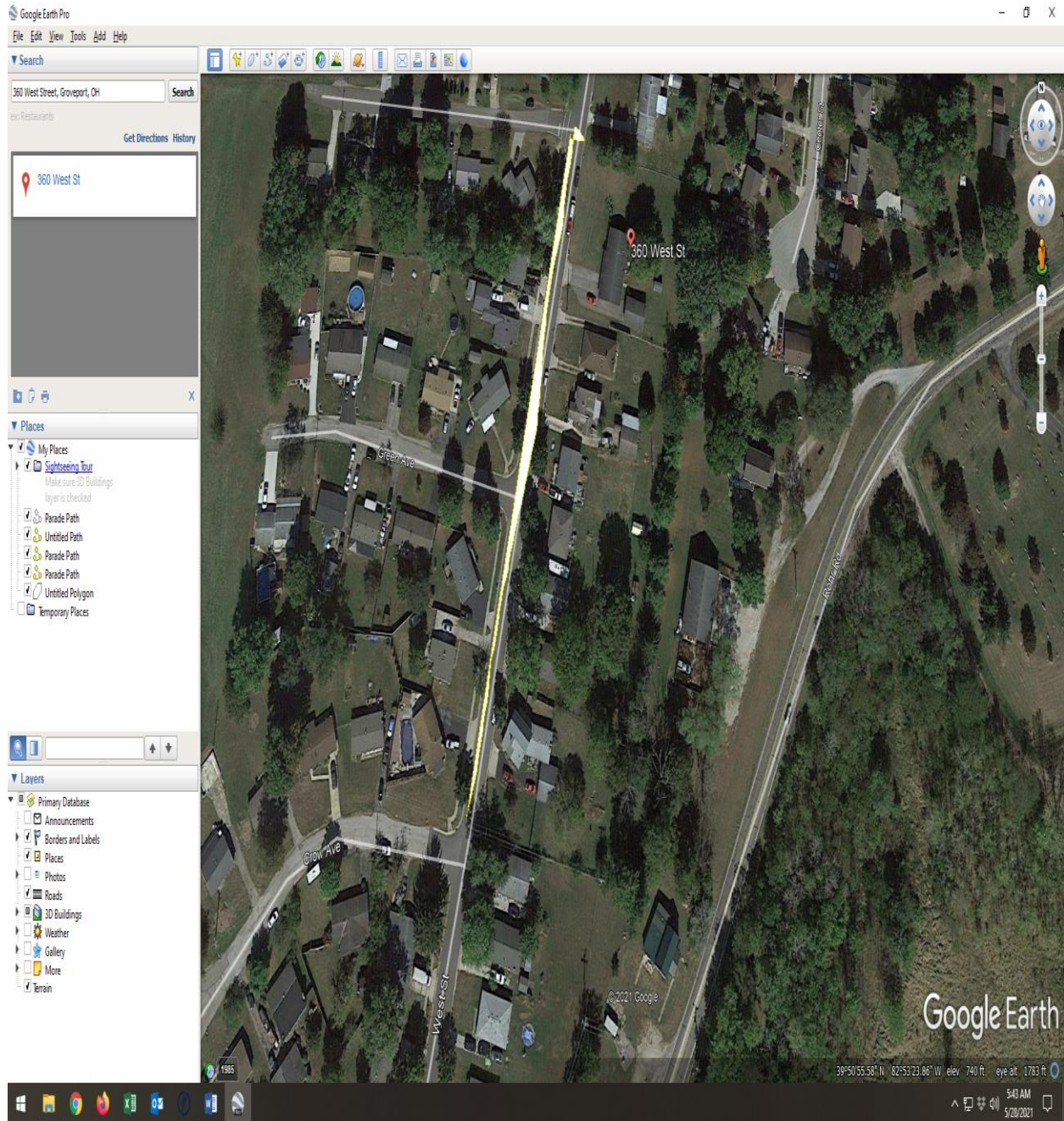
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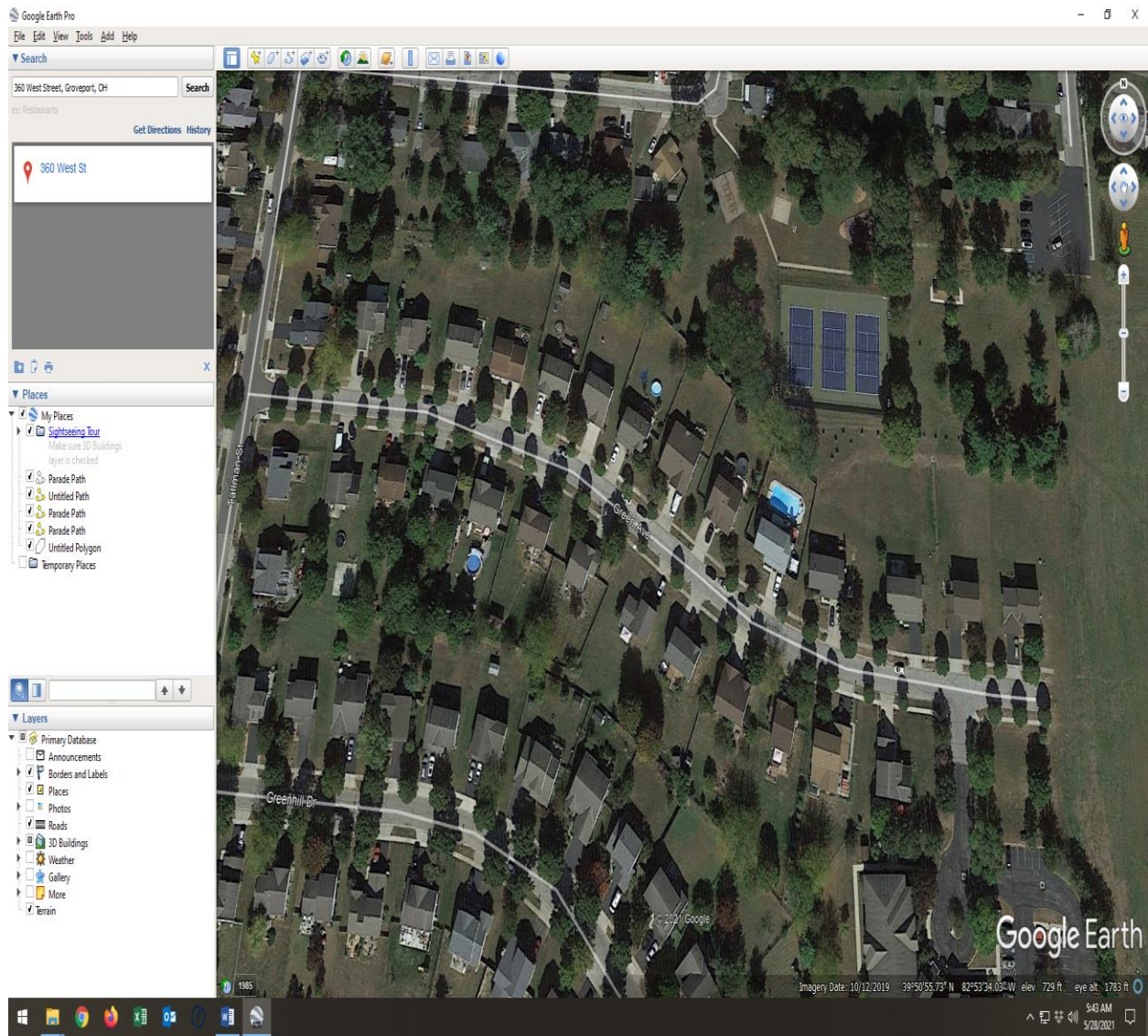
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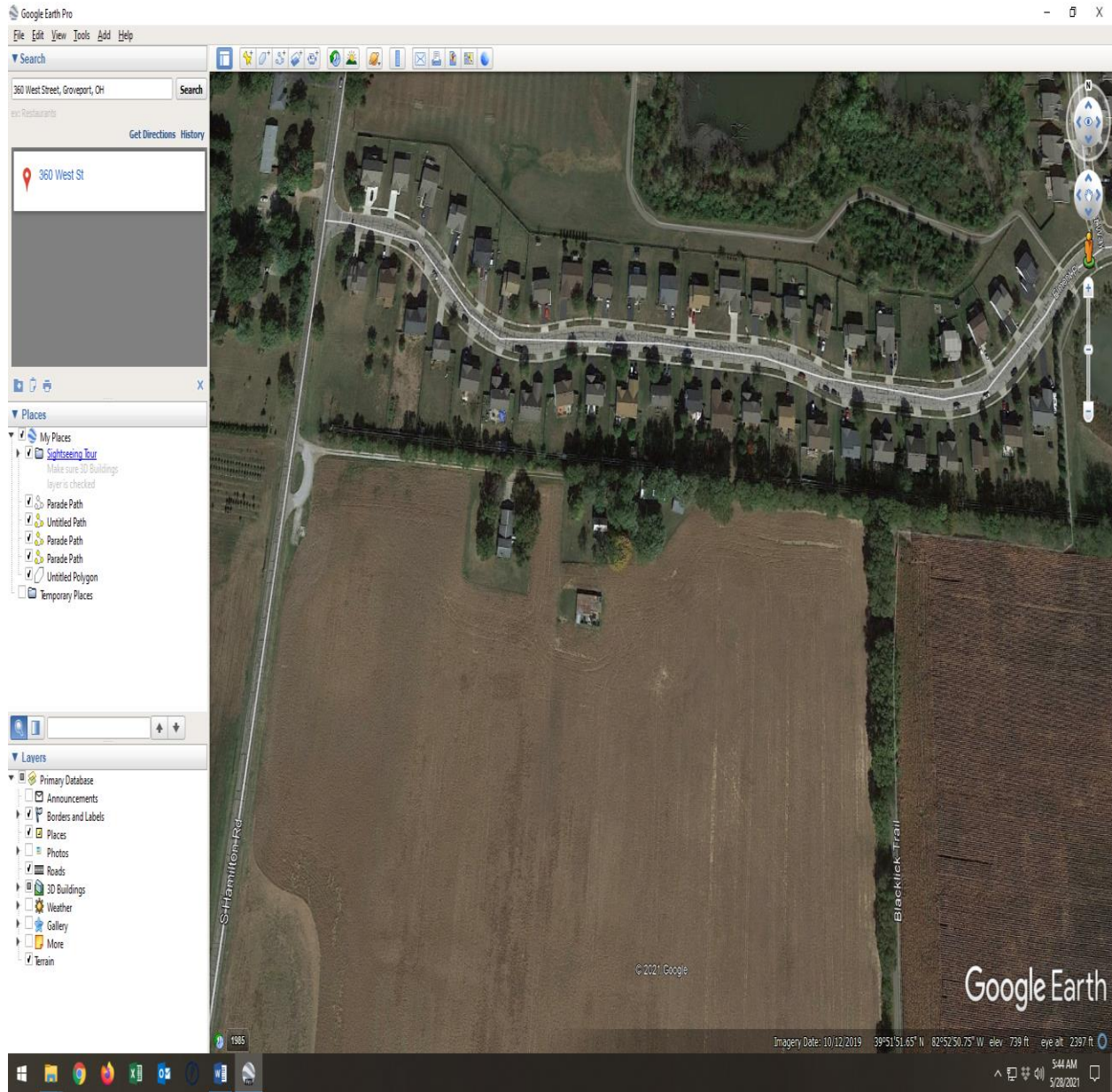
(West Street between Lambert Street to Crow Avenue)





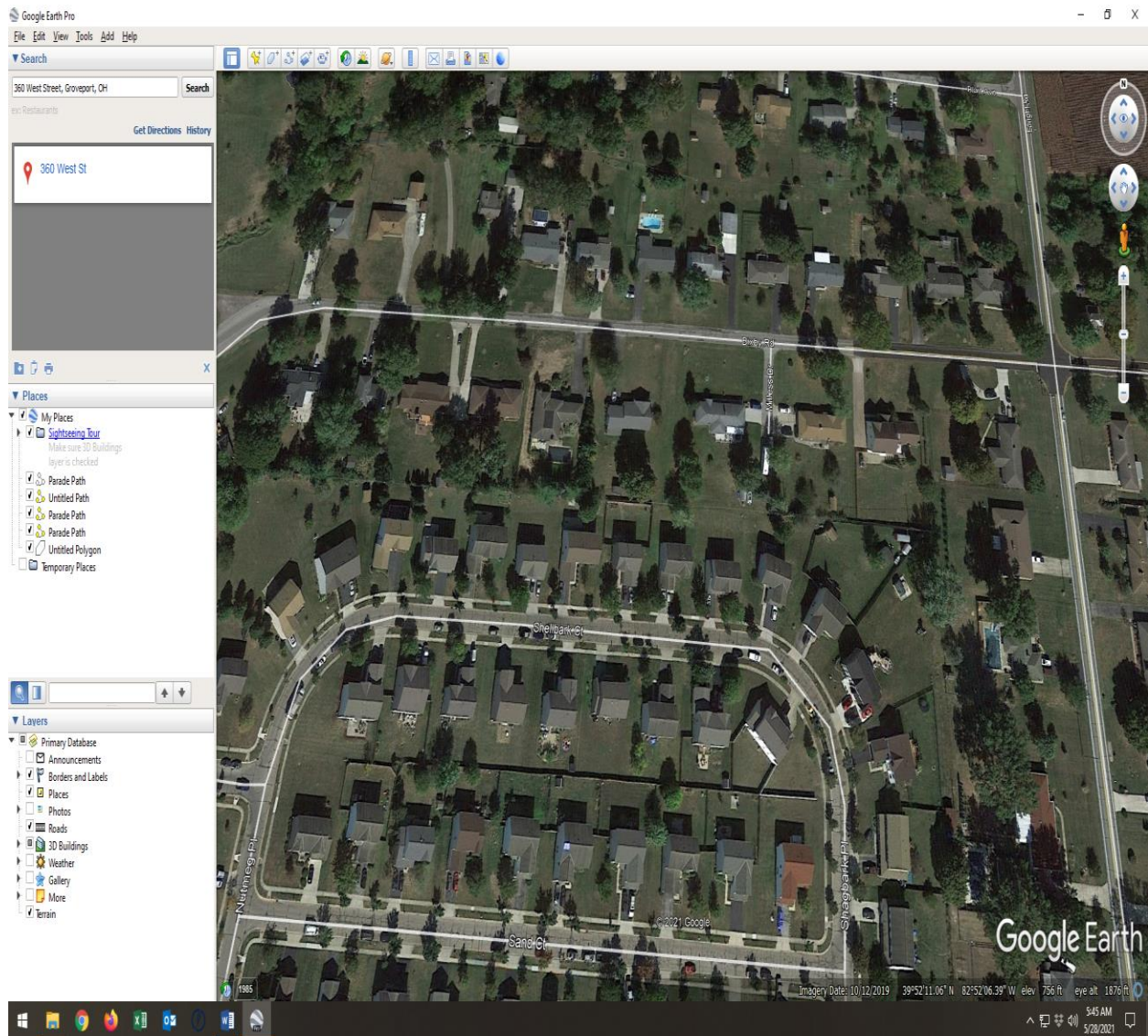
(Green Avenue East of Tallman Street)





(Elmont Place between Old Hamilton Road to Venison Way)





(Shellbark Street between Hickory Grove Circle to Shagbark Place)





(South Bound West Street View)





(South Bound West Street View)





(South Bound West Street View)





(North Bound West Street View)





(North Bound West Street View)





(North Bound West Street View)





(North Bound West Street View)





(Home directly across from 360 West Street)





(South Bound West Street from Cherry Street)





(South Bound West Street)





(South Bound West Street)





(North Bound West Street)





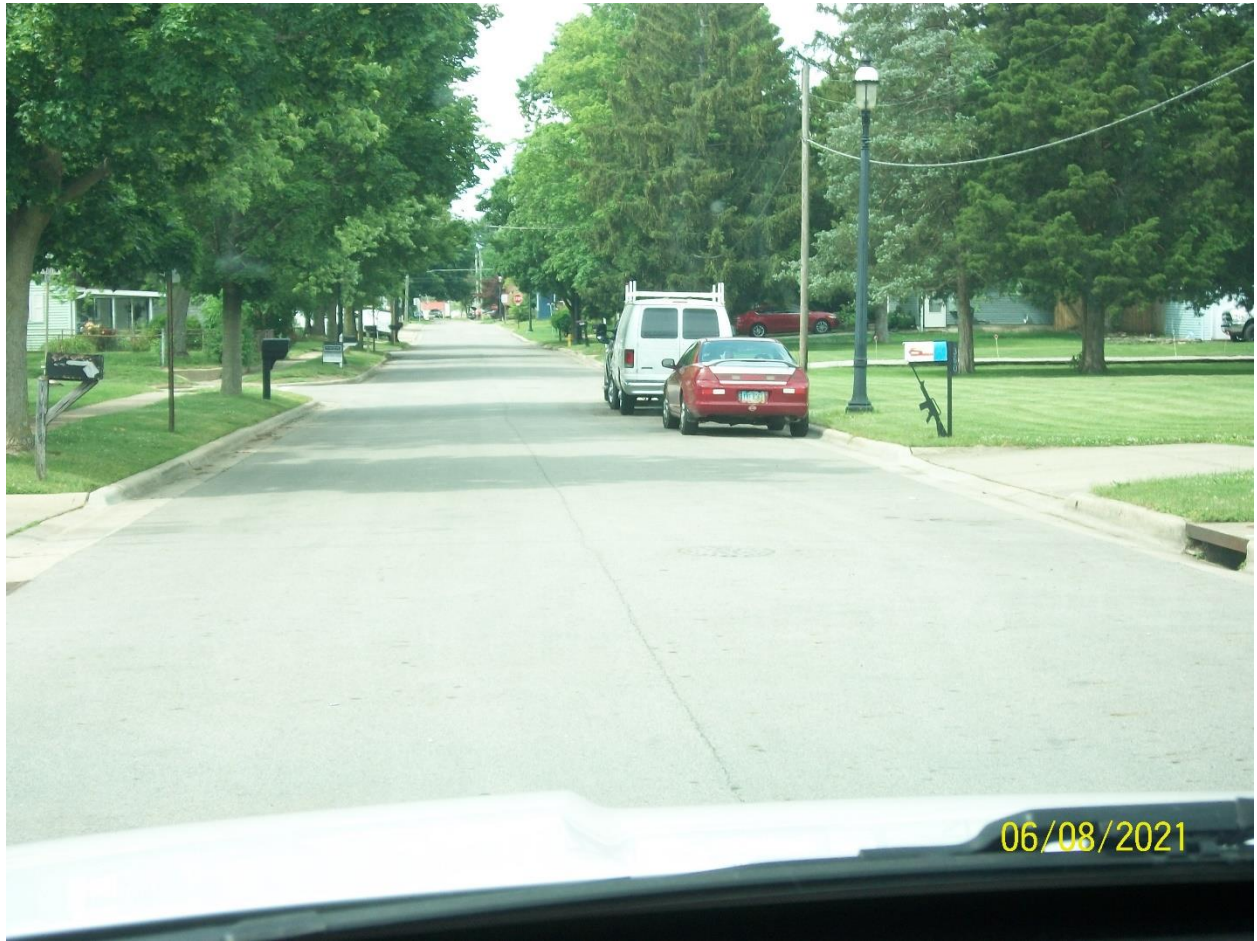
(North Bound West Street)





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(Directly in front of 360 West Street)





(View from driveway @ 360 West Street)





(Driveway @ 360 West Street)





(Driveway view as you back out of 360 West Street to the North)





(View to the South from 360 West Street)





(View to the North as you back out of 360 West Street)

