



# LAKE CHELAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**To: Mayor Bob Goedde, Chelan City Council Members**

**From: Barry DePaoli, Superintendent – Lake Chelan School District**

**RE: Boat/Trailer Parking**

**DATE: February 4, 2021**

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## **Introduction:**

Thank you for the opportunity to present information regarding the ongoing issue of boat trailer parking at our local high school. For the past twenty years of my tenure as a school district employee, the Lake Chelan School District has allowed both local residents and tourists to utilize the high school parking lot for boat trailer parking because of the convenience of easy access to the nearby PUD Chelan Riverwalk Boat Launch. Our board has felt that this is part of being good stewards of the community. Over the past two years, this has become problematic for the school district and we are looking for solutions to ameliorate the problem.

## **Important Facts:**

- Many more visitors are bringing boats to Chelan (Sunset Marina, second homes, vacation rentals, etc.)
- Boating season starts in May when the weather gets nice.
- Boat trailer parking season in the CHS lot is roughly from June 15 – August 15 (non-school/staff days)
- The P.U.D Boat launch can accommodate 16 vehicles and trailers, less if filled by single cars (refer to exhibit “A”)
- Trailers are often parked up E Farnham Ave. to S Saunders St. (illegal according to city ordinance – not monitored)
- The CHS Parking Lot is especially convenient for vehicle and trailer parking due to its proximity to the PUD Launch – it has served for day parking, overnight parking, and in some cases weekly and/or monthly parking of local owners
- The CHS Parking Lot had up to 90 boats/trailers on their lot during peak season 2020 (Late July-August) (refer to exhibit “B”)
- Nearby hotels typically inform patrons to utilize the lot for boat trailer parking
- Manson Parks and Rec manages the parking at the PUD Old Mill Boat Launch

## **The Problem(s):**

- Monitoring: Parking is “out of control” – the school district does not have the personnel to monitor parking nor are we interested in taking on this responsibility
- Maintenance: In some cases, the tongue of heavier boats digs into the parking lot due to the temperature of the pavement causing issues including potholes
- Parking for School Events (camps, summer school etc.): All lots are monopolized, leaving no room to host events during summer months (refer to exhibit “B”)
- After August 15th, several boat trailers remain on the lot after local media and hotel advertising; there is no way to contact the owners unless law enforcement is willing to assist (and they do, but this takes time for them to follow up on licenses and contacts)
- Eliminating the option to park trailers during the day would present problems to the city and increase off road illegal parking of boat trailers

## **Potential Solutions**

- The School District partners with the City through a lease of part of the parking lot to oversee and manage
  - Kiosk
  - City enforces and manages the lot (current position slated for parking enforcement)
- Limit parking at the HS to “day parking only” in a designated lot (approximately 35 slots – side lot)
- Reserve 15 slots for local residents (back parking lot)
- School district leases the lot to an independent contractor

Barry P. DePaoli, Superintendent  
Lake Chelan School District





EXHIBIT "A"

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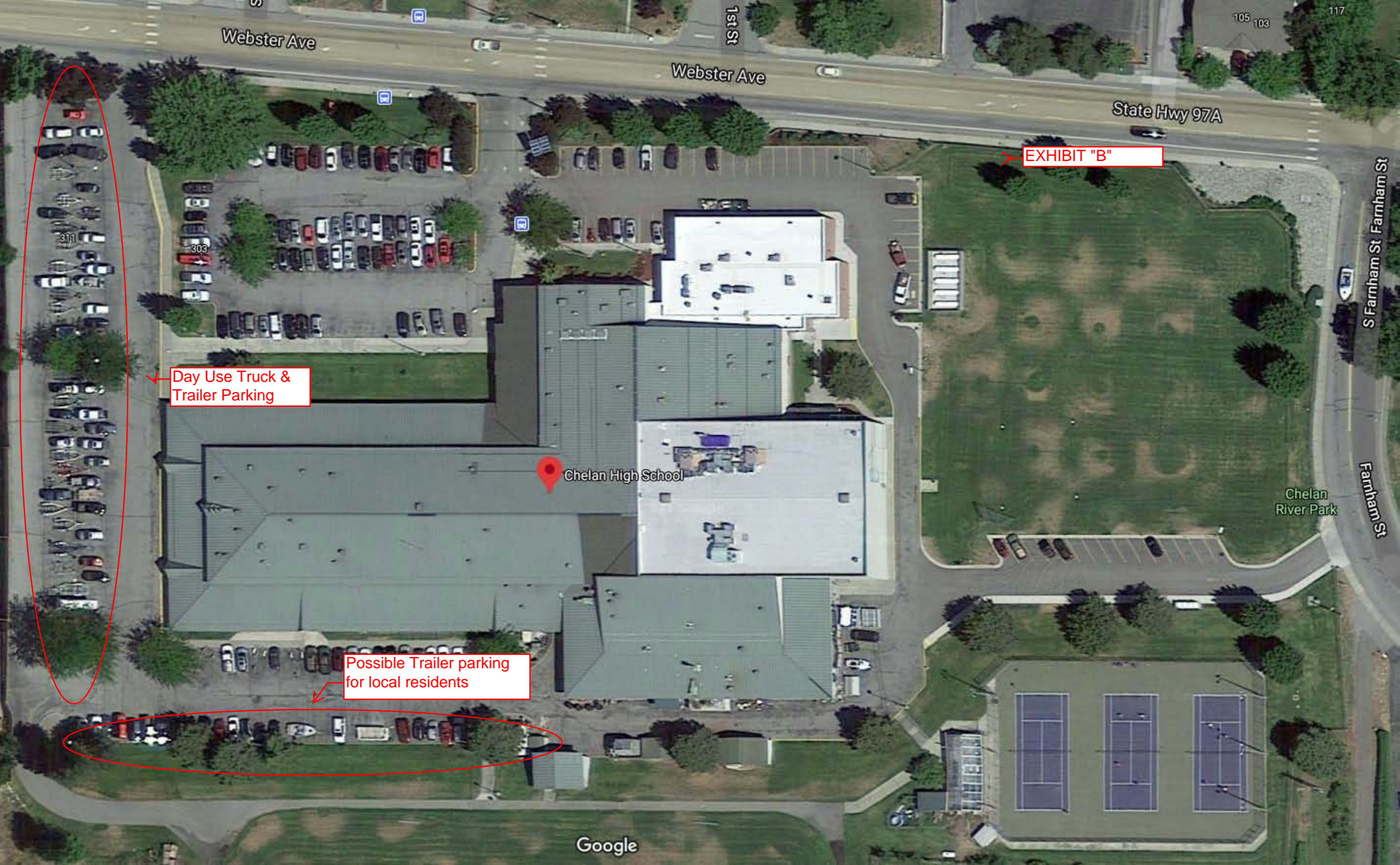
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EXHIBIT "B"

S Farnham St Farnham St

Farnham St

Chelan River Park

Chelan High School

Day Use Truck & Trailer Parking

Possible Trailer parking for local residents

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