

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2007 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
An Authorization to Request Park Zone Speed Limits on Franklin St. and Linscott Ave. near Prince Pond	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Robin Weaver Interim Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance is requested to establish a 20 miles-per-hour park zone speed limit on Franklin Street, between Linscott Avenue and Parkway Drive, and on Linscott Avenue from Franklin Street to a point about 100 feet south of Franklin Street; both near Prince Pond.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Vision for 2021 identified *Unique Neighborhoods*. A supporting objective of this statement is *Top Quality Infrastructure Tailored to Each Neighborhood*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY07 General Fund budget includes funds for signage and striping installation.

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the July 24, 2007 Workshop. Staff recommends approval on the August 7, active agenda. Staff will observe the impact of this item and report back to Council with its findings in six months.

BACKGROUND

A neighborhood meeting was held on April 10, 2007, followed by a Parking & Traffic Commission meeting on May 9, 2007, to address the intersection control issues, vehicular speeding and pedestrian safety issues using the neighborhood playground at Prince Pond. There was a recent serious vehicular incident at this intersection. Residents are very concerned that vehicular speeding has increased in recent years, and currently the Middaugh Avenue and Franklin Street intersection is uncontrolled.

The Parking and Traffic Commission requested the designation of the 20 miles-per-hour park zone speed limits for Franklin Street and for Linscott Avenue near Prince Pond. The intent is to attempt to regulate vehicular speeding, especially during times when children are present in the area. In addition, the Commission requested that the Downers Grove Park District consider upgrading the fencing at the Prince Pond playground to more effectively protect children from darting into the street. The Park District is considering this request.

Staff has recently upgraded the roadway signing along Franklin Street through the installation of larger *Prince Pond* playground signs and new *Speed Limit 25* signs with the highlighted orange border. There actions were done in response to neighbors' requests at the April 10 meeting.

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COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Village Attorney **DATE:** August 7, 2007
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: Parking & Traffic Commission **FILE REF:** #12-07
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

X Ordinance

Resolution

Motion

Other

Motion to Adopt “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
PARK ZONE SPEED LIMITS”, as presented.

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of the attached ordinance will amend the Municipal Code to implement park speed zone limits (20 mph) at Prince Pond.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
PARK ZONE SPEED LIMITS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by ~~shading~~/underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

Section 1. That Section 14.36. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.36. Speed limits on certain streets--Twenty miles per hour.

It is hereby determined and declared that twenty miles per hour (20 mph) is a reasonable and safe absolute maximum speed limit for vehicles on the following street(s):

Bates Place, throughout its length.
Blackburn Avenue, between 75th and 73rd Streets.
Braemoor Drive, throughout its length.
Breasted Avenue, throughout its length.
Brookbank Road, between Gilbert Street and Maple Avenue.
Clyde Drive, throughout its length.
Cumnor Road, at Whitlock Park.
Elm Street, at Wallingford Park.
Elm Street, at Washington Park.
Fairview Avenue "frontage" Road south of 75th Street to Florence Avenue.
Forest Avenue, between Franklin Street and Prairie Avenue.
Franklin Street, at Prince Pond
Franklin Street, at Washington Park.
Grand Avenue, between 75th and 73rd Streets.
Hartford Road, throughout its length.
Hathaway Lane, throughout its length.
Linden Place, between Chicago Avenue and Austin Street.
Linscott Avenue, at Prince Pond.
Loomes Avenue, throughout its length.
Mistwood Court, throughout its length.
Mistwood Lane, throughout its length.
Mistwood Place, throughout its length.
Nash Street, throughout its length.
Park Avenue, at Randall Park.
Prideham Street, throughout its length.
Randall Road, at Randall Park.
Sheldon Street, between Fairview Avenue and Cumnor Road.
Stair Street, throughout its length.
Stockley Road, throughout its length.
Trent Road, throughout its length.
Turvey Road, throughout its length.
Venard Road, at Doerhoefer Park.
Washington Street, between 59th Street and 61st Street.
Webster Place, throughout its length.
Wells Street, throughout its length.

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Widden Avenue, throughout its length.

York Road, throughout its length.

59th Place, throughout its length.

60th Place, throughout its length.

73rd Street, from Blackburn Avenue to Fairview Avenue.

73rd Street, from Fairmount Avenue to Hartford Road.

74th Street, from Fairview Avenue to Grand Avenue.

74th Street, from Hartford Road to York Road.

75th Street "frontage" Road, from Grand Avenue to Blackburn Avenue.

(Ord. No. 905, § 1; Ord. No. 1428, § 1; Ord. No. 1581, § 5; Ord. No. 2071 § 4; Ord. No. 2333, § 1; Ord. No. 2550, § 1; Ord. No. 2682, § 1.)

NOTE: For state law authorizing Village to determine maximum speed limits, see Ill. Comp. Stat., ch. 625, § 5/11-604.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section #3 That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk