

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 27, 2007 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Parking Modifications on Rogers Street at Douglas Avenue	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Robin A. Weaver Interim Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to provide additional on-street employee parking along the south side of Rogers Street, east and west of Douglas Avenue. The existing STOP sign for the portion of Douglas Avenue south of Rogers Street will be removed from the ordinance but remain in place as a private sign.

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

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the December 4, 2007 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

This item was presented at the October 10, 2007 Parking and Traffic Commission meeting. Staff received a petition from the business located at the southwest quadrant of this intersection. The owner is seeking to expand the business by utilizing the now vacant building on the same corner, and is therefore requesting the Village to provide on-street employee parking, similar to other businesses along the south side of Rogers Street.

With the vacationing of the south leg of Douglas Road at Rogers Street several years ago, that former roadway now functions like every other business driveway along the south side of Rogers Street. The Village has no maintenance or operational responsibility for this pavement and the current STOP sign for the northbound direction will be removed from the ordinance but remain in place as a private sign.

With the provision of on-street parking, there would be opportunity for an additional seven to eight vehicles to park on the south side of Rogers Street. With these additional parking spaces, the businesses on the south side of Rogers Street at Douglas Road would be afforded expanded economic opportunity for their employees consistent with the other businesses in the area. Currently this potential on-street parking area is not utilized. Staff believes the provision of these on-street parking spaces would be a better use of this portion of Rogers Street, and therefore supports this modification.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance
Parking & Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes Excerpt
CADD - Exhibit 1

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING PROVISIONS
ON DOUGLAS ROAD**

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 14.80 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.80 Isolated stop signs.

There shall be erected in conspicuous places as hereinafter designated, signs lettered with the word "Stop", which signs shall be so located as to direct vehicular traffic on the specified streets to come to a full stop before proceeding into or across the intersecting streets:

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Douglas Road. At the northwest ~~and southeast~~ corners of the intersection of Douglas Road and Rogers Street, to direct vehicular traffic proceeding southerly ~~and northerly~~ on Douglas Road to come to a full stop before proceeding across or into Rogers Street.

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Section 2. That Section 14.101.3. is hereby added to read as follows:

14.101.3. Same - Between 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM, except on weekends and holidays.

Rogers Street, on the south side, between a point one hundred twenty feet east of the east line of Prospect Avenue and Maple Avenue.

Section 3. That Section 14.102. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.102. Same --Between 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., except on weekends and holidays.

Except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays no person shall park or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., local time, in any of the following locations:

Burlington Avenue, on the north side from Florence Avenue to a point two hundred thirty feet east of Florence Avenue.

Douglas Road, on the east side, from a point fifty feet north of Rogers Street to Franklin Street.

Franklin Street, on both sides, between Linscott Avenue and Middaugh Avenue.

Gilbert Avenue, on the north side, from a point three hundred seventy-five feet west of the west right-of-way line of Forest Avenue to the east right-of-way line extended of Jacqueline Drive.

Glenview Avenue, on the west side, between Hitchcock Avenue and Curtiss Street.

Linscott Avenue, on both sides, from Franklin Street to Prairie Avenue.

Ridge Court, on both sides, north of 61st Street.

~~_____ *Rogers Street*, on the south side, between a point one hundred twenty feet east of the east line of Prospect Avenue and Maple Avenue.~~

Saratoga Avenue, on the east side, from Franklin Street to Prairie Avenue.

Stanley Avenue, on both sides, from Franklin Street to Rogers Street. (Ord. No. 970, § 1; Ord.

Douglas & Rogers

No. 1780, § 10; Ord. No. 1912, § 4; Ord. No. 1941, § 5; Ord. No. 1947, § 2; Ord. No. 1997, § 3; Ord. No. 2083, § 3; Ord. No. 2461, § 3; Ord. No. 2542, § 5; Ord. No. 2585, § 3; Ord. No. 3118, § 11; Ord. No. 3146, § 10; Ord. No. 3236, § 5.)

Section 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. 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

Parking & Traffic Commission Meeting

October 10, 2007

MINUTES

File # 25-07 Rogers Street at Douglas Avenue - Parking Modifications

Chairman Johnson discussed that this matter was brought forward via a neighborhood petition requesting staff to review the section of Rogers Street which had been posted No Parking (from 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 A.M. except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays) between Signs due to the nearby proximity of the intersection. The petition is seeking to change that section of Rogers to be consistent with the rest of Rogers Street on the south side. **Mr. Millette**, discussing the conversation he had with Traffic Manager, clarified that under Recommendation No. 2 that the stop sign be removed from the Village's ordinance and inventory since it was a private stop sign, however the sign will remain.

Regarding the removal of the stop sign, **Commissioner Wendt** inquired whether the commission could stipulate that even if the allowance is made, that the owner of the sign maintain the sign as a basis for approval; **Mr. Millette** believed it was a reasonable request. However, **Chairman Johnson** believed the legal department would have to review the issue. **Mr. Millette** also conveyed that due to the configuration, if any street improvement or land use change was done, the owner would have to appear before the commission.

Chairman Johnson opened up the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Willis Johnson, 603 Rogers Street, discussed the concern of trucks unloading on Rogers Street at 555 Rogers and how it blocks his driveway. He did speak with the owner about contacting the Village to vacate or designate the first two parking spaces going east from their driveway in order for the trucks to pull in and unload.

Mr. Joel Spencer, 4516 Drendel Road, works at Perma Seal, supported the petition due to the congested parking in the area.

For the record, **Chairman Johnson** stated it was difficult for the Village to provide employee parking for businesses on local streets and the Village was not responsible to provide such spaces for private businesses.

Discussion followed that **Mr. Willis Johnson's** suggestion to designate a couple of parking spaces for a loading zone would have to be a separate agenda item. **Chairman Johnson** believed it was a valid issue and could be made a motion to have staff speak to the owners and consider the matter.

COMMISSIONER CARLQUIST MADE A MOTION TO FORWARD A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL THAT THE FOLLOWING BE IMPLEMENTED:

- 1. MODIFY THE CURRENT PARKING RESTRICTION FROM “NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS” ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROGERS STREET NEAR DOUGLAS ROAD, TO “NO PARKING 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 A.M., EXCEPT SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS”;**
- 2. REMOVE THE EXISTING NORTHBOUND STOP SIGN FROM THE VILLAGE ROLLS BUT CONTACT THE OWNER TO SELL THE SIGN TO THEM SO THAT THE SIGN REMAINS IN ITS LOCATION; AND**
- 3. RECOMMEND THAT STAFF INVESTIGATE SIGNAGE FOR A “NO PARKING-LOADING ZONE” FURTHER WEST ON ROGERS STREET.**

COMMISSIONER WENDT SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL:

AYE: MR. CARLQUIST, MR. WENDT, MR. KREN, MR. STAPLETON, MR. THURSTON,

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 6:0



P&T FILE #25-07
ROGERS ST. AT DOUGLAS RD.
PARKING MODIFICATIONS

EXHIBIT 1

