

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
New Intersection Control: Yield Sign on Florence Ave at Sheldon Ave	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Robin A. Weaver Interim Public Works Director

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend sections of the Municipal Code regarding the installation of yield signs on Florence Avenue at Sheldon Avenue.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2007-2012 identified *Exceptional Municipal Organization* with an objective of *Top Quality Core Services Responsive to Current and Future Community and Citizen Needs*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the September 16, 2008 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

The need for traffic control at Florence Avenue and Sheldon Avenue was brought to the attention of staff by residents in the area. The residents were concerned with vehicles not yielding the right of way to oncoming vehicles in any direction. The warrants for stop signs are not met due to insufficient traffic. The warrants for a yield sign have been met. On June 24, 2008, the Acting Village Manager approved the temporary installation of yield signs on Florence Avenue at Sheldon Avenue, causing north-south traffic on Florence Avenue to yield to Sheldon Avenue traffic.

Both Florence Avenue and Sheldon Avenue are classified as local streets within the Village. The streets do not have curb and gutter. Sidewalk is present on both sides of Sheldon Avenue from Florence Avenue to the west and only on the north side from Florence Avenue to the east. Florence Avenue has sidewalk present along the west side. Sheldon Avenue is approximately 18 to 20 feet wide and Florence Avenue is approximately 18 to 22 feet wide. The Village statutory speed limit is 25 miles per hour on all local streets. The temporary installation of the yield signs was completed on July 14, 2008.

This information was presented to members of the Transportation and Parking Commission and audience members on August 13, 2008. There were no objections to the addition of yield signs.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance

Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2008 TAP Commission (draft)

Florence ROW

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A YIELD RIGHT OF WAY

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 14.63 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.63 Isolated yield right-of-way signs.

On the basis of traffic investigations at the below named intersections, it is found that traffic conditions warrant preference to traffic as indicated and that the enumerated streets should be designated as "yield right-of-way entrances".

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Florence Avenue. At the northwest and southeast corners of the intersection of Florence Avenue and Sheldon Avenue, regulating both northbound and southbound traffic on Florence Avenue.

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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

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Excerpt from Draft Minutes of August 11, 2008 Transportation and Parking Commission meeting

File #03-08 Florence Ave. and Sheldon Ave. - Intersection Upgrade - For informational purposes again, Mr. Millette reported that traffic volumes are not high enough to warrant a stop sign at the referenced intersection. The particular intersection was reviewed due to a request from a resident on Florence Avenue. However, due to a new sidewalk installation on the west side of Florence, the area becoming more attractive for pedestrian use, and due to a slight hill and jog on Sheldon Avenue, staff reviewed the area again. As a result of the ordinance, the Deputy Village Manager approved the installation for temporary yield signs on north/south Florence Avenue. Per Millette, the Village Council would receive and hear the comments from this Commission. Staff did not consider painting a crosswalk across Florence because striping was usually considered for the downtown area and for bus routes, but it could be revisited if necessary. Per a question, costs did not play into that decision. Mr. Fera also stated that a few crosswalks have been added when safety complaints have been received.

On another matter, Mr. Cronin produced a photograph and asked if a bush could be trimmed by the village that was shielding the Yield Sign heading north on Florence Avenue. Staff agreed to address it. Mr. Fera discussed other signs that are sometimes placed prior to entering horizontal curves in the road. Mr. Fera offered to follow up on this matter.