

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JANUARY 13, 2008 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Loomes Avenue, Parking Modifications – Woodward Avenue to Bates Place	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Nan Newlon, Interim Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend sections of the Municipal Code regarding parking restrictions on the south side of Loomes Avenue, from Woodward Avenue to Prentiss Avenue.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

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

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the January 20, 2008 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

Staff received a petition from area residents requesting that the Village reduce or eliminate the existing on-street parking restrictions on Loomes Avenue, east of Woodward Avenue to Bates Place. Loomes Avenue, from Woodward to Bates Place, is currently designated as “No Parking” on the North side, and “No Parking 7 AM to 4 PM, Except Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays” on the South side of Loomes. The petitioners indicated that this condition makes it difficult to utilize the street for parking by the residents and their guests during a typical week.

Staff hosted a neighborhood meeting with area residents on September 11, 2008. The Transportation and Parking Commission (TAP) considered the petition at their November 12, 2009 meeting. During both meetings, residents expressed the following comments:

- The townhomes were built over 33 years ago, in a tight neighborhood location.
- Garages are generally 1-car only with a few being 2-car.
- The existence of the No Parking 7AM to 4PM on the south side has a negative impact on resident parking needs.
- School buses and trucks turning onto Loomes from Woodward require additional space due to the narrow design of the road.

Staff did inform the residents that there is the potential for South High students to park on the south side, if the restriction is lifted. With the completion of South High’s driveway connection to Springside Avenue, and about 80 new spaces on school grounds, neighbors are convinced that students will stay away from Loomes.

TAP voted unanimously to amend the on-street parking restrictions to be “No Parking Anytime” for the first 125 feet on Loomis, east of Woodward and to remove the remaining parking restrictions from that point to Bates Place. Staff concurs with the recommendation as amended.

ATTACHMENTS

Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2008 TAP Commission

Exhibit 1

Ordinance

Loomes Parking Restrictions

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON LOOMES AVENUE

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 14.98 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.98 No parking zones-Generally.

No person shall park or let stand, any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time in any of the following locations:

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Loomes Avenue, on the south side, from the east line of Woodward Avenue to a point one hundred twenty five feet east of the east line of Woodward Avenue.

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Section 2. That Section 14.103.1. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.103.1. No Parking--Between 7:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., except on weekends and holidays.

No person shall park, stop or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., local time on any day except Saturday, Sunday and holidays, in any of the following locations:

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Loomes Avenue, on the south side, from ~~Woodward Avenue~~ **Bates Place** to Prentiss Drive.

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Section 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. 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

Transportation and Parking Commission November 12, 2008 Meeting

MEETING EXCERPTS

FILE # 11-08 Beverly Glen Subdivision – Loomes Avenue Parking Modifications

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the committee to be presented to Council.

Mr. Millette provided an explanation regarding the initial petition submitted for the parking regulations now in place. These restrictions were put in place to eliminate students from DG South High School from parking on streets.

Two residents raised concerns and described various situations involving school bus pick up closer to Woodward. These residents were not in agreement with removing the parking restrictions.

Seven residents spoke in favor of the change. They said that the petition was started due to tickets being issued to many residents in the area. If they have multiple vehicles, there is no where to park.

The committee agreed to make the following recommendation:

REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOOMES AVE, EXCEPT FOR THE AREA BETWEEN WOODWARD AND THE 1ST RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY. THIS AREA WILL BE CONVERTED TO NO PARKING ANYTIME.



T&P FILE #11-08
BEVERLY GLEN SUBDIVISION
PARKING MODIFICATION ON LOOMES AVE.
EXHIBIT 1