

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2008 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Parking Modifications on Cumnor Road from Ogden Avenue to Grant Street	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Nan Newlon Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend sections of the Municipal Code to restrict parking on Cumnor Road from Ogden Avenue to Grant Avenue between the hours of 7am and 2pm Monday through Saturday.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2008-2013 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.

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the January 13, 2009 workshop. Staff recommends approval on the January 20, 2009 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

Staff received a petition from area residents in July, 2008 requesting that the Village take action to mitigate the impacts of on-street parking on Cumnor Road near Ogden Avenue and excessive speeding along Cumnor Road. The residents were concerned that the above issues were creating an unsafe condition at the intersection of Cumnor Road and Ogden Avenue. In addition, the residents were concerned that the use of the on-street parking spaces by the nearby Downers Grove Saab dealership (employee vehicles and vehicles offered for sale) was negatively impacting the neighborhood.

Staff hosted a neighborhood meeting on October 16, 2008. The Transportation and Parking Commission (TAP) considered the petition at their November 12, 2008 meeting. During both meetings the attending residents expressed the following comments:

- Excessive speeding at all hours day and night, including weekends;
- Saab Dealership employees park their vehicles on both sides of Cumnor near Ogden, which impede through travel, and cause sight distance and safety conflicts for Ogden vehicles turning onto Cumnor;
- More internal parking on the Saab Dealership property would alleviate many of these concerns;
- Unloading of vehicles on Cumnor is still occurring;

Currently there are no parking restrictions on either side of the Cumnor Road. Therefore, on-street parking is permitted. The speed limit on Cumnor Road is 25 mile per hour (mph). Staff completed an analysis of the area and determined that vehicle speeding is an issue as the 85th percentile speeds on Cumnor range

between 34 mph and 42 mph. Staff determined that Cumnor can support on-street parking and would not object to allowing it to continue.

Staff presented and TAP considered several alternatives for addressing the current situation. The general consensus reached was that the residents support traffic calming devices to reduce excessive speeding and to increase neighborhood and pedestrian awareness. The traffic calming solutions that the residents could support include:

- Traffic Speed cushions (similar to those on Roslyn Road) between intersections;
- Raised median installed along Cumnor at strategic locations to narrow the traveled way;
- Intersection curb extensions to reduce the available travel widths in all directions.

As temporary speed cushions cannot be deployed during the winter, TAP recommended that on street parking on Cumnor Road between Ogden and Grant be restricted from 7am to 2pm Monday through Saturday. TAP also recommended that this issue be re-evaluated in the late spring. Staff concurs with this recommendation. Staff is working with the owners of Downers Grove Saab to address the unloading of vehicles on Cumnor Road.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance

Cumnor Parking Regulations

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON CUMNOR 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 14.103.5. is hereby added to read as follows:

14.103.5. No Parking--Between 7:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., except on Sundays and holidays.

No person shall park or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., local time, on any day, except Sundays and holidays, in any of the following locations:

Cumnor Road, on both sides, from Ogden Avenue to Grant Street.

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