

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 16, 2009 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Parking Modifications for Whittier School – Hill Street and Blodgett Avenue	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Naneil Newlon, P.E. Director of Public Works

**SYNOPSIS**

An ordinance has been prepared to amend sections of the Municipal Code concerning parking on both sides of Blodgett Avenue, and on the north side of Hill Street, in the vicinity of Whittier School.

**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 Village Infrastructure and Facilities*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the June 9, 2009 workshop. Staff recommends approval on the June 16, 2009 active agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

This item was brought forward by representatives at Whittier School and School District 58. The lack of proper on-street parking and the unofficial pick-up area designations have been causing safety issues on both Hill Street and Blodgett Avenue. Staff has met with the Whittier School principal on a couple of occasions to obtain more information about the safety and parking issues at the school. Staff has also observed the parking operation on both Hill Street and Blodgett Avenue.

There is a shortage of on-street parking in the immediate vicinity of the school. Parking spaces are available further away toward Randall and Summit Streets. Motorists who arrive earlier find parking spaces close to the school; however, the later arrivals often double- and triple-park, causing access and circulation problems. Staff believes the current arrangement is unsafe and can be improved for both the area residents and the motorists who transport and pick up children at Whittier School. Staff proposes the following:

- **Blodgett Avenue** - Staff proposes an alternating no-parking design for Blodgett which would solve both the roadway access and safety issues around the school. North of Hill Street, parking should be permitted along the east side of the school property. On the west side, staff proposes a “No Parking 8-9 AM and 2-3 PM” extending from north of Hill Street to Randall Street.
- **Hill Street** - Staff proposes a 100 foot designated drop-off/pick-up area in front of the school entrance on Hill Street. A “No Parking 8-9 AM and 2-3 PM” designation is proposed to formalize the drop-off area. Proper “School Drop-Off/Pick-Up” signage would be installed to better communicate this change to motorists. Also, the drop-off area would be cross-hatched and on-street parking spaces would be painted.

With these proposed changes, along with education of parents at the beginning of the school year, staff believes the Whittier school drop-off operation will be enhanced on Hill Street; that motorists will have adequate place to park on Blodgett Avenue; and sight distance will be improved for motorists heading south from Hill Street.

These items were presented at the May 20, 2009 Transportation and Parking Commission meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to approve staff's proposed parking modifications.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Ordinance



Whittier School Parking

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON  
BLODGETT AVENUE AND HILL STREET**

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 14.104.04. is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**14.104.04. Same--Between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. on school days.**

No person shall stop or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. or between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. on any school day in the following locations:

Blodgett Avenue, on the east side, from the south edge of Hill Street and one hundred twenty (120) feet south of Hill Street.

Blodgett Avenue, on the west side, from the north edge of Hill Street to Randall Street.

Hill Street, on the north side, from approximately three hundred (300) feet east of Blodgett Avenue to a point four hundred (400) feet east of Blodgett Avenue.

Hillcrest Road, on the west side, from the north edge of Jefferson Avenue to a point one hundred thirty (130) feet north of Jefferson Avenue.

Indianapolis Avenue, on the north side, from a point fifty (50) feet west of Florence Avenue to a point one hundred fifty (150) feet west of Florence Avenue.

Lincoln Avenue, on the north side, from a point four hundred fifty (450) feet west of Cumnor Road to a point five hundred fifty (550) feet west of Cumnor Road; and on the south side, from a point five hundred (500) feet east of Fairview Avenue to a point seven hundred fifty (750) feet east of Fairview Avenue.

Stonewall Avenue, on the west side, from a point four hundred forty-one (441) feet north of 63rd Street to a point five hundred thirty (530) feet north of 63rd Street, and from a point seventy-five (75) feet north of the south side of 62nd Street extended to a point seventy-five (75) feet south of the south side of 62nd Street extended. (Ord. No. 3082, § 3.)

**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.

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Mayor

Passed:  
Published:  
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk