

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**JUNE 23, 2009 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Grove Street, Main Street to Carpenter Street - Proposed 4-Hour Parking Modification	✓ 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 pertaining to parking restrictions on the north side of Grove Avenue, between Carpenter Street and the alley adjacent to Fishel Park.

**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

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the July 7, 2009, active agenda

**BACKGROUND**

Staff recently examined the existing parking restrictions and signage on the north side of Grove Street, between Main Street and Carpenter Street. At present, the north side of the street has a series of restrictions that are inconsistent, such as “No Parking Except Sunday,” “2-Hour Parking,” “No Parking 6AM to 6PM” and others. These multiple designations have made enforcement of parking restrictions at the location difficult for Village staff and confusing for residents. The existing parking designation on the south side of Grove Street is “No Parking This Side of Street.”

The portion of Grove Street from the alley at Fishel Park to Main Street is part of the Downtown Business District and has a designated parking restriction of “2-Hour Parking.” Grove Street west of the alley at Fishel Park is not part of the Downtown Business District and has multiple parking designations such as those mentioned above. Other streets in the area such as Carpenter, which surround the Downtown Business District, have “4-Hour Parking” designations. With single family residences and condo units on the same block, there is also a need to provide adequate resident parking. The current parking designations are inefficient, confusing and do not maximize on-street parking for the residents.

Staff recommends that the north side of Grove Street, from Main to Carpenter be converted to a consistent 4-Hour parking restriction. The south side of Grove Street would remain “No Parking Anytime.” Staff believes a 4-Hour parking restriction would address the business and resident needs in the area and would also reduce confusion when enforcing parking restrictions in the area. This item was presented at the May 20, 2009 Transportation and Parking Commission meeting. The Commission voted 5-2 to approve the 4-Hour Parking restriction.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Ordinance

Exhibit

Meeting Minutes – TAP Commission meeting May 20, 2009

Grove Parking  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON GROVE 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 14.98 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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~~*Grove Street*, on the north side, from the east line of Carpenter Street to a point two hundred feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street, and from a point three hundred fifty five feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street to a point four hundred nineteen feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street, and from a point five hundred twenty feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street to a point five hundred fifty seven feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street.~~

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**Section 2. That Section 14.102.1. is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**14.102.1. No Parking--Between 6:00 A.M, and 6:00 P.M. except on weekends 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., local time, and 6:00 P.M., on any day other than Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, in any of the following locations:

*Burlington Avenue*, on the south side, from the east line of Washington Street (as said line is extended from the north) to the easterly right-of-way line of Burlington Avenue.

*Carpenter Street*, on the west side, from Summit Street to 55th Street.

*Franklin Street*, on the south side, from Main Street to Highland Avenue.

~~*Grove Street*, on the north side, from a point two hundred feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street to a point three hundred fifty five feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street~~

*Hitchcock Avenue*, on the north side, from the I355 North-South Tollway to Walnut Avenue.

*Lake Avenue*, on both sides, from Fairview Avenue to the western terminus of Lake Avenue.

*Prairie Avenue*, on the south side, between the east line of Washington Street and the west line of Elm Street.

*Prospect Avenue*, on the west side, from Warren Avenue to Rogers Street.

*Walnut Avenue*, on the east side, from a point one hundred fifty feet north of the north line of Wisconsin Avenue to a point one hundred seventy-nine feet north of the north line of Maple Avenue. (Ord. No. 1546, § 3; Ord. No. 1561, § 4; Ord. No. 1795, § 9; Ord. No. 1809, § 9; Ord. No. 1819, § 7; Ord. No. 2023, § 5; Ord. No. 2378, § 3; Ord. No. 2440, § 3; Ord. No. 2581, § 6; Ord. No. 2606, § 4; Ord. No. 2912, § 3.)

**Section 3. That Section 14.105.07. is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**14.105.07. Same--Between 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., except on Sundays and holidays. (2-Hour Parking)**

## Grove Parking

Except on Sundays and holidays, no person shall park, stop or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle for more than two consecutive hours at any time between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., local time, in any of the following locations, excluding those spaces designated as handicap parking under Section 14-108:

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~~\_\_\_\_\_ *Grove Street*, on the north side, from a point one hundred eighty one feet west of the west line of Main Street to a point thirty six feet west of the west line of Main Street; and from a point two hundred feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street to a point three hundred fifty five feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street; and from a point four hundred nineteen feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street to a point five hundred twenty feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street; and from a point five hundred fifty seven feet east of the east line of Carpenter Street to a point one hundred seventy seven feet west of the west line of Main Street.~~

\_\_\_\_\_ *Grove Street*, on the north side, from the northeast corner of the alley adjacent to Fishel Park to Main Street.

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### **Section 4. That Section 14.107. is hereby amended to read as follows:**

#### **14.107. Four-hour parking--Between 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., except on weekends and holidays.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or let stand any vehicle in a parking space in any of the locations in paragraph (a) of this Section in such manner that the front of such vehicle is directed away from the curbing or not in accordance with the posted signage; provided, that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any parking space unless there shall be posted in conspicuous places in the vicinity of such parking space appropriate signs stating the restriction imposed by this subsection.

(a) Except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, it shall be unlawful for any person to park, stop or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle for more than four consecutive hours at any time between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. local time, in any of the following locations:

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\_\_\_\_\_ *Grove Street*, on the north side, from Carpenter Street to the northwest corner of the alley adjacent to Fishel Park.

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**Section 5.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 6.** 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



**PROPOSED  
4-HR Parking**

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(2)  
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Except  
Sun.  
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6A - 6P  
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Between  
Signs  
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(9)  
2-HR  
Parking  
6A - 6P  
Exc. Wknds  
& Holidays

(10)  
2-HR  
Parking  
6A - 6P  
Exc. Wknds  
& Holidays

(11)  
2-HR  
Parking  
6A - 6P  
Exc. Wknds  
& Holidays

(12)  
2-HR  
Parking  
6A - 6P  
Exc. Wknds  
& Holidays

**No Parking  
This Side of Street  
(Keep as is)**

2-HR  
Parking  
6A - 6P  
Exc. Wknds  
& Holidays  
(Keep as is)

FILE #07-09  
GROVE STREET PARKING MODIFICATIONS

**TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION  
MAY 20, 2009**

**DRAFT - MEETING MINUTES**

**File #07-09 Grove Street, Main St to Carpenter St. - Parking Modifications** - Mr. Fera summarized the proposed improvements and the reasons for the changes.

Mr. Greg Johnson, 1116 Grove St, stated that he does not have great difficulty pulling out of his garage. He likes the parking restrictions near his house.

A dialogue followed about the advantage of a 2-hour versus a 4-hour parking restriction. A couple of Commission members favored the continuation of the 2-Hour westward to Carpenter Street.

In response to a question from the Commission, Mr. Fera explained that there are currently eleven signs along the north side of Grove Street. With the proposed parking change, only 4 to 5 signs would be needed.

Mr. Fera explained that the 2-Hour limit was appropriate for the downtown section of Grove Street, which begins at the alley adjacent to Fishel Park. From that point west to Carpenter, the neighborhood is residential in character and more suitable for a 4-hour designation.

In response to a comment about church parking on Sundays, Mr. Millette stated that Police enforcement is generally not done on Sundays.

Mr. Millette commented on another question about the overnight enforcement, stating that the Village policy is from 2:00 Am to 6:00 AM. It would not be an advantage to change only this street to begin at 1:00 AM. Another comment from the Commission stated that the people living near the downtown and close to a restaurant knew of the potential noise factor before they moved in.

**MR. CRONIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES ON GROVE STREET, TO INSTALL 4-HOUR PARKING ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF GROVE STREET, BETWEEN THE ALLEY AT FISHEL PARK AND CARPENTER STREET.**

**SECONDED BY MR. SCHILLER.**

**AYE: MR. SCHILLER, MR. GRESS, MR. STUEBNER, MR. CRONIN, MS. VAN ANNE.**

**NAY: MR. WENDT, MR. SARICKS**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 5-2**

When asked to explain their Nay votes, Co-Chair Wendt stated the he believed the current 2-Hour restriction was working OK and did not need changing. Mr. Saricks stated that the proposed changes would not be addressing the residents needs in the neighborhood.