

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
AUGUST 25, 2009 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Parking Modifications - Springside Avenue, North of 63 rd Street	✓ 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 to designate a portion of Springside Avenue, from 63rd Street to the Village's unincorporated border to the north, as "No Parking Any Time."

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2009-2013 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 September 1, 2009, consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

Staff received a petition from residents regarding parking on both sides of Springside Avenue from 63rd Street to the Village's unincorporated border approximately 650 feet to the north. There are currently no parking restrictions on this section of roadway, which was recently annexed by the Village. The roadway is approximately 18 feet wide with gravel shoulders and ditches. Due to the fact Springside Avenue is located in close proximity to Downers Grove South High School, during the school year students were parking on both sides of the street, which resulted in a very narrow, almost impassable roadway, and the blocking of several driveways.

This item was presented and discussed at the Transportation and Parking Commission meeting on July 8, 2009. To serve the neighborhood's needs and also to promote safe north-south travel through the area, staff recommended that both sides of Springside Avenue, from 63rd Street to the Village boundaries to the north be designated and signed as "No Parking Any Time." There was support from the public for this proposed action. The Commission voted unanimously in support of staff's recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance

Aerial Photograph

Meeting Minutes -Transportation and Parking Commission meeting – July 8, 2009

Springside Parking

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON SPRINGSIDE 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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Springside Avenue, between 63rd Street and a point six hundred fifty (650) feet north of 63rd Street,

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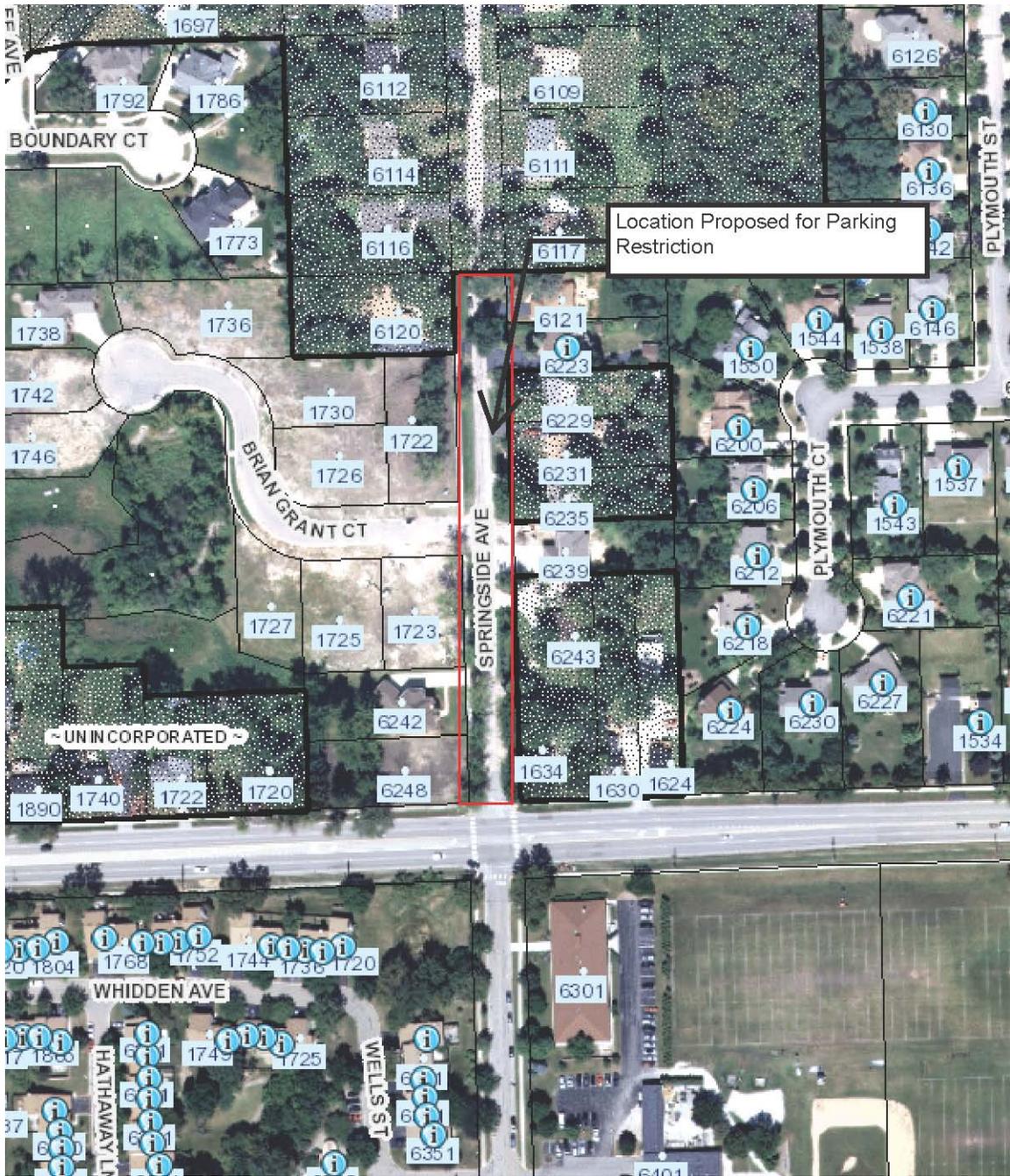
Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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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Location proposed for parking restriction on Springside Avenue, north of 63rd Street.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION

JULY 8, 2009

MEETING MINUTES

1. File #09-09 Springside Avenue - 63rd Street to Village Boundary - Parking Modifications - Co-Chairman Wendt briefly reviewed the background of the petition noting the property under discussion was recently annexed to the Village and currently had no parking restrictions in place. Also, students from Downers Grove South High School appeared to be parking on the street more frequently. A question was raised on the difference between this petition and the petition regarding Loomes Avenue a couple of months back. Mr. Fera explained that in talking to neighbors on this particular petition, there was no mention of visitor parking. However, he explained that if there were visitors, it would still be difficult for them to park on the street with two-way traffic occurring. He explained that homes on the east side of Springside did, however, have driveways long enough to accommodate parking and, if need be, some parking could occur on one side of Springside Avenue. Staff felt it was important to keep traffic moving through the area.

Co-chairman Wendt opened up the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Brian Johnson, 1738 Brian Grant Court, stated more recently there have been students parking on the street and the street is very narrow for two-way traffic. Landscaping trucks were making it difficult to maneuver down the street. He supported the petition.

Ms. Marilyn Rigney, 6240 Springside Avenue, explained that she cannot get out of her driveway during the day and the street is very narrow. Seven cars now park across her property where there use to be one. Cars sometimes park on both sides of the street.

Discussion was raised if consideration could be made to keep the time restriction consistent with other restrictions in the vicinity. However, a commissioner made note that the street was narrow to begin with and that the issue was more safety than anything.

MS. VAN ANNE MADE A MOTION TO INSTALL "NO PARKING ANY TIME" SIGNAGE ALONG BOTH SIDES OF SPRINGSIDE AVENUE FROM 63RD STREET TO A POINT 650 FEET NORTH OF 63RD STREET AND TO FORWARD THE MATTER TO VILLAGE COUNCIL.

SECONDED BY MR. SARICKS. ROLL CALL:

**AYE: MR. WENDT, MR. SCHILLER, MR. STUEBNER, MR. SARICKS, MR. CRONIN,
MS. VAN ANNE, MR. BARRY**

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 7-0