

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

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Main Street, South of Franklin Street - Proposed 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 to add one additional accessible space on the west side of Main Street, south of Franklin Street.

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

As a result of a resident inquiry, staff evaluated the availability of accessible parking in the area of Main Street and Franklin Street. In the vicinity of the intersection of Main Street and Franklin Street there is currently one accessible parking space on the west side of Main Street, approximately 100 feet south of Franklin Street. The resident who contacted the Village is a patron of an adjacent medical facility and reported that the existing parking space is consistently used and that additional access would be desirable. The adjacent medical facility provides one (1) accessible, private space at the rear of the property, however; because of grade changes it does not provide accessibility to the front of the building. Staff has observed that the existing accessible space on Main Street is generally used and agrees that an additional space would be beneficial.

The west side of Main Street, immediately south of Franklin Street, is currently not striped for parking. It was earlier envisioned as a delivery area, but was never formally signed for this use, and there does not appear to be a need for delivery access at this location. Staff recommends that one (1) additional accessible parking space be provided in this location. It is slightly indented from the street, which provides a higher level of protection from passing vehicles and is in close proximity to a curb ramp.

Staff believes that this proposed additional accessible parking space in the Downtown Business area would serve the adjacent business employees and patrons. This additional accessible parking space would be added to the Village's overall number of on-street parking spaces. This item was presented and discussed at the Transportation and Parking Commission meeting on July 8, 2009. There was general 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

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING SPACES FOR DISABLED PERSONS

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 14.108. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.108. Parking places reserved for disabled persons.

(a) The following off-street locations shall be designated as parking reserved for disabled persons:

Forest Lot South, as posted (four stalls).

Municipal Lot B, as posted (nine stalls).

Municipal Lot H, as posted (nine stalls).

Municipal Lot I, as posted (three stalls).

The Village Municipal Complex, located at 801 Burlington Avenue, including Lots L and V, as posted (six stalls).

The Village Public Works Facility, located at 5101 Walnut, as posted (two stalls).

Municipal Lot G, as posted (three stalls).

(b) The following on-street locations shall be designated as parking reserved for disabled persons:

On the north side of Curtiss, from a point twenty-four feet east of Main Street, to a point ninety-three feet east of Main Street (two stalls).

On the north side of Curtiss, from a point one hundred ninety-six feet east of Forest Avenue, to a point two hundred thirty-five feet east of Forest Avenue (two stalls).

On the north side of Warren Avenue, from west of Highland Avenue to a point fifty feet west of the west line of Highland Avenue (one stall).

On the west side of Washington Street, from a point thirty feet north of the north line of Curtiss Street, to a point eighty feet north of the north line of Curtiss Street (two stalls).

On the north side of Warren Avenue, east of Forest Avenue (one stall)

On the north side of Rogers Street, east of Main Street (one stall)

On the west side of Forest Avenue, north of Warren Avenue (one stall)

On the west side of Main Street, south of Franklin Street (~~one stall~~ **two stalls**)

(c) No person shall park or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time in any designated access aisle adjacent to any parking place specifically reserved for persons with disabilities, designated by the posting of "disabled parking only" signs or in any area striped with pavement markings or otherwise designated for disabled persons accessibility.

(d) No person shall park or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time in any location in which parking places have been reserved for parking by disabled persons by the use of signs or pavement markings, unless such automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle is used immediately prior to parking or immediately after parking by or for transportation of a disabled person, as evidenced by display on such vehicle of one of the following:

(1) A disabled registration plate or disabled parking placard issued by the State of Illinois pursuant to its authority under Section 5/3-616 of Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes and displayed by hanging on the rearview mirror of the vehicle, or if no rearview mirror is available, by placement on the dashboard or visor.

(2) A disabled parking placard issued by a municipality pursuant to its authority under

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Section 5/11-1301.2 of Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes and displayed by hanging on the rearview mirror of the vehicle, or if no rearview mirror is available, by placement on the dashboard or visor.

(e) Any person who violates this section shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

(f) A Village of Downers Grove disabled parking placard can be obtained upon a showing by adequate documentation that the person for whose benefit the placard is to be issued has a Class 1A or 2A disability under the provisions of Section 4A of the Illinois Identification Card Act. (15 ILCS 335/4A) The cost for obtaining such a placard shall be \$2.00.

(g) It shall not be a defense to a charge under this section that either the sign posted pursuant to this section or the intended accessible parking place does not comply with the technical requirements of state law 625ILCS 5/11-301 or of this local ordinance if a reasonable person would be made aware by the sign or notice on or near the parking place that the place is reserved for a person with disabilities. (See similar State law at 625ILCS 5/11-1301.3(c)). (Ord. No. 2001, § 1; Ord. No. 2522, § 1; Ord. No. 2745, § 39; Ord. No. 2860, § 2.)

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

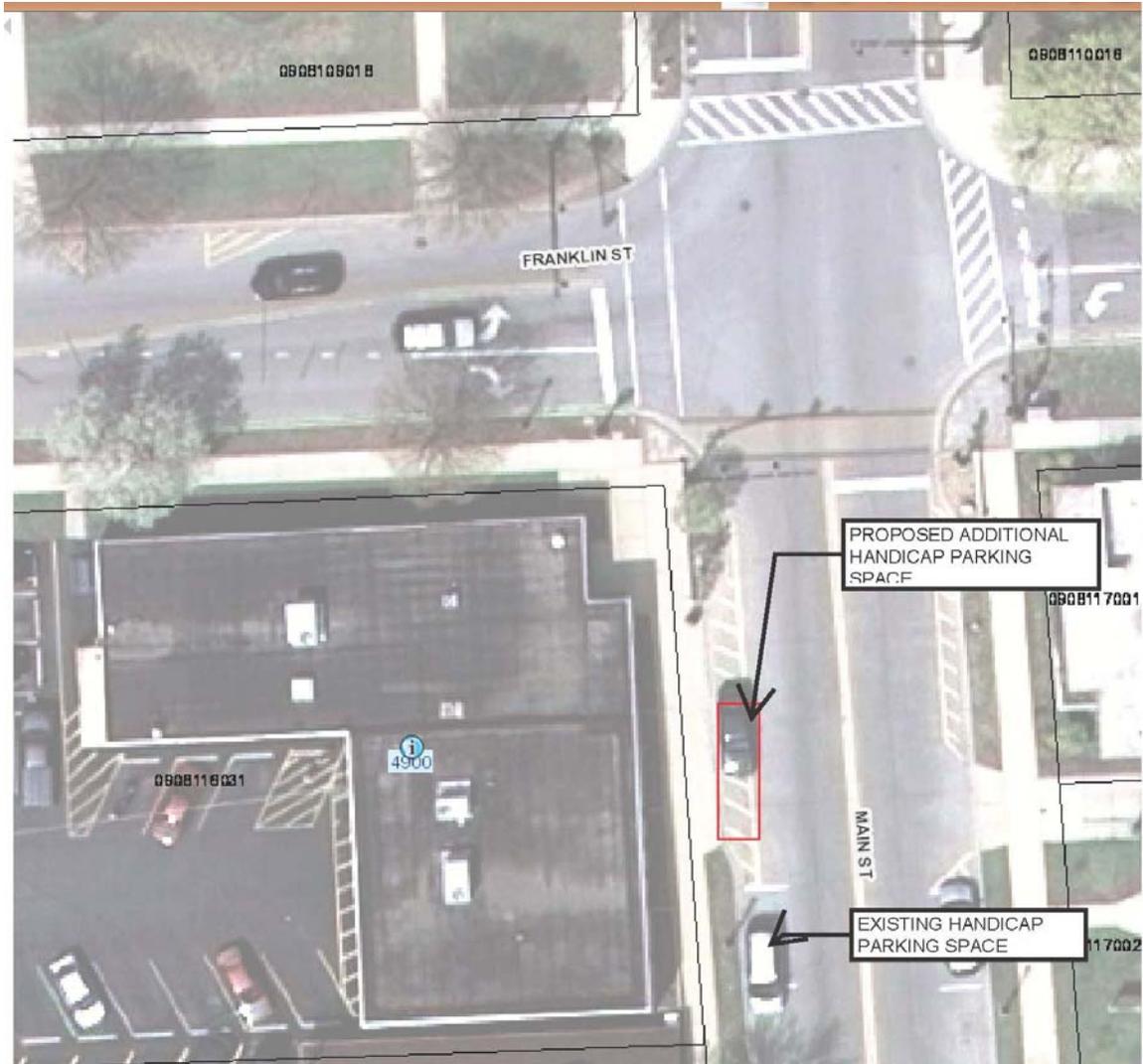
Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk



Proposed location of additional handicap parking space at the southwest corner of Main Street and Franklin Street

**TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
JULY 8, 2009**

MEETING MINUTES

2. File #10-09 Main Street at Franklin Avenue - Handicapped Parking Review – Co-Chairman Wendt summarized that this matter was brought up by staff. The issue is that there is one designated handicapped parking space and a medical facility exists nearby. However, due to a grade incline, the handicapped space is difficult to access. Staff recommends the striping of one additional handicapped parking space along Main Street within the widened pavement area, about 60 feet south of Franklin Street. Mr. Fera added that he did speak with Downtown Management Corporation's Manager Linda Kunze, who did speak to her board and said proper notification was made and there was no feedback from the businesses. Mr. Fera stated the additional curb cut made the proposed space more accessible and would be a positive addition to the area. The existing white striping would be removed. Dimensions of the proposed space were discussed.

Co-chairman Wendt opened up the matter to public comment. None followed.

MR. STUEBNER MADE A MOTION TO INSTALL ONE ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE WITH PROPER SIGNAGE AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON THE WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET WITHIN THE WIDENED PAVEMENT AREA, APPROXIMATELY 60 FEET SOUTH OF FRANKLIN STREET.

SECONDED BY MR. CRONIN. 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