

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2009 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Allow Possession of Telecommunication Devices on Public School Property	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Robert Porter Chief of Police

**SYNOPSIS**

An ordinance been prepared repealing the Village's existing prohibition regarding the possession of telecommunication devices on (public) school property.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2008-2013 identified *Exceptional Municipal Organization*. A supporting objective of this goal is *Village Government trusted and respected by residents*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the November 10, 2009 active agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

Downers Grove Village Ordinance 15.28.3, entitled "Possession of Telecommunication Devices on Public School Property Prohibited," was enacted on July 10, 1995. The purpose of this ordinance was to limit the use of telecommunication devices (cell phones, etc.) within school buildings by students. The ordinance is over fourteen years old and was implemented well before the proliferation of cellular telephones within the community. The use of such phones is now commonplace and has become a means for students to communicate with their family members and with public safety personnel in emergency situations. Staff believes this ordinance is no longer practical and no longer serves the interests of the community. Staff is recommending that the ordinance be repealed which would allow Downers Grove public schools to institute their own rules and regulations for student cell phone possession and use on school grounds.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Ordinance

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

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE PROHIBITED POSSESSION OF TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY**

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. Section 15.28.3. is hereby repealed in its entirety**

**15.28.3. Reserved.**

**Possession of Telecommunications Devices on Public School Property Prohibited.**

~~\_\_\_\_\_ No student enrolled in a public school shall use or have in his or her possession any telecommunications device while in any school building, or on any school property except designated parking areas, at any time unless the use or possession of the device by such student has been expressly authorized by the school principal or his or her designee. A "telecommunications device" for purposes of this section means a device which is capable of receiving or transmitting speech, data, signals or other information, including but not limited to paging devices, cellular and mobile telephones, and radio transceivers, transmitters and receivers, but not including radios designed to receive only standard AM and FM broadcasts. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prohibit the lawful possession or use of telecommunication devices on designated parking areas of the school property.~~

**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