

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MARCH 16, 2010 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Parking Modifications for Pierce Downer School on Grant Street	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Nan 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 Grant Street in the vicinity of Pierce Downer School.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2014 identified *Exceptional Services*. 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 March 9, 2010 meeting. Staff recommends approval on the March 16, 2010 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Village has made past operational changes in the vicinity of Pierce Downer School over the last several years in response to school and parent concerns. Parking revisions along with signage for a drop-off / pick-up zone have been installed to better direct parents and guardians during school activities. These modifications have generally improved motorist behavior. However, staff has continued to work with the school to improve this operation.

Staff was recently contacted by and has met with representatives from Pierce Downer School to better define the parking issues the school is currently experiencing. The north side of Grant Street is currently designated “No Parking 2:00 to 3:00 PM”. This restriction has created a situation where there are no designated places to park close to the school. There are very few off-street parking spaces and most of those are used by teachers and staff. The next closest parking locations are Oakwood Avenue, Grant Street, or Seeley Avenue. As a result, parents who need to park during this time are doing so in the restricted area and are receiving tickets.

School representatives approached Village staff to determine if there was a better way to operate the drop-off / pick-up zone and also provide parking. After reviewing the options and working with school personnel, staff is proposing on-street parking revisions to Grant Street. These revisions include:

- Designation of a 100-foot drop-off zone west of the school driveway;
- Removal of the “No Parking 2:00 to 3:00 PM” restriction on the north side of Grant Street
- Modification of the restrictions on the south side of Grant Street to be “No Parking Any Time” between Seeley Avenue and Oakwood Avenue, and
- Designation of the north side of Grant Street, between Oakwood Avenue and the east side of the school driveway as “No Parking Any Time”

These changes will provide designated parking places for parents and guardians, and also provide safe and effective two-way traffic on Grant Street for both motorists and for Village service and emergency vehicles. These items were presented at the February 10, 2010 Transportation and Parking Commission meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to approve staff's proposed parking modifications.

ATTACHMENTS

Meeting Minutes – TAP Commission meeting February 10, 2010

Exhibit

Ordinance

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Public Works **DATE:** March 16, 2010
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: Transportation and Parking Commission **FILE REF:** _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to Adopt “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON GRANT STREET NEAR PEIRCE DOWNER SCHOOL”, as presented.

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of the attached ordinance shall amend parking provisions on portions of Grant Street near Pierce Downer School.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS
ON GRANT STREET NEAR PIERCE DOWNER SCHOOL**

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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~~Grant Street, on the south side, from the west line of Oakwood Avenue to a point one hundred ten feet west of the west line of Oakwood Avenue~~from Seeley Avenue to Oakwood Avenue.

~~Grant Street, on the north side, between Seeley~~Oakwood Avenue and Middaugh Avenue.

Grant Street, on the north side, from the east edge of Pierce Downer's School driveway to Oakwood Avenue.

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~~Oakwood Avenue, on the west side, from the north line of Grant Street to a point one hundred five feet north of the north line of Grant Street; and from the south line of Grant Street to a point one hundred feet south of the south line of Grant Street~~the south edge of Pierce Downer School Driveway.

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Section 2. That Section 14.101.2. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.101.2. No Parking--Between 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M., except on weekends and holidays.

Except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, no person shall park or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M., local time, in any of the following locations:

~~Fairmount Avenue, on the east side from Parkview Drive to Sixty-Eighth Street.~~

~~Grant Street, on the south side between Seeley Avenue and a point one hundred ten feet west of the west line of Oakwood Avenue.~~

(Ord. No. 1983, § 3; Ord. No. 2313, § 1.)

Section 3. That Section 14.104.05. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.104.05. Same--Between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., on school days.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., local time, on school days, in the following location:

Grant Street, on the north side, from the west edge of Pierce Downer's School driveway, extending one hundred (100) feet west.

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Section 4. That Section 14.104.08. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.104.08. Same--Between 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., except on weekends and holidays.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., local time, on any day other than Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, in the following location:

Brookbank Road, on the west side, from 60th Place to a point four hundred seventy one (471) feet north of 63rd Street.

Chicago Avenue, on the south side, from Seeley Avenue to Middaugh Avenue.

~~Grant Street, on the south side, between Seeley Avenue and a point one hundred ten (110) feet west of the west line of Oakwood Avenue.~~

Highland Avenue, on the west side, from a point sixty-five (65) feet north of the north line of Grant Street to Sherman Street.

Indianapolis Avenue, on the north side, between Cumnor Road and a point fifty (50) feet west of Florence Avenue; aslo from a point one hundred fifty (150) feet west of Forence Avenue to Fairview Avenue.

Montgomery Avenue, on both sides, from Chicago Avenue to Prairie Avenue.

Oakwood Avenue, on the west side, between a point one hundred seventeen (117) feet south of Ogden Avenue and a point one hundred seventy-two (172) feet north of the north line of Grant Street; and on the west side between a point one hundred twenty (120) feet south of the south line of Grant Street and Chicago Street.

62nd Place, on both the south and north sides, between Carpenter Street and Brookbank Road.
(Ord. No. 3305. § 2.)

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.

Mayor

Passed:
Published:
Attest: _____
Village Clerk

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TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION FEBRUARY 10, 2010

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. File # 02-10 Pierce Downer School – Parking Revisions** – Traffic Manager **Mr. Fera**, explained the intent of the proposed changes. Staff has met with the Pierce Downer School principal, Police Department and PTA staff last December to address this issue again. On-street drop-offs and pick-ups on Grant Street have become a problem in the afternoon period. While the drop-off zone is designated, so is the No Parking 2-3 PM restriction on the north side of Grant Street. Due to the shortage of internal parking spaces at the school, parents have been ticketed while waiting on Grant Street to pick-up their kids in the afternoon. The School has asked to revise the north side of Grant Street to allow for PM on-street parking, while keeping the AM unchanged. No changes are proposed on Oakwood Avenue.

Mrs. Peters, Pierce Downer School PTA, stated that these changes are needed and would be an improvement in safety and parking for the school. She inquired about the west side of Oakwood Avenue, between Grant Street and the school's circular drive, wherein **Mr. Fera** replied that it would remain a No Parking and the signage would be revised accordingly.

Mrs. Klasing, Pierce Downer School PTA, inquired if the north side of Grant Street, between the school driveway and Oakwood Avenue would remain a No Parking zone. **Mr. Fera** responded that yes it would.

MR. SARICKS MADE A MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING PARKING CHANGES:

NORTH SIDE

- ON GRANT STREET, INSTALL “NO PARKING ANY TIME” DESIGNATION BETWEEN OAKWOOD AVENUE AND THE EAST EDGE OF THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY;**
- ON GRANT STREET, REVISE THE “NO PARKING 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM AND 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM” DESIGNATION TO BE “NO PARKING 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM” ONLY TO COINCIDE WITH THE “SCHOOL DROP-OFF/PICK-UP ZONE” FROM THE WEST EDGE OF THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY TO 100 FEET WEST;**

- ON GRANT STREET, REVISE THE “ NO PARKING 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM AND 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM” DESIGNATION, FROM 100 FEET WEST OF THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY TO SEELEY AVENUE, TO BE UNRESTRICTED.

SOUTH SIDE

- ON GRANT STREET, BETWEEN SEELEY AVE AND OAKWOOD AVENUE, REVISE THE “NO PARKING 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM AND 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM” DESIGNATION TO A “NO PARKING, STOPPING, OR STANDING ANY TIME” DESIGNATION.

SECONDED BY MR. SCHILLER. ROLL CALL:

AYE: MR. SCHILLER, MR. STUEBNER, MR. SARICKS, MR. CRONIN, MS. VAN ANNE, MS. JEFFRIES

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 6-0

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
 PIERCE DOWNERS SCHOOL
 PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES
 TAP COMMISSION FILE #02-10

EXHIBIT 1



P. M.B.
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