

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Traffic Modifications – No Turn On Red, Main Street at Maple Avenue	✓ 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 reducing No Turn On Red (NTOR) restrictions at the Main Street and Maple Avenue intersection.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2010-2014 identified *Quality Infrastructure and Facilities*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the September 14, 2010 Village Council meeting. Staff recommends approval on the September 21, 2010 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

The current “No Turn On Red” restrictions at the Maple Ave and Main St intersection was put in place to address concerns at the time about conflicts between pedestrians and right-turning vehicles. Because these restrictions contribute to vehicular back-ups, delay and cut-through traffic staff recently reevaluated the performance of this turn restriction to determine if it remains warranted.

Based on observations in the field staff determined that the intersection geometry does not cause unexpected conflicts or sight restrictions. The pedestrian activity at this intersection is also currently also not at a level that would warrant this restriction. Based on these findings staff recommends modifying the current “No Turn on Red” at any time restriction to “No Turn on Red When Pedestrians are Present”.

This item was presented at the July 14, 2010 Transportation and Parking Commission meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to approve staff’s proposed modifications.

ATTACHMENTS

Meeting Minutes – TAP Commission meeting July 14, 2010

Exhibit

Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TURNING RESTRICTIONS

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 14.8. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.8. "No turn on red" intersections.

(a) On the basis of traffic investigations at the below named intersections, it is found that traffic conditions do not safely allow turns on a red light and that the following intersections should be designated as "No turn on red" intersections:

- Fairview Avenue and Lincoln Street, north and south approaches only.*
- Main Street and Burlington Avenue.*
- Main Street and Curtiss Street.*
- Main Street and Grant Street.*
- Maple Avenue and Main Street.*
- 39th Street and Fairview Avenue, west approach only.*

(b) On the basis of traffic investigations at the below named intersections, it is found that traffic conditions do not safely allow turns on a red light and that vehicles facing a steady red signal shall be prohibited from turning right after stopping at all times when pedestrians are present in the vicinity of the following intersections:

- Belmont Road and Prairie Avenue, east approach only.*
- Fairview Avenue and Hill Street, south approach only.*
- Fairview Avenue and Prairie Avenue, north approach only.*
- Maple Avenue and Main Street.*

(Ord. No. 1765, § 4; Ord. No. 1881, § 1; Ord. No. 2063, § 3; Ord. No. 2687, § 2; Ord. No. 2843, § 3; Ord. No. 2975, §§ 3, 6.)

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