

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 10, 2011 AGENDA**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>TYPE:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
No Turn On Red Modifications at 39th Street and Highland Avenue	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Nan Newlon, P.E. Director of Public Works

**SYNOPSIS**

An ordinance has been prepared to amend the Municipal Code concerning No Turn on Red modifications at the intersection of 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Highland Avenue in the vicinity of Highland Grade School.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2011-2018 identified *Top Quality Infrastructure*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the May 17, 2011 active agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The intersection of 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Highland Avenue is located in proximity to Highland School. The intersection is staffed by a crossing guard and has a 'No Turn on Red When Children are Present' restriction. At the request of the crossing guard at this location, who noticed that motorists fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, the Police and Public Works Departments reviewed the operation of this intersection. Based on observations, staff agrees there is a need to make the turn restrictions more specific and enforceable during the times when school children are crossing.

Staff recommends new restrictions of "No Turn On Red 8-9 AM and 2-3 PM" for all legs of this intersection as well as the installation of the corresponding signs. Because Highland School is not visible from this intersection, this signage will remind motorists of the presence of pedestrians and the need to exercise more caution during the times of peak pedestrian use. With the proposed change in turn restrictions, staff also proposes concurrent Police enforcement for an initial period after the new signs are installed.

This item was presented at the March 9, 2011 Transportation and Parking Commission meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the modified restrictions.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Meeting Minutes – TAP Commission meeting March 9, 2011.

Exhibit

Ordinance

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

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TURNS AT 39TH & HIGHLAND**

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.*

(c) 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 "No Turn On Red" intersections, with the hourly restrictions of 8:00-9:00 AM and 2:00-3:00 PM:

*39th Street at Highland Avenue, all approaches.*

(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.

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Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk



**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION  
ORDINANCE REQUEST FORM**

1. Chapter and Section of the Municipal Code to be amended 14-8.
2. Amend text of ordinance requested (including measurements, complete street names (i.e. Avenue, Road, etc.), directions, etc.):

**Section 14.8. "No turn on red" intersections.**

**NEW SUB-SECTION**

(c) 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, with the hourly restrictions of 8:00-9:00 AM and 2:00-3:00 PM:

**ADD**

*39<sup>th</sup> St at Highland Ave intersection, all approaches.*

3. Current restrictions at this location. (For example, is there currently a stop sign that is to be changed to a yield sign?)
4. List of all current ordinances that will conflict with or be affected by the requested ordinance and the requested changes to these ordinances:

**Section 14-8. No Turn On Red Intersections**

*Please attach this form to the Council Action Summary Sheet.*

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION  
HIGHLAND AVE. @ 39th STREET  
NO TURN ON RED REVISIONS  
TAP FILE #01-11

EXHIBIT 1



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02/16/11

