

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2012 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Proposed 4-Hour Parking on Elm Street – Prairie Avenue to Chicago 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 4-Hour parking restrictions on both sides of Elm Street, between Prairie Avenue and Chicago Avenue.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

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

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the September 4, 2012 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

This section of Elm Street between Prairie Avenue and Chicago Avenue currently has no parking restrictions in place and it is being regularly used by rail commuters. Residents of this block, through a neighborhood petition, requested the Village impose on-street parking restrictions to be consistent with area adjacent streets, which generally have a “No Parking 8 AM to 11 AM” or “4-Hour” parking restrictions. The restrictions on the adjacent streets are shown in **Exhibit 1**.

Staff has observed this section of Elm Street during several field visits and found that the current unrestricted parking is inconsistent with adjacent streets. As a result, commuters have identified this area as free parking for unlimited use. Staff agrees that some modification is needed to bring this section of Elm Street in conformity with the adjacent streets.

Staff recommends the imposition of a “4-Hour Parking” restriction along both sides of Elm Street, between Prairie Avenue and Chicago Avenue.

This item was presented at the July 11, 2012 Transportation and Parking Commission meeting and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the parking restriction.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance

Exhibit

Meeting Minutes – TAP Commission meeting July 11, 2012.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING 4 HOUR
PARKING PROVISIONS ON ELM STREET FROM PRAIRIE TO CHICAGO**

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 14.107. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.107. Four-hour parking--Between 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., except on weekends and holidays.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or let stand any vehicle in a parking space in any of the locations in paragraph (a) of this Section in such manner that the front of such vehicle is directed away from the curbing or not in accordance with the posted signage; provided, that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any parking space unless there shall be posted in conspicuous places in the vicinity of such parking space appropriate signs stating the restriction imposed by this subsection.

(a) Except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, it shall be unlawful for any person to park, stop or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle for more than four consecutive hours at any time between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. local time, in any of the following locations:

- Austin Avenue*, on the north side, from Douglas Avenue to Fairview Avenue.
- Belden Avenue*, on the east side from Curtiss Street to Maple Avenue.
- Benton Avenue*, on both sides, from Randall Street to Maple Avenue.
- Birch Avenue*, on the south side, from Elm Street to Washington Street.
- Bryan Place*, on the west side from a point one hundred ten feet north of the north line of Rogers Street to Prairie Avenue.
- Burlington Avenue*, on the south side, from Wilcox Avenue to Florence Avenue.
- Carpenter Street*, on the east side, from Maple Avenue to Grove Street and from Gilbert Avenue to a point two hundred feet south of the south line of Gilbert Avenue.
- Carpenter Street*, on the west side, from Maple Avenue to Summit Street.
- Chase Avenue*, on the east side, from Haddow Avenue to Burlington Avenue.
- Cumnor Road*, on the west side, from Burlington Avenue to Maple Avenue.
- Cumnor Road*, on both sides, from 2nd Street to 6th Street.
- Curtiss Street*, on the south side, from Belden Avenue to a point one hundred thirty feet west of Mackie Place.
- East Parkway*, on both sides, from Linscott Avenue to Franklin Street.
- Edward Avenue*, on the east side, from Haddow Avenue to Warren Avenue.
- Elm Street*, on the east side, from Rogers Street to Franklin Street and, on the west side, from Warren Avenue to Franklin Street.
- Elm Street*, on both sides, from Franklin Street to Prairie Avenue.
- Elm Street*, on both sides, from Prairie Avenue to Chicago Avenue.
- Elmwood Avenue*, on both sides, from Maple Avenue to Blodgett Avenue.
- Fairmount Avenue*, on both sides, from Summit Street to Maple Avenue.
- Farley Place*, on both sides, from Lyman Avenue to Park Avenue.

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Florence Avenue, on both sides from 2nd Street to 6th Street.

Florence Avenue, on the east side, from Burlington Avenue to Maple Avenue.

Franklin Street, on the north side, from Douglas Avenue to Fairview Avenue.

Franklin Street, on the south side, from the west line of Forest Avenue to a point one hundred and four feet west of the west line of Forest Avenue.

Franklin Street, on the south side, from a point one hundred thirty-five feet west of Forest Avenue to a point one hundred fifty feet east of the east line of Saratoga Avenue.

Franklin Street, on the south side, from the east line of Saratoga Avenue to a point ninety feet east of the east line of Saratoga Avenue.

Franklin Street, on the south side, from a point one hundred twenty feet east of the east line of Saratoga Avenue to Linscott Avenue.

Franklin Street, on both sides, from Washington Street to Stanley Avenue.

Franklin Street, on the south side, from Washington Street to Highland Avenue.

Grand Avenue, on both sides, from Hill Street to Burlington Avenue.

Grove Street, on the north side, from Carpenter Street to the northwest corner of the alley adjacent to Fishel Park.

Haddow Avenue, on the north side, from Belmont Road to the east entrance of the Puffer School circular drive.

Haddow Avenue, on the south side, from Francisco Street to Belmont Road.

Highland Avenue, on the west side, from the north line of Rogers Street (as extended from the east) to Prairie Avenue.

Hill Street, on the north side, from Blodgett Avenue to Fairview Avenue, excepting therefrom that portion designated by the Downers Grove Municipal Code as a school bus loading zone.

Hitchcock Avenue, on the south side, from Belmont Road to Glenview Avenue.

Lane Place, on the west side, from Maple Avenue to Summit Street.

Linscott Avenue, on the west side, from Warren Avenue to Franklin Street

Linscott Avenue, on the west side, from East Parkway to Franklin Street

Lyman Avenue, on the west side, from Maple Avenue to 55th Street.

Mackie Place, on the east side, from Curtiss Street to Maple Avenue.

Maple Avenue, on the north side, from the west line of Lyman Avenue extended to Elmwood Avenue (as extended from the south).

Maple Avenue, on the north side, from Carpenter Street to a point one hundred seventy-four feet west of the west line of Main Street.

Maple Avenue, on the north side, from Carpenter Street to Brookbank Road.

Maplewood Place, on both sides.

Middaugh Avenue, on the west side, from Warren Avenue to Franklin Street.

Oakwood Avenue, on the west side from Warren Avenue to Franklin Street.

Park Avenue, on both sides, from Farley Place to Summit Street, and on the west side from Summit Street to Randall Street.

Pershing Road, on the east side, from Prairie Avenue to Warren Avenue.

Prairie Avenue, on the south side from a point six hundred fifty (650) feet east of Belmont Road to a point one hundred fifty (150) feet west of Montgomery Avenue.

Prince Street, on the east side, from Franklin Street to Prairie Avenue.

Prospect Avenue, on both sides, from Rogers Street to Prairie Avenue.

Puffer Road, on the east side, from Haddow Avenue to Burlington Avenue.

Randall Street, on the south side, from Webster Street to Lyman Avenue.

Randall Street, on the south side from Lyman Avenue to Fairmount Avenue, and on both sides, from Fairmount Avenue to Benton Avenue.

Rogers Street, on the south side, from Prospect Avenue to Washington Street.

Ross Court, on both sides, commencing at Carpenter Street and extending along the entire

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length of Ross Court.

Saratoga Avenue, on the west side, from Warren Avenue to Franklin Street.

Summit Street, on both sides, from Main Street to Washington Street and from Lyman Avenue to Park Avenue.

Summit Street, on the south side, from Main Street to Carpenter Street.

Victor Street on both sides, from 2nd Street to 6th Street.

Warren Avenue, on the south side, from one hundred feet east of Linscott Avenue to the east right-of-way line of Middaugh Avenue.

Warren Avenue, on the south side, from a point one hundred sixty-five feet west of Middaugh Avenue to Oakwood Avenue.

Warren Avenue, on the south side, from the west line of Saratoga Street to a point four hundred twenty-five feet west of the west line of Saratoga Street.

Washington Street, on both sides, from 55th Street to Randall Street.

Washington Street, on the east side, from the north line of Rogers Street to a point one hundred thirty-six feet south of Prairie Avenue.

Washington Street, on the west side, from Maple Avenue to Randall Street.

Webster Street, on the east side, from Summit Street to Randall Street.

Webster Street, on both sides, from Summit Street to 55th Street.

Wilson Street, on the north side, from a point fifty-one feet east of Douglas Avenue to Fairview Avenue.

Woodward Avenue, on both sides, from Warren Avenue to Prairie Avenue.

2nd Street, on the south side, from a point fifty feet east of the east line of Fairview Avenue to a point three hundred sixty-six feet east of the east line of Fairview Avenue.

2nd Street, on the south side, from a point four hundred sixty-six feet east of the east line of Fairview Avenue to Williams Street.

3rd Street, on both sides, from Fairview Avenue to Cumnor Road.

4th Street, on the south side, from Fairview Avenue to Cumnor Road and, on the north side, from Florence Avenue to Cumnor Road.

4th Street, on both sides, from Cumnor Road to Williams Street.

5th Street, on the south side, from Fairview Avenue to Cumnor Road and, on the north side, from Florence Avenue to Cumnor Road.

6th Street, on both sides, from Fairview Avenue to Cumnor Road.

(Ord. No. 1543, § 3; Ord. No. 1546, § 3; Ord. No. 1757, §§ 5, 6; Ord. No. 1759, § 4; Ord. No. 1795, § 13; Ord. No. 1780, § 7; Ord. No. 1799, § 12; Ord. No. 1803, § 7; Ord. No. 1809, § 11; Ord. No. 1813, § 4; Ord. No. 1814, § 5; Ord. No. 1819, § 6; Ord. No. 1825, § 3; Ord. No. 1857, § 4; Ord. No. 1869, § 3; Ord. No. 1884, § 3; Ord. No. 1902, § 3; Ord. No. 1912, § 5; Ord. No. 1941, § 4; Ord. No. 1944, § 4; Ord. No. 1962, § 4; Ord. No. 2027, § 1; Ord. No. 2133, § 1; Ord. No. 2185, § 3; Ord. No. 2745, §§ 1, 38; Ord. No. 2968, § 3; Ord. No. 3027, § 5; Ord. No. 3055, § 4; Ord. No. 3146, § 22; Ord. No. 3314, § 3.)

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.

Elm Street 4 hr.

Mayor

Passed:

Published:

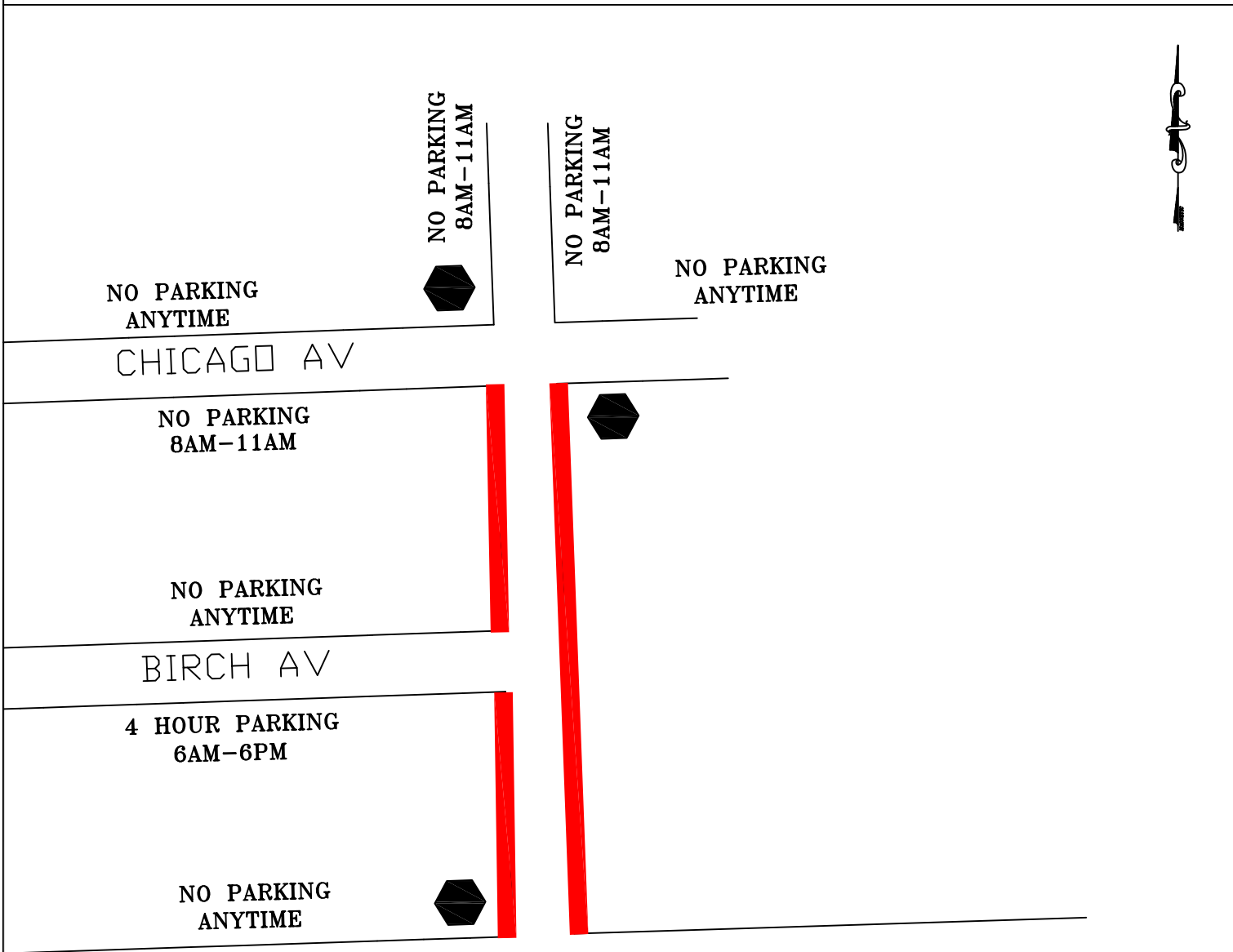
Attest: _____
Village Clerk



TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
 ELM STREET, PRAIRIE AVE. TO CHICAGO AVE.
 PROPOSED 4 HOUR PARKING
 TAP COMMISSION FILE #13-12

EXHIBIT 1



r.w.b.
06/13/12



-  = STOP SIGNS
-  = PROPOSED "4 HOUR PARKING"

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JULY, 11, 2012

2. File # 13-12 Elm Street - Prairie to Chicago - Proposed Parking Changes. **Mr. Fera** explained that this matter was brought to staff's attention by a neighborhood petition. The issue was that this particular section of Elm St. was not restricted and there were a number of commuters possibly parking, which was causing an unbalance to the residents. Staff reviewed the neighborhood's parking pattern restrictions in place and found the restriction was No Parking from 8AM to 11AM, which was staff's recommendation. However, **Mr. Fera** wanted to hear from the residents.

A resident asked if there was consideration for a four-hour parking sign, since she had visitors at her home and because visitors usually arrived between 8AM and 1PM. **Mr. Fera** stated that 4-Hour parking could be considered but that enforcement could become an issue.

Ms. Nancy Cuzman, 4705 Elm Street, stated the issues was not commuters only but believed it was students at North High School.

Mr. Saricks believed now it raised the question of whether the four-hour restriction was appropriate if it was involving students at the high school, citing the restrictions for Kingsley School, wherein **Mr. Fera** explained that the objectives around the grade schools differed from the high school.

Ms. Josephine Carlberg, 4726 Elm Street, stated on her block it was a commuter who approached her and said there was no restriction, thereby allowing her to park. **Ms. Carlberg** stated she has a single lane driveway and visitors are not able to park in front of her house. Upon researching the 8AM to 11AM restriction on the Internet, **Ms. Carlberg** found that the restriction appeared to be north of Chicago to Ogden on Elm. However, south of Prairie to Rogers had the four-hour restriction, as well as Birch, from Washington to Elm. She preferred the four-hour parking restriction since she had a babysitter. Asked if these parking restrictions applied to the homeowners, the commissioners voiced they did.

Ms. Judy Kapicak, 4724 Elm, supported her neighbors and did not favor one restriction over the other but stated that whatever was decided, because she was on the corner of Elm and Birch, she did not want the decision to impact more parking on Birch, which was already very busy.

Mr. Schiller pointed out that Birch had certain restrictions and that **Ms. Kapicak** should not be getting overflow parking, wherein **Ms. Kapicak** stated the sign was by Washington and not near Elm. However, when made known that there was another restriction sign, she stated she was not aware of it. However, she did state she had concerns about her caregiver visiting her home for her mother.

Mr. John Plummer, 4731 Elm Street supported Mr. Fisher's petition and stated that the commuters who park there create an issue for him in the winter. Because his driveway

apron is very steep, the car that parks across the street from him has a very good chance to getting hit. Driving into his driveway, he also needs more space to get up his driveway.

Mr. Jeff Fisher, 4730 Elm Street, petitioner, stated the restrictions made no difference to him and that either way, one to four commuters used the street.

Asked what the police department preferred, **Parking Supv. Tim Sembach**, had no restriction preference, as it only concerned one block. But, he did note that 4-Hour zones existed in the area. **Mr. Fera** pointed out that the 4-Hour restriction began at 6AM and that after 10AM any parked vehicle would receive a ticket whereas, the 8AM to 11AM restriction provided a different set of circumstances. **Mr. Schiller** stated the 4-Hour restriction would remove the students and commuters but it would not limit the access for the residents and those conducting business in the neighborhood.

Since opportunity already existed for workers to extend the parking restriction because of construction work, etc., **Ms. Van Anne** asked if the same would hold true for a resident who parks on the street. Wherein **Supv. Sembach** responded that it would not, and the restriction would apply to everyone, as mentioned earlier.

Mr. Wrobel suggested for the resident who has a regular caregiver to notify the police department of same. Per **Supv. Sembach**, special permits were allowed for construction work, driveway seal coating, movers, etc. but no permanent permits existed. **Mr. Fera** suggested that residents contact the Public Works department if special work needed to be done in front of their house.

Ms. Judy Kapicak, 4724 Elm, inquired about the tag that hangs from a vehicle's mirror and were in vehicles found parked on Birch. She believed everyone should receive one of those tags and asked where they could be obtained. Commissioners were not familiar with such tags

There being no further comments, **Chairman Pro tem Schiller** closed public comment and entertained a motion.

Residents were asked by **Chairman Pro tem Schiller** whether there were any objections to approving the four-hour restriction which could be changed in the future. No comments were received.

MR. SCHILLER MADE A MOTION THAT THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION APPROVE THE FOUR-HOUR PARKING RESTRICTION (FROM 6AM TO 6PM, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS) BE INSTALLED ON BOTH SIDES OF ELM STREET BETWEEN PRAIRIE AVENUE AND CHICAGO AVENUE.

MS. VLCEK SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL:

**AYE: MR. WROBEL, MS. VLCEK, MR. SCHILLER, MR. SARICKS, MR. CRONIN,
MS. VAN ANNE**

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 6-0