

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Proposed “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the East Side of Saratoga Avenue north of Palmer Street	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Nan Newlon, P.E. Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend a section of the Municipal Code concerning the installation of No Parking Any Time restriction, along the east side of Saratoga Avenue north of Palmer Street.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

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

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the October 1, 2013 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

This item proposing a No Parking Any Time restriction is in response to a neighborhood concern that after-school field activities at Kingsley School field are damaging the parkway and blocking the private driveway along the east side of Saratoga Avenue, north of Palmer Street, during most days.

Saratoga Avenue is a narrow, dead-end street section north of Palmer Street. Kingsley Grade School is located north of Palmer Street and west of Saratoga Avenue adjacent to this parking area of concern. There are two residences with driveways fronting this section of Saratoga Avenue. The west side of Saratoga Avenue is a curbed section, while the east side is a gravel shoulder section. The current parking restriction along both sides of Saratoga Avenue is “No Parking 7AM to 4PM”.

After school hours when ballfields are in use, vehicles park on Saratoga Avenue, especially along the east side, where a new home was recently constructed. Staff observed the location and agrees that the after school activities at Kingsley field have created an unsafe parking condition along Saratoga Avenue. The current restrictions “No Parking 7AM to 4PM” are effective for daytime regulation but not sufficient for after 4 PM.

Staff recommended to the Transportation and Parking Commission that the situation be remedied by the addition of “No Parking Any Time” restriction along the east side of Saratoga Avenue, north of Palmer Street. This item was presented to the Transportation and Parking Commission on August 14, 2013. The Commission voted with a 4-2 decision to approve this action as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2013 Transportation and Parking Commission
 Exhibit
 Ordinance

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION MEETING INUTES

August 14, 2013

File # 13-13 – Saratoga Ave. at Palmer St. - Parking Restrictions

A short section of Saratoga Ave. is causing difficulty for a resident who resides on the east side of Saratoga and south of Palmer St. Due to the nearby park, cars were parking and blocking the resident's driveway. Current parking restrictions were 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM but baseball games were starting at 5:00 PM. The east side of Saratoga did not have curbs and vehicles were parking on the parkway. Until curbs are installed, **Mr. Fera** felt appropriate signage was necessary to direct vehicles where they could park. He stated he emailed the residents of that area to tell them of his proposal, which was to install signage that states "No Parking Any Time."

Delineation of the village's property was pointed out by Mr. Fera, per a question, as well as other affected driveways. **Mr. Saricks** suggested that the No Parking at Any Time restriction be placed on both sides of Saratoga and run all the way north of Palmer Street since that restriction already existed on Saratoga south of Palmer Street. Other commissioners agreed. However, **Chairman Stuebner** felt it was important to hear from the residents first and table the matter for next month before installing the No Parking Anytime restriction. Also he stated the residents did not bother to show up to support the change and so he would not support the restriction. **Mr. Saricks** stated he did not want to relocate the parked vehicles, during game times, to another location.

Dialog followed on what the existing residents were experiencing when vehicles parked during the games. **Chairman Stuebner** invited the public to speak. No comments. A motion was entertained.

MR. WROBEL MADE A MOTION THAT THE TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION FORWARD A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL THAT THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTION BE IMPLEMENTED: DESIGNATE A "NO PARKING ANY TIME" RESTRICTION ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF SARATOGA, NORTH OF PALMER STREET.

SECONDED BY MR. CRONIN. ROLL CALL:

AYE: MR. WROBEL, MS. VLCEK, MR. SCHILLER, MR. CRONIN

NAY: CHAIRMAN STUEBNER, MR. SARICKS

MOTION CARRIED: VOTE: 4-2

Chairman Stuebner stated he voted Nay because there were questions by the commission and residents did not show up to answer them. **Mr. Saricks** stated he voted Nay because he does not like relocating a problem to another area.

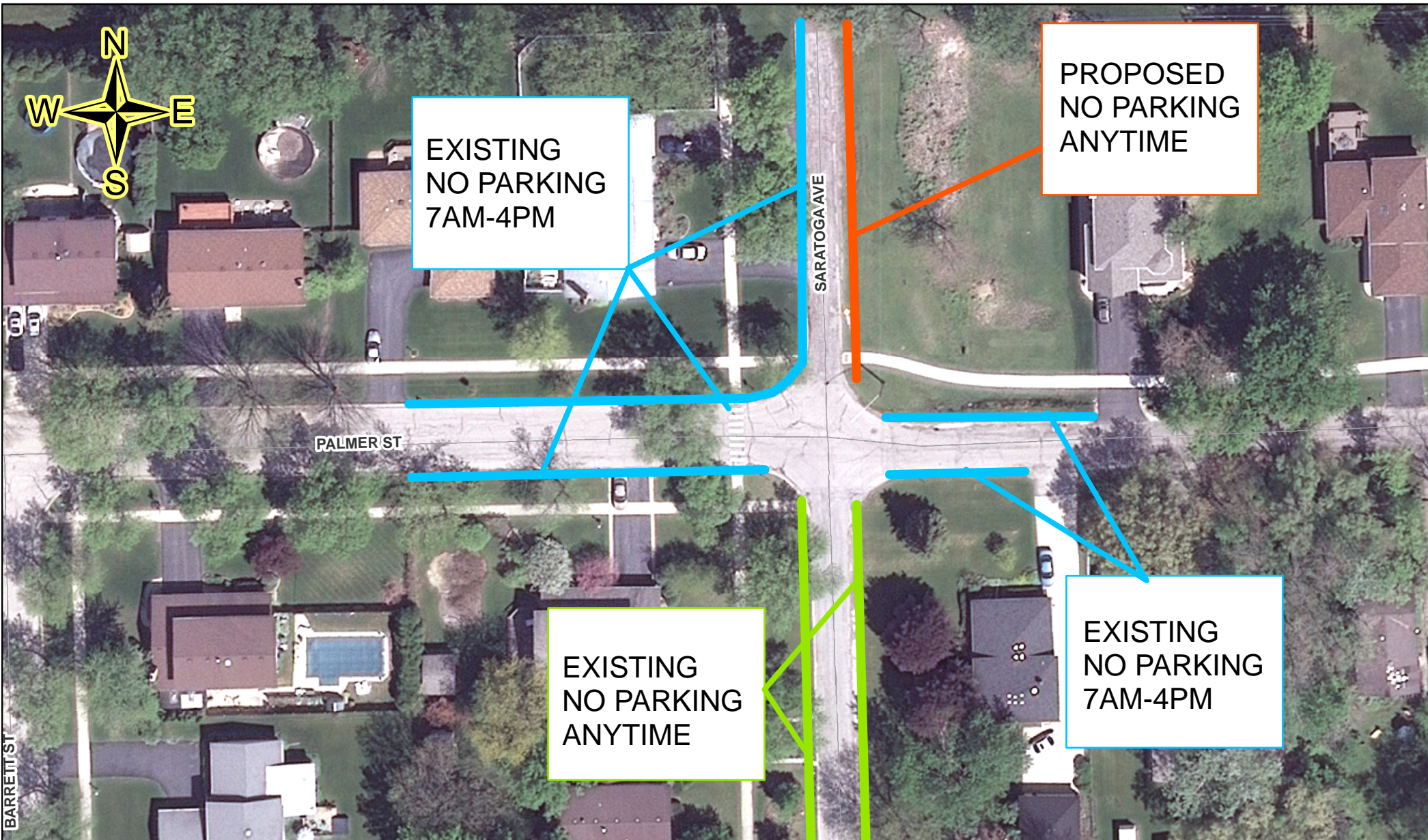
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SARATOGA AV. at PALMER ST.

Proposed Parking Restrictions

TAP COMMISION

EXHIBIT 1



Saratoga NP

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PARKING
ON SARATOGA AVENUE**

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:

* * *

Saratoga Avenue, on the east side, from Palmer Street to the north end.

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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