

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 12, 2014 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Proposed Parking Restrictions East side of Elm Street, Prairie Avenue to Franklin Street South side of Franklin Street, Washington Street to Prospect Avenue (TaP File #07-14)	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 “No Parking Any Time, April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>” along the east side of Elm Street between Prairie Avenue and Franklin Street, and on the south side of Franklin Street between Washington Street and Prospect Avenue.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The strategic plan goals for 2011-2018 include *Top Quality Infrastructure*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the August 19, 2014 active agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

This item is being presented in response to requests from residents to address congestion created by parking around the ball field at the southeast corner of Washington Park. When the park is in use, there is consistent parking along both sides of Franklin and Elm Streets, adjacent to the park. When vehicles are parking and maneuvering in this area these two streets become very congested, two-way travel is greatly constricted, visibility is reduced, and vehicular movement in both directions is difficult for motorists to navigate. In addition, users of the ball field who park on the far side of the streets are crossing the street between parked cars.

The subject streets are designated “4 hour parking”. At the intersection of Elm and Franklin Streets, Franklin Street traffic stops for Elm Street. The entire section of Franklin Street and Elm Street, adjacent to the park is a designated Park Zone. When children are present, the effective speed limit is 20 mph. There are signs at appropriate locations.

Staff has observed parking activity here on several occasions. The basic condition causing parking congestion is the availability of parking on both sides. If parking were eliminated on one side, both vehicle passage and pedestrian activity would be enhanced.

Based on the current pattern of parking there is not sufficient roadway capacity to maintain parking along both sides of the road, due to the width of both streets. To address this issue, staff recommends to permit parking along the north side of Franklin Street and the west side of Elm Street, and convert the opposite sides into a No Parking Any Time designation. See attached **Exhibit 1**. A letter was sent to each resident along both sides of these streets and all the residents who have responded to staff support the recommendation.

This item was presented to the Transportation and Parking Commission on July 9, 2014. The Commission voted 4-1 to approve this action between the dates of April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. If approved staff will continue to evaluate the on-street parking in this area.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Ordinance

Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2014 Transportation and Parking Commission

Exhibit

Franklin & Elm Parking

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS  
ON FRANKLIN AND ELM**

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 14.98.3. is hereby added to read as follows:**

**14.98.3. No Parking Anytime - April 1 to November 1.**

No person shall park or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time between April 1 and November 1 in the following locations:

Franklin Street, on the south side, from the east line of Washington Street to the west line of Prospect Avenue.

Elm Street, on the east side, from the south line of Prairie Avenue to the north line of Franklin Street.

**Section 2. 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.

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*Elm Street*, on both sides ~~the west side~~, 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.

*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 ~~the north side~~, from Washington Street to Stanley Avenue.

*Franklin Street*, on the south side, from Prospect Avenue 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.

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*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 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 3.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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**Section 4.** 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 14.98.
2. Amend text of ordinance requested (including measurements, complete street names (i.e. Avenue, Road, etc.), directions, etc.):

**ADD**

**Section 14.98.3 No Parking – April 1 to November 1**

No person shall park or let stand any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time between April 1 and November 1 in the following locations:

*Franklin Street*, on the south side, from the east line of Washington Street to the west line of Prospect Avenue.

*Elm Street*, on the east side, from the south line of Prairie Avenue to the north line of Franklin Street. (Ord. No. XXXX, § X; Ord. No. XXXX § X.)

3. Current restrictions at this location. (For example, is there currently a stop sign that is to be changed to a yield sign?)

There is currently a four hour parking restriction on these streets.

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 14.104.06 (I'm not sure the Ordinance?)

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

## TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION

### Excerpted Minutes

July 9, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - Village Hall  
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove

Chairman Stuebner called to order the July 9, 2014 meeting of the Transportation and Parking Commission at 7:00 p.m. and led the commissioners in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call followed and a quorum was established.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairman Stuebner, Commissioners Cronin, Sarricks, Schiller, Vlcek, Golomb

Absent: Commissioner Wrobel

Staff Present: Ms. Nan Newlon, Director of Public Works

Others Present: Paul Nowicki from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad; Nancy Deaton, 819 Franklin St., Downers Grove; Amber Quirk, 815 Franklin St. Downers Grove

#### **File # 07-14 – Franklin Street, Washington St., to Prospect Avenue and Elm Street, Prairie Avenue to Franklin Street - Parking Revisions**

- Dir. Newlon briefly reviewed the history of this request, noting it came from the residents that live on Franklin and Elm Streets around the Washington Park area. Currently, parking is allowed on both sides of the street but residents were asking that parking be prohibited on the south side of Franklin Street from Washington to Prospect and on the east side of Elm from Franklin to Prairie Streets to alleviate congestion and allow emergency vehicles through the area. Those same changes are in staff's proposal. Since that time, Newlon said she received numerous emails in support of the proposal; however, two residents suggested to designate a No Parking restriction from May 1 to November 1 to allow parking on both sides of the street when the ball field was not in use. To date, she has not received any comments against the proposal. Per Vlcek's question about a nearby designated parking lot, Dir. Newlon stated there was one but it was probably a convenience factor and people chose to park on the street. Dir. Newlon felt that once the restrictions were placed, the parking would disperse further down the streets or people would use the parking lot.

Per a question about complaints, Dir. Newlon explained that residents had previously complained about vehicles parking close to the residents' driveways, blocking driveways, parking side to side and making visibility difficult on 24 ft. wide street.

Chairman Stuebner opened up the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Nancy Deaton, 819 Franklin Street, stated that ever since the park was redesigned a few years back, the issue was more problematic. Cars parked bumper to bumper, close to or in the driveways almost every weekend and every night. Safety was issue and she hoped the commission would support the request. Ms. Deaton stated she had heard some concerns from residents on south Elm Street about vehicles parking on both sides on the south end. She believed the south end of Elm Street should have a parking restriction on one side of the street.



Asked if there would be issues when Ms. Deaton has visitors to her home, Ms. Deaton stated she would rather have that inconvenience versus having baseball vehicles parking every day on both sides. She supported restricting the parking during the month's mentioned above.

Ms. Amber Quirk, 815 Franklin Street, voiced concern about passing the restriction so soon and had hoped the park district would have been at the meeting. She asked if the park district had done any parking evaluation when it completed its redesign, wherein Dir. Newlon did not recall a formal evaluation being done. Ms. Quirk indicated that the designated parking lot had 49 spaces which was not enough parking to accommodate the soccer or softball fields. She voiced concern about safety that the parking would be pushed down to the south end of Elm Street. She was not comfortable having the request approved without a parking study done. She proposed some options, one of which included extending eastside parking on Elm down to Rogers Street so the same problem would not be duplicated.

Dir. Newlon suggested implementing the restriction but evaluating it over the next couple of months and returning to the commission.

Because the residents on Elm between Franklin and Rogers Streets did not receive notification of this petition, Chairman Stuebner voiced concern about that and preferred that a notification to those residents be sent by staff. Dir. Newlon also mentioned that a temporary parking restriction could be installed, with a manager's approval, and the parking be monitored on Franklin and Elm.

Mr. Schiller questioned whether angle parking could be considered and discussed with the park district. Mr. Cronin commented on the pros and cons that come with a park and believed the problem would be pushed somewhere else. He found it difficult to support the request.

Bill Murray, 831 Franklin Street, supported the restriction being proposed and discussed the overall congestion during the summer months.

Ms. Nancy Deaton, 819 Franklin Street, responding to Ms. Vlcek's questions about park hours, stated that games start during the summer at 8:00 a.m. and go until 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. As to the earlier comment about the pros and cons about living near a park, she expected that activities would take place but also that parking would exist and that was before the park was redesigned. Ms. Deaton stated the intensity was greater now, teams were coming in from other areas, and may or may not have much concern for the neighborhood feeling that the residents had. Very little enforcement was taking place. She responded to a question that direct access from the parking lot to the baseball diamond was made using a narrow sidewalk.

Discussion then followed from the chairman on how the park district should have figured out a way to access the ball field from the parking lot, in general. Mr. Cronin believed the park district should be involved, the village should monitor the parking lot usage during game days, and then speak to the park district about limiting the usage of the ball field. However, the chairman preferred to address the immediate issue at hand and then return to the park district, the village, and the residents with a better solution. A hearty discussion ensued.

Ms. Amber Quirk, 815 Franklin, stated that just before she attended this meeting, she counted from her doorway 27 vehicles on Franklin and Washington and only two cars in the parking lot.

General dialog followed that the parking lot is rarely filled and unless parking restrictions are put in place, the lot will not be used.

**MR. SCHILLER MADE A MOTION THAT THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION APPROVE THE PROPOSED RESTRICTION WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE PROPOSAL, AS STATED, INCLUDE THE MONTHS OF APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. SECONDED BY MS. VLCEK.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYE: MR. SARRICKS, MR. STUEBNER, MR. SCHILLER, MS. VLCEK**

**NAY: MR. CRONIN**

**MOTION CARRIED: VOTE: 4-1**

Mr. Cronin stated he voted Nay because he did not think the problem was being addressed but rather, was being moved. Also, not enough information was provided and no communication was occurring between the village and the park district on this matter. (Mr. Golomb arrives.)

Commissioners welcomed new student Commissioner, John Golomb, from Montini High School.



# Franklin St. - Elm St.

## Proposed No Parking Anytime

