

ITEM ORD 2015-6205

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting
5/19/2015

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Proposed Revisions to Parking Restrictions on Douglas Road, Grant Street and in the vicinity of McCollum Park	Nan Newlon Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend a section of the Municipal Code concerning:

- Parking restrictions on Douglas Road north of Ogden Avenue
- Revision of the parking restrictions along the south side of Grant Street between Middaugh Avenue and Linscott Avenue, and,
- Revision to the “April 1 to November 1 Parking” restrictions near McCollum Park.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2011-2018 include *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the June 2, 2015 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this item is to address the excessive parking of commercial vehicle on the short segment of Douglas Road along Ogden, serving Skuttlebutt’s Restaurant and Autozone. This parking issue leads to unsafe driving conditions for vehicles and prohibit effective circulation of snow plows, Village trucks and general maintenance along Douglas Road.

Staff recommends a “No Parking Any Time” restriction, a distance of 100 feet on the west side of the Douglas Road and 65 feet on the north end of the road, just off of Ogden Avenue. The proposed restrictions will improve parking and vehicular movements at this location. See **Exhibit 1**.

This item was presented to the Transportation and Parking Commission on September 10, 2014. The Commission voted 4-1 to approve this action.

Grant Street

The purpose of this item is to address resident and staff concerns regarding congestion on Grant Street, between Middaugh Avenue and Linscott Avenue, adjacent to Herrick Middle School. When vehicles are parking and maneuvering, this section of Grant Street becomes congested; two-way travel becomes constrained and visibility is reduced. Staff recommends extending the No Parking to 4 p.m. where the restriction is currently No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The intersection of Grant Street and Middaugh Avenue currently has 4-way stop control and this entire section of Grant Street is a designated School Zone with 20 mph speeds enforced during school days.

This item was presented during the TAP Commission meeting on October 8, 2014. The Commission voted 5-0 to replace “No Parking 7:00 am to 1:00 pm” with “No Parking 7:00 am to 4:00 pm” along the south side of Grant Street Avenue between Middaugh Avenue and Linscott Avenue, and maintain all other parking, as shown on **Exhibit 2**.

McCullum Park

This item was presented to the Transportation and Parking (TAP) Commission on April 8, 2015, to address resident concerns regarding the seasonal (April 1 to November 1) on-street parking restrictions around McCollum Park. Residents expressed concerns about standing vehicles, blocked driveways, Sunday morning congestion, and general soccer season traffic. The issue concerns the lack of adherence to the existing signs for “No Parking” restrictions along both sides of 67th Street, 68th Street, Jay Drive, Webster Street, Lyman Avenue, Meadowcrest Drive, and the north side of Valley View Drive.

Staff recommends reformatting the signs to show the restrictions and extending the restriction on parking on Sundays, which will more accurately reflect the times that games are scheduled at the park (9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a change from noon to 4 p.m. currently).

The current parking restriction is:

- April 1st to November 1st
- No Stopping, Standing or Parking (written in Village Code but not on existing signs)
- Monday through Friday – No Parking 4pm to 7pm
- Saturday – No Parking 9am to 4pm
- Sunday – No Parking noon to 4pm

This recommendation was unanimously approved by the Commission. See **Exhibit 3**.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinances

Exhibits

Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2014 TAP Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2014 TAP Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2015 TAP Commission

Douglas Parking

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON DOUGLAS ROAD**

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:

* * *

Douglas Road, on ~~both~~ the east sides, from the intersection of Douglas Road with Rogers Street to a point fifty feet north of such intersection.

Douglas Road, on the east side, between Ogden Avenue and Grant Street.

Douglas Road, on the west side, from the north line of Ogden Avenue to a point two hundred (200) feet north of Ogden Avenue.

Douglas Road, on the east side, from a point one hundred (100) feet north of Ogden Avenue to a point two hundred (200) feet north of Ogden Avenue.

Douglas Road, on the west side, from the north line of Rogers Street to the south line of Chicago Avenue.

Douglas Road, on the east side, from a point one hundred six feet north of Wilson Street to a point one hundred thirty-five feet north of Wilson Street.

* * *

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

I:\mw\ord.15\Douglas-short

TAP File #09-14 DOUGLAS RD.- North of Ogden Ave. Proposed Parking Modifications PARKING & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Exhibit 1



DRAFT

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION
Excerpted Minutes

September 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - Village Hall
801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove

Chairman Pro tem Schiller called to order the September 10, 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 Pro tem Schiller; Commissioners Cronin, Golomb, Saricks, Wrobel

Absent: Chairman Stuebner

Staff Present: Mr. Dorin Fera, Traffic Manager; Police Parking Supervisor Tim Sembach

Others Present: Mr. Andrew Graves, 1308 Gilbert Avenue, Downers Grove; Mr. Chris Tyler, 340 Burlington, Downers Grove, Dennis and Ruth Golomb, Orland Park, IL

Chairman Pro tem Schiller reviewed the protocol for the meeting.

File # 09-14 – Douglas Road, Ogden Ave. to North End - Parking Modifications – Mr. Fera summarized that Douglas Road used to go all the way through but the area was fenced off for the past approximately 10 to 15 years. The northern portion was residential while the southern portion remained a thoroughfare. With the recent relocation of Skuddlebutts Catering, however, **Mr. Fera** stated that the village allowed them seven (7) parking spaces adjacent to their building for customer parking and there was a prior understanding that the rear of the lot would be used for Skuddlebutts Catering vehicles, supplies, etc. However, in recent years, **Mr. Fera** reported that parking was taking place on the west, north and east sides of Douglas Rd. to where the vehicles were parking as if it was a driveway. Therefore, **Mr. Fera** stated the village was looking to refine the parking so that village vehicles could have access to the area to install signage, snow plow, etc.

The proposal before the commissioners is an opportunity to rectify the problem and to get feedback. **Mr. Fera** explained the proposal is to have No Parking restrictions on one or two sides of the street.

Questions followed as to who was parking in the area, wherein **Mr. Fera** explained that it appeared to be Skuddlebutts Catering delivery trucks. **Mr. Wrobel** confirmed same from his own site observation. However, he said he saw the area from a different perspective -- it could function as a driveway providing access to the shopping center, in addition to the driveway giving access to the parking behind the other buildings -- similar to a private drive.

Per questions, **Mr. Fera** confirmed that Skuddlebutts Catering and the other businesses along the street were notified by letter about tonight's meeting. No responses in support or opposition were received. However, **Mr. Fera** stated he intends to personally visit the businesses to discuss what the village was proposing to do. In addition, he said staff did consider vacating the section of land in order to let it become part of the private ownership but allowing the village the rights for utilities, etc. **Mr. Wrobel** then proceeded to explain a public safety issue (right in/right out) that existed at the shopping center.

DRAFT - Transportation and Parking Commission

September 10, 2014

In response to a question, **Mr. Fera** explained that this portion of Douglas Rd. is becoming an unregulated, uncontrolled parking at-will area and the village did not want to set a bad example. Also, the trucks parking there interfered with the village's trucks, snow plows, and any maintenance activities. **Mr. Fera** believed, for the short-term, the village could solve the problem by installing a couple of signs and getting some of the vehicles off the street. Asked if the current 6 or 7 parking spaces were needed should the rear parking lot become full, **Mr. Fera** stated he has not observed the rear parking lot full and that the spaces on the street could be traded for the available ones in the parking lot. **Mr. Fera** also pointed out that the overnight parking is also an issue because no one was moving the trucks and, in reality, the police could issue tickets every overnight event in which vehicles park on the street.

Chairman Pro tem Schiller invited the public to speak. No public comments followed.

MR. SARICKS MADE A MOTION THAT THE VILLAGE INSTALL "NO PARKING ANY TIME" ALONG THE EAST, NORTH, AND WEST SIDES OF DOUGLAS ROAD, AS SHOWN ON STAFF'S DRAWING.

SECONDED BY MR. GOLOMB. VOICE VOTE: 4-1

AYE: MR. SARICKS, MR. GOLOMB, MR. SCHILLER, MR. CRONIN

NAY: MR. WROBEL

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 4-1