

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting
1/11/2022

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Prairie Avenue and Forest Avenue- Revised Traffic Control	Andy Sikich Public Works Director

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend a section of the Municipal Code concerning designated stop control and no left turn restriction at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Forest Avenue.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2021-2023 include *Top Quality Infrastructure* and *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval on the January 18, 2022 Active Agenda.

BACKGROUND

There have been a significant number of traffic accidents at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Forest Avenue. From January 2015 through April 2021, 24 vehicle accidents occurred at this location. Contributing factors to these accidents include traffic volume and speeds on Prairie, traffic volume on Forest crossing or turning onto Prairie, and sight distance obstructions (primarily looking west from northbound Forest).

In October, at the direction of the Village Council, a temporary all-way stop was installed at this intersection. Follow-up traffic counts were taken in November and December. Both the volume and speeds of traffic on Prairie in the vicinity of the intersection have been reduced as a result of this new all-way stop. Traffic volumes and speeds on surrounding streets were also monitored, and they remain principally consistent with pre-improvement levels. No traffic accidents at this intersection or backups onto Main Street have been reported since the installation of the temporary stop signs.

The intersection is currently subject to a “No left turn” restriction prohibiting west bound Prairie to south bound Forest turns. This restriction will be removed with the installation of the permanent 4-way stop control.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN
TRAFFIC CONTROL PROVISIONS AT PRAIRIE AND FOREST AVENUES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by **redline/underline**; deletions by ~~strieout~~):

Section 1. That Section 14.53 is hereby deleted in its entirety:

Sec 14.53 Restrictions On Movements Of Vehicles From Prairie Avenue To Forest Avenue

~~It shall be unlawful for any person driving or operating any automobile, truck or other vehicle in a westerly direction on Prairie Avenue to turn such vehicle left so as to proceed southerly on Forest Avenue.~~

~~(4040, Amended, 06/15/1998; 3831, Repealed, 01/22/1996)~~

Section 2. That Section 14.67 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec 14.67 Crosswalks Designated

(a) Pedestrian Crosswalks are hereby designated at the locations listed below on the following streets:

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Prairie Avenue. Across Prairie Avenue on the east and west sides of Forest Avenue.

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Section 3. That Section 14.80.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec 14.80.1 All-Way Stop Signs

There shall be erected in conspicuous places at the following intersections signs lettered with the words "All-Way Stop", which signs shall be so located as to direct all traffic to come to a full stop before proceeding into the intersection:

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Prairie Avenue at Forest Avenue.

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Section 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. 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