



CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer  
**FROM:** William Gray, Public Works Director  
Joseph Smith, Senior Civil Engineer  
**DATE:** May 18, 2004  
**RE:** Ordinances from Traffic Commission

Attached are two ordinances for City Council approval from recent action taken by the Traffic Commission at its May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The first ordinance is for removal of parking on both sides of Somer Drive west of Lincoln Avenue to the Saline Branch bridge. The prohibition of parking is required due to significant movements of large trucks traveling the street. When vehicles or truck trailers are parked on the street it is difficult to see coming out of driveways and for two vehicles to pass safely. All affected residents were notified and no objections were heard. The second portion of the ordinance is for the removal of parking on the east side of Maple Street between Michigan Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue. The street is a narrow oil and chip street and vehicles are parking on both sides in the grass parkway destroying the grass. When vehicles park on both sides it is also difficult for vehicles to pass safely. All affected residents were notified and no objections were heard. The east side is the least used for parking of the 2 sides and removing parking from that side also makes it easier for vehicles backing out of driveways on the west side.

The second ordinance is for the establishment of altered state speed limits on Philo Road from Windsor Road to the south City limits at the Southridge V Subdivision. Currently, there is no speed limit posted on Philo Road, so per the Illinois Vehicle Code, the speed limit is then 55 m.p.h. The speed limit on Philo Road is to be posted at 45 MPH based upon the results of an engineering study. The study indicated an average speed of 45.6 MPH and an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 52 MPH. The recommended speed of 45 MPH will improve safety and visibility from entering and exiting vehicles at Trails Drive and Marc Trail and other planned access points in Stone Creek Commons.

The Traffic Commission has considered and recommends the attached ordinances.

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Works Director

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