



**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

ENGINEERING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Laurel L. Prussing and Members of City Council
FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director
Joseph L. Smith, Senior Civil Engineer
DATE: September 3, 2008
RE: Ordinances from Traffic Commission

Attached are ordinances for your approval from action taken by the Urbana Traffic Commission.

The ordinance (Schedule H) is for the placement of a stop sign on Cobble Creek at Amber Lane. The location is in the Stone Creek subdivision area. This stop sign is required due to the new street and resulting house construction in this area that will increase the amount of traffic on the collector street of Amber Lane; therefore, this stop sign is needed and warranted under Section 2B-5 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. More specifically, this warrant states that a stop sign may be warranted if one or more of the following conditions exists:

1. Intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule is unduly hazardous.
2. Street entering a through highway or street.
3. Unsignalized intersection in a signalized area.
4. Other intersections where a combination of high speed, restricted view, and serious accident record indicates a need for control by the STOP sign.

The conditions are met for numbers 1 and 2 above for Cobble Creek at Amber Lane.

The ordinance (Schedule J) prohibits parking at all times on the both sides of Park Street, between Mathews Avenue and Goodwin Avenue and on the south side of Hollywood Alley between Vine Street and Anderson Street. As further discussed in this memo, Park Street currently has metered, on-street parking on both sides of the street. Since Park Street narrows along this area and sufficient parking is available in lots owned by Provena Hospital, the Parking and Facilities Manager is requesting that parking be removed from this area. The restriction on Hollywood Alley is requested to allow traffic to travel safely on a narrow alleyway.

The ordinance (Schedule L) prohibits parking on certain sections of a street. This parking restriction is being requested by a citizen who noticed that vehicles parked along the south side of the Rainbow View were constricting the flow of traffic at the intersection of Montgomery Street, Ogelthorpe Avenue and Abercorn Street. With this parking restriction, traffic will have adequate room to turn onto Rainbow View from these streets.

Section 23-231 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code allows the Mayor to establish parking meter zones. The Parking and Facilities Manager also requested that the parking meter zone on Park Street between Mathews Avenue and Goodwin Avenue be removed. He noted that with the availability of off-street parking for those using Provena Hospital, the parking meters in that area are seldom used.

He asked that the parking meters be removed from that area since the revenues reported by the Finance Department in that area do not support the maintenance and enforcement of those meters.

The Traffic Commission has considered these locations at its August 2008 meeting and recommends that the ordinances be passed by the City Council.

Prepared by: _____

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Attachments: Ordinances
 Location Maps