



CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of the Urbana City Council  
**FROM:** William R. Gray, Public Works Director  
Craig E. Shonkwiler, Assistant City Engineer  
**DATE:** March 24, 2016  
**RE:** Ordinances from Traffic Commission

**Introduction**

Attached is an ordinance and map for your approval from action taken by the Traffic Commission at its March 8, 2016, meeting.

**Background**

The ordinance is for the establishment of decreased speed limit on two University District streets, more specifically Green Street and Springfield Avenue. The University District in Urbana includes streets bounded by University Avenue on the north, Lincoln Avenue on the east, Florida Avenue on the south, and the western City limits in Urbana. In 2002, the City reduced speed limits on all non-arterial and collector streets within the University District from 30 MPH to 25 MPH. In 2005, Goodwin Avenue was included in the list of streets with reduced speed limits. This speed limit was a recommendation from the Campus Area Transportation Study (CATS). The traffic investigation of the CATS study indicated heavy congestion of pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles compounded by narrow lanes on some streets created unsafe conditions thereby justifying a reduced speed limit. The Traffic Commission and City Council approved the CATS' recommendation. Upon further review, the pedestrian and vehicular activity is increasing. Since the initial study was conducted, the north campus quad has been further developed and crosswalks have been added at Grainger Library and near University High School on Springfield Avenue, which necessitates the reduced speed limit on Springfield Avenue. With the implementation of Project 1 of the Multimodal Corridor Enhancement (MCORE), the lower speed limit on Green Street will be consistent with the University District mission "to better accommodate pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicle movements in a more user-friendly environment."

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that Council approve an Ordinance Amending Schedule Q of Section 23-64 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Decreasing State Speed Limits on Certain Streets (Green Street between Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue; Springfield Avenue between Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue).

Attachments: Ordinance  
Location Map

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03-024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE Q OF SECTION 23-64 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC  
CODE  
DECREASING STATE SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STREETS

(Green Street between Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue;  
Springfield Avenue between Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, Illinois ("City") is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (ILCS Const. Art. 7, § 6) and the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a local traffic code which is set forth in its ordinances as Section 23.1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the City, pursuant to the aforesaid traffic code, has the authority to regulate the speed by which vehicles travel on City streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, it has been found that upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the maximum speed permitted by state law upon the following streets, described hereto and made a part hereof, is greater than is reasonable or safe with respect to the conditions found to exist at any place or along any part or zone of such street; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to change the speed limits on the below-listed streets as hereinafter stated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Urbana City Code Chapter 23, titled "Local Traffic Code", Article V, titled "Speed Regulations", Section 23-64, titled "Decreasing State Speed Limits on Certain Street" of the Urbana Local Traffic Code, shall be and is hereby amended by ADDING to that Schedule Q the following speed regulations for the following streets or portions thereof:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Between Street</u>	<u>&amp; Street</u>	<u>Speed Limit</u>
Green Street	Wright Street	Lincoln Avenue	25 MPH
Springfield Avenue	Wright Street	Lincoln Avenue	25 MPH

SECTION 2: All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM

I, Phyllis Clark, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois.

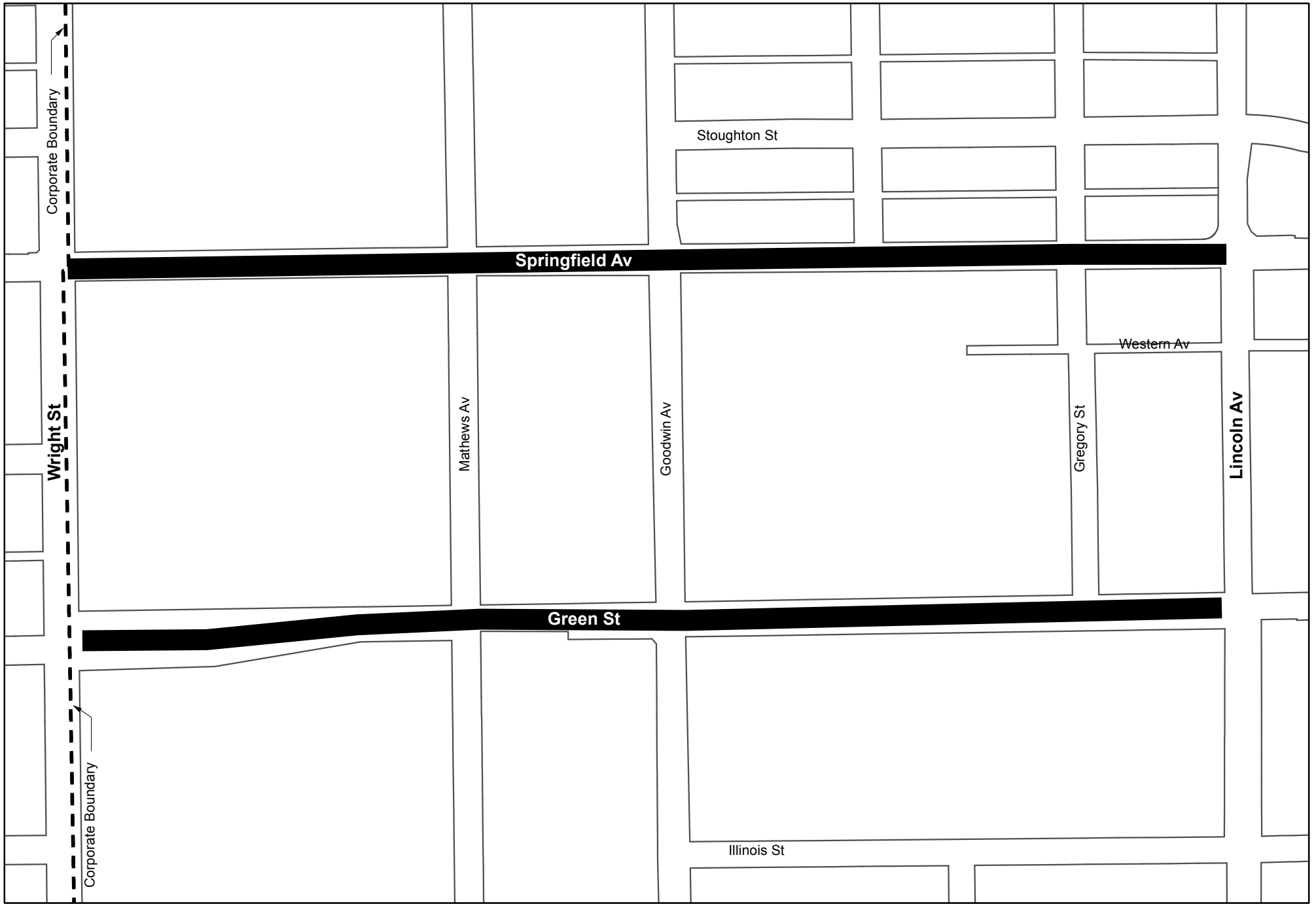
I certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the corporate authorities of the City of Urbana passed and approved Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE ESTABLISHING SPEED REGULATIONS ON CERTAIN STREETS (Green Street between Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue; Springfield Avenue between Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue), which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of the ordinance was prepared, and a copy of such ordinance was posted in the Urbana City Building commencing on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and continuing for at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

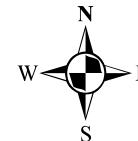
DATED at Urbana, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

(SEAL)

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Phyllis Clark, CITY CLERK



**Decreasing State Speed Limit to 25 MPH**  
**Green Street (Wright St - Lincoln Av)**  
**Springfield Avenue (Wright St - Lincoln Av)**



City of Urbana  
 Public Works Dept  
 Engineering Division  
 Date: 3/15/2016

