

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director

Joseph L. Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

DATE: January 19, 2005

RE: Ordinances from Traffic Commission

Attached is a map and ordinances for your approval from action taken by the Traffic Commission.

The first ordinance is for the establishment of decreased speed limit on a University District street, more specifically Goodwin Avenue. In 2002 the City reduced all non-arterial and collector streets within the University District from 30 MPH to 25 MPH. The streets are those bounded by University Avenue on the north, Lincoln Avenue on the east, Florida Avenue on the south, and the west City limits on the west. This speed limit was a recommendation from the CATS Study. The traffic investigation of the CATS study indicated heavy congestion of pedestrians, bicycles, and parked vehicles compounded by narrow lanes on some streets created hazardous conditions thereby justifying a reduced speed limit. The Traffic Commission agreed with that recommendation. Upon further review, with the Siebel Computer Science Center, the north campus parking deck and the soon to be completed NCSA Building, the pedestrian and vehicular activity is increasing and it is requested that Goodwin Avenue now be included in the list of streets with reduced speed limits. The Traffic Commission agrees that since Goodwin Avenue is a low-volume minor collector the reduced speed limit is consistent with the University District mission, "to better accommodate pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicle movements in a more user-friendly environment." Streets still excluded from the list are Springfield Avenue and Green Street.

The second ordinance (Schedule J) is for the creation of curb loading zone at the intersection of Oregon Street and Gregory Place. The recently completed commercial business at the southwest corner of the intersection has requested a 30-minute loading zone be instituted along the south side of Oregon Street to load and unload trucks during all days at all times. The area requested was formerly a yellow (no parking) curb zone but now is no longer required because Gregory Place was vacated and made a one-way southbound roadway thereby negating the need to restrict parking for visibility triangle requirements.

The Traffic Commission has considered these locations at its November, 2004 meeting and recommends that the ordinances be approved.

Prepared by: _		Reviewed by:		
1 , -	Joseph L. Smith, P.E.	, -	William R. Gray, P.E.	
	Senior Civil Engineer		Public Works Director	

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ORDINANCE NO. 2005-01-012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE ESTABLISHING SPEED REGULATIONS ON CERTAIN STREETS

(Goodwin Avenue)

WHEREAS, it has been found that the Urbana Local Traffic Code has no provisions to decrease speed limits on City streets below the statutory state speed limit and no Schedule for listing said streets;

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

SECTION 1: That Article V entitled "Speed Regulations" of the Urbana Local Traffic Code, is hereby amended by ADDING the following Section 23-64 entitled "Decreasing State Speed Limits on Certain Streets":

"Sec. 23-64. Decreasing state speed limits on certain streets.

It is hereby determined 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. It is hereby declared that the maximum speed limit shall be hereinafter set forth but not lower than the minimum limits as prescribed by state law on those streets or parts of streets herein designated when signs are erected giving notice thereof, all as set forth in Schedule Q."

 $\underline{\text{SECTION 2}}\colon\quad \text{That Schedule Q of Section 23-64 entitled}$ "Decreasing state speed limits", of the Urbana Local Traffic Code is hereby amended by ADDING to that Schedule the following speed regulations for the following streets or portions thereof:

Street Between Street & Street Speed Limit

Goodwin Avenue Nevada Street University Avenue 25 MPH

SECTION 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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, 2005.
AYES:	
NAYS:	
ABSTAINS:	
	Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk
APPROVED by the Mayor this	_ day of, 2005.
	Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM