



**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: February 19, 2009
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 High Street at Lynn Street. The location is in the Historic East Urbana Neighborhood area. This stop sign was requested by a resident who was concerned about vehicles travelling eastbound on High Street that failed to stop at Lynn Street. Since Lynn Street is the main road at that intersection a 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 High Street at Lynn Street.

The ordinance (Schedule L) prohibits parking on certain sections of a street. This parking restriction is being requested by the Urbana Township Road Commissioner who noticed that vehicles parked along the east side of Scottswood Drive were obstructing visibility of traffic as it approached the curve between 108 and 112 South Scottswood Drive. Currently, parking is restricted on the west side of the street. Urbana Township will restrict parking on the east side to the south of 108 Scottswood Drive, which is outside of the City's corporate limits. With this parking restriction, traffic will have adequate visibility as it travels around the curve on Scottswood Drive.

Section 23-231 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code allows the Mayor to establish parking meter zones. Vermilion Development, the developer of the building located at the southwest corner of University Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, has requested the installation of parking meters on the south side of Clark Street to allow short-term parking for a potential tenant of the building. The meters would be in operation from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday with a two-hour parking limit. All adjacent property owners have been contacted and no one has voiced objection to this action.

The Traffic Commission has considered these locations at its February 3, 2009 meeting and recommends that the ordinances be passed by the City Council.

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Attachments: Ordinances
Location Maps