

## COUNCIL WORKSHOP ITEM

**ITEM:** File #20-03  
**DATE:** January 21, 2004  
**PREPARED BY:** Dorin Fera, Traffic Manager  
**PURPOSE:** Parking Restrictions on Authority Drive, Ogden Avenue to Warrenville Road

### **BACKGROUND**

Staff, originated this item in an effort to eliminate a growing concern of on-street parking on Authority Drive, when clearly there is no such space available in the roadway cross-section. The primary issue consists of providing effective traffic flow and safety to the motorists using Authority Drive.

The current posted speed limit on Authority Drive is 25 miles per hour (mph). Authority Drive consists of two travel lanes in each direction, separated by a double yellow centerline. The roadway width is 46 feet face to face of curb, which is just enough space for four travel lanes. There are no current parking restrictions posted.

The two land uses with access to Authority Drive are the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA) located on the west side, and the Corridors Office Park complex located on the east side. The entire length of Authority Drive is about 1,100 feet.

### **STUDY**

Staff has observed parked vehicles predominantly on the east side of Authority Drive. In addition to parked vehicles, dumpsters have also been seen. Since both the Tollway Facility and the Corridors Park have parking provided on-site, there should be no vehicles parking on Authority Drive. There is a Corridors rear delivery driveway entrance fronting Authority Drive, located about 100 feet north of their primary entrance drive. When any vehicles or obstacles are parked on Authority Drive, one lane of traffic is taken out of service. From a traffic operations and safety perspective, this is not a desirable condition.

Based on field observation, staff finds it appropriate for some type of parking restriction, to address the traffic and safety needs of motorists using this roadway.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff advises that the Parking and Traffic Commission forward a positive recommendation to the Village Council such that the following be implemented:

**NO PARKING AT ANY TIME ALONG BOTH SIDES OF AUTHORITY DRIVE,  
BETWEEN OGDEN AVENUE AND WARRENVILLE ROAD.**

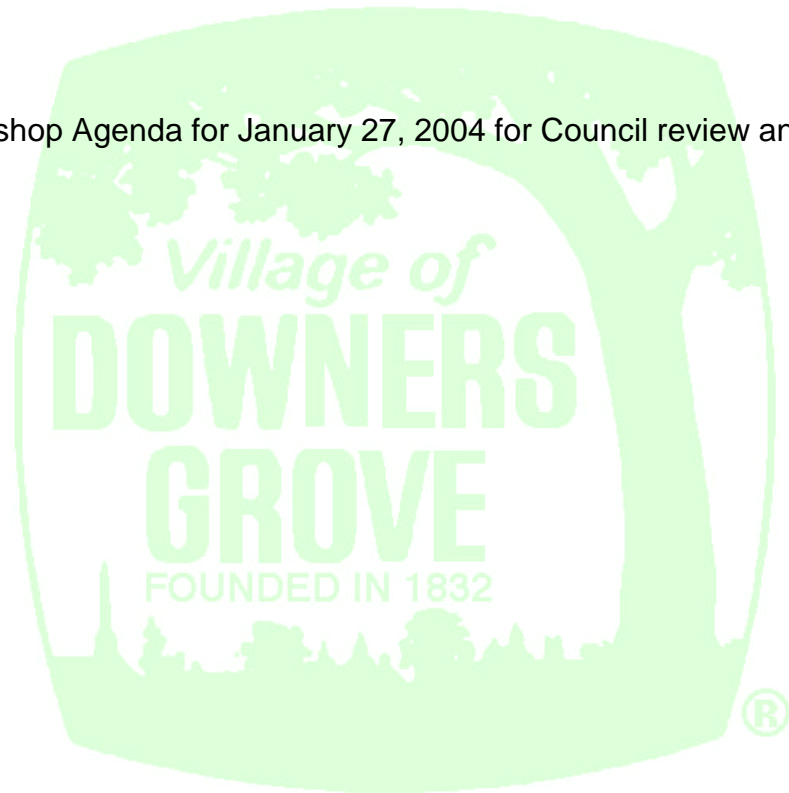
**ATTACHMENTS:**

Recommendation of Parking and Traffic Commission – December 10, 2003.

December 10, 2003 Minutes of the Parking and Traffic Commission, File #20-03 discussed on page 8.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Place this item on the Workshop Agenda for January 27, 2004 for Council review and consideration.





January 2, 2004

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**MAYOR BRIAN KRAJEWSKI AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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RE: P & T File # 20-03

Parking Restrictions on Authority Drive,  
Ogden Avenue to Warrenville Road

**Dear Mayor Krajewski and Council Members:**

On Wednesday, December 10, 2003, the Parking and Traffic Commission adopted the following motion:

**COMMISSIONER KREN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO RESTRICT PARKING AT ALL TIMES ALONG BOTH SIDES OF AUTHORITY DRIVE, BETWEEN OGDEN AVENUE AND WARRENVILLE ROAD.**

**COMMISSIONER THURSTON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote: 7-0**

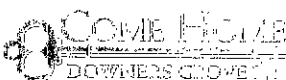
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Based on field observation, staff finds it appropriate for some type of parking restriction, to address the traffic and safety needs of motorists using this roadway.

Sincerely,

Ross Johnson, Chairman  
Parking & Traffic Commission  
**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**

RJ/cc



**PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
Minutes of Public Hearing  
December 10, 2003

Downers Grove Public Works Facility  
5101 Walnut Avenue, Downers Grove

Chairman Johnson called the December 10, 2003 meeting of the Parking and Traffic Commission to order at 7:05 p.m. He then asked for a roll call.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioners: Messrs. Carlquist, Kren, Stapleton, Thurston, Wendt, Yeksigian and Chairman Johnson.

Present: Staff: Mr. Dorin Fera, Sgt. Jim Nehls, Mr. Mike Millette, Ms. Chris Chalberg, Recording Secretary.

Visitors: Mr. Willis Johnson, 603 Rogers; Ms. Erin Doyle, 555 Rogers; Mr. Daniel de Ward, 555 Rogers; Mr. Richard Karuhn, 555 Rogers; Ms. Lisa Holmes, 552 Rogers; Mr. John Blessing, 628 Rogers; Ms. Jill Dessauer, 4827 Bryan; Ms. Jean Andersen, 616 Rogers; Ms. Rachel Mayorge; 548 Rogers; Mr. Patrick Roche, 548 Rogers; Mr. Doug Karityn, 602 Rogers.

**Chairman Johnson** informed the audience that the meeting was being recorded on Village owned equipment to aid in the preparation of the meeting minutes. Commissioners were asked if they had changes regarding the minutes of the November 12, 2003 meeting.

**COMMISSIONER YEKSIGIAN MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2003 PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.**

**COMMISSIONER STAPLETON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**Motion carried by voice vote. 7-0.**

Chairman Johnson announced that due to some notices not being sent out regarding the review of Bryan Place, the Commission would not be reviewing this matter tonight.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**File #19-03. Parking Restrictions for Rogers Street, Stanley Avenue to Douglas Avenue.**

**Chairman Johnson** read the following staff report:

**BACKGROUND**

A neighborhood petition was received from the businesses on Rogers Street, generally between Stanley Avenue and Douglas Avenue. The primary issue presented consists of inappropriate parking restrictions for the businesses along the south side of Rogers Street. With businesses opening at between 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M., a lot of business is transacted between these hours and up to 9:00 AM. But, the current restrictions prohibit the normal business use of this street, such that employees and patrons parking on the south side of Rogers Street are regularly ticketed. The businesses along this section of Rogers Street are seeking to modify the current restrictions to better address their parking needs.

It should be noted that the north side of Rogers Street is residential, while the south side is commercial. The current parking restrictions on the south side of Rogers Street, west of Prospect Avenue are "4 Hour Parking 6 AM to 6 PM, Except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays". Between Prospect and Maple Avenue, the restrictions are "No Parking 6 AM to 9 AM, Except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays". The north side of Rogers Street has a "No Parking This Side of Street" restriction the entire section.

**STUDY**

Based on field observation on numerous occasions, staff finds it appropriate to modify the current restrictions to more accurately reflect the business parking needs along this section of Rogers Street. There appears to be no need to remove the restrictions entirely. The business is asking for a revision in the restrictions, to better coincide with their business needs. The commuter parking issue along this stretch of Rogers Street would not be affected.

The roadway width of Rogers Street is 26 feet face to face of curb. With one-sided parking, the useable width becomes about 18 feet, which is wide enough for two-way travel and emergency service vehicles.

It is Staff's judgment that the current parking restrictions along Rogers Street do not reflect the current business needs. The parking restrictions along the north side of Rogers are appropriate as posted. But, it is staff's position that modifications to the parking restrictions on the south side of Rogers Street are appropriate.

**RECOMMENDATION**

In an effort to maintain consistency with the section of Rogers Street west of Prospect Avenue, Staff advises that the Parking and Traffic Commission forward a positive recommendation to the Village Council such that the following be implemented:

**REVISE THE CURRENT NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROGERS STREET, BETWEEN PROSPECT AVENUE AND MAPLE AVENUE, TO BE "4-HOUR PARKING, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M., EXCEPT SATURDAY, SUNDAY, AND HOLIDAYS.**

No comments from staff. Chairman Johnson opened up the meeting to the public.

**Ms. Lisa Holmes**, 552 Rogers, asked how the petition serves the residents on the north side of the street since it reduces the ability for residents' families, friends and delivery trucks to park their vehicles. She asked for clarification of the request, wherein **Chairman Johnson** proceeded to explain the process by staff and the Village Council and his understanding that the petition from the business owners was seeking to start the restriction later in the morning because much business was conducted during earlier hours. The current restriction along Rogers was to prevent employees and commuters from parking the entire day. The chairman supported continuing some form of restriction along Rogers to discourage commuters and employees. However, he did have concerns about the four-hour restriction since employees could continue to park and move their car after four hours.

**Ms. Holmes** said she had no issues with the current restrictions and suggested issuing parking stickers. She also believed business owners had a responsibility to provide parking for their employees.

**Chairman Johnson** explained stickers were very hard to administer and enforce but his understanding for the petition was to provide access for customers.

**Ms. Erin Doyle**, employee of 555 Rogers Street, and who sent around the petition, explained that customers of Eagle Storage have parked while trying to access their units only to receive tickets. She hoped the petition would alleviate the matter and to change the current restriction to No Parking from 6 AM to 8 AM, when most commuters are looking for parking during that time.

**Mr. Richard Karuhn**, owner of Eagle Storage and Particle Technology Labs has clients come in to drop off samples and has had to ask his clients to move their cars before receiving tickets by the police. He supported changing the parking restriction starting at 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and discouraging the commuters.

**Ms. Rachel Mayorge**, 548 Rogers, believed the 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. helped the traffic flow on Rogers and addressed safety issues.

**Mr. Dan de Ward**, facility manager for Eagle Storage, stated the issue was a problem for customers, clients, and some tenants and was not an employee issue. The four-hour limitation was, personally, an issue for his business. His business offered other parking in the area but it was an inconvenience to some clients.

**Mr. Willis Johnson**, owner of 603 to 635 Rogers, clarified the property on the south side of Rogers was zoned industrial and not commercial and no police enforcement of parking restrictions on Rogers was occurring. Contrarily, residents from the north side were parking their extra cars on the south side. Lastly, there were no more curbs on Rogers due to the number of pavings over the years. He was not in favor of having unrestricted parking but understood the reasons for a four-hour limit. Additionally, trucks have, over many years, traveled the street and do back into the area.

As to available parking on the east and west sides of Eagle Storage, **Ms. Doyle** indicated the parking on the west side was fairly large, however, it was limited to employees of 555 Rogers Street and not the customers, wherein **Commissioner Kren** suggested installing a sign for 555 Rogers' customers only since he saw so much available parking.

**Ms. Holmes** indicated she consistently sees the same employee vehicles parked along the south side of Rogers Street and why weren't the employees using the employee parking. She was afraid she would hit the same vehicle, which parks, opposite her driveway, especially during the winter months.

**Mr. de Ward** clarified the parking was for tenants and not employees.

**Mr. Patrick Roche**, 548 Rogers, asked how long the current restriction was in place, wherein the chairman estimated 15 to 20 years and was probably installed when Dressler's factory owned the building. **Mr. Roche** appreciated the restriction because it kept traffic moving and preferred the current restriction. However, he inquired as to who was controlling access to the parking lot.

**Mr. Karuhn**, Eagle Storage, explained the storage company only came in approximately eight years ago. Prior to that, the building sat vacant. From the 8 years he has been there, he stated that was when the parking became an issue with customers.

**Chairman Johnson** explained the issue has always been private versus public parking and the Village was not required to provide parking for businesses or residents, but instead, provide for safe and well maintained streets. He believed businesses did have a responsibility to provide employee parking. However, zoning and uses changed over time, which created a difficult situation. He believed the original intent was to deter commuters.

**Mr. Dorin Fera** mentioned he received comments last year, prior to this petition being filed, that the issue arose when some employees of businesses east received tickets while waiting for their employers to open up at 8:00 a.m. **Mr. Fera** explained the Village Council has a certain number of ordinances to implement and offered suggestions, but noted the 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. slot does not currently exist. Staff's recommendation was to offer similar parking restrictions, which exist further west of the area.

**Mr. Willis Johnson** reviewed the history of 555 - 603 Rogers. He owns the parking lot to the west of Eagle Storage even though they are two separate parcels. The furthest western half of that parking lot serves the 633 and 635 buildings, however. He believed it was important to meet with the tenants of 555 because there was no restriction on whom from 555 Rogers parks in that parking lot. No assigned spaces existed but a shared parking agreement existed. Different parking ratios existed in prior years. Personally, he believed the concerns about the 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. restriction were unfounded and urged commissioners not to have unrestricted parking.

**Chairman Johnson** inquired as to whether the east and west lots combined provided adequate parking, wherein **Mr. Willis Johnson** explained from a legal sense it did not but the shared parking agreement had a specific number of spaces designated to 555 Rogers.

**Ms. Holmes** believed the businesses and residents agreed that the commuters should not take up the space. She posed the suggestion as to why couldn't parking stickers being created, wherein **Sgt. Nehls** interjected and explained too many parking spaces existed to enforce all. Enforcement operated on a complaint basis. Additionally, it was too difficult to enforce cars with stickers.

The chairman concurred but also emphasized that the employers may need to control their employees to make sure they are utilizing the appropriate parking lots. Discussion followed as to what restriction would work best.

**Ms. Doyle** said Eagle Storage's position was not to remove the restriction in its entirety but to change the restriction to No Parking from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. to alleviate the problem. However, staff explained the suggested time did not exist in the ordinance and offered an 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. slot. However, Chairman Johnson and some residents felt it would be more restrictive to the customers.

**Mr. Willis Johnson** could not see what the restriction would accomplish and suggested to install a four-hour parking restriction, wherein **Chairman Johnson** believed enforcement would be difficult and cars could be continuously moved.

**Ms. Holmes** reviewed her understanding of the petitioner's request and the staff's suggestion of four-hour restriction. She did have a concern about the four-hour restriction because she would have to ask her guests to move their cars. She believed a balance needed to be created between the residents and Eagle Storage.

**Mr. Doug Kinityn**, 602 Rogers, has lived in the area for 17 years and the restrictions have remained the same. He believed the independent businesses were creating issues and the available spaces were not being used. The four-hour restriction would make it harder for the residents.

**Ms. Jean Anderson**, 616 Rogers, also agreed, noting free parking was one-half block away. It was not being utilized.

**Ms. Mayorge** also concurred but inquired as to why the Eagle Storage driveway could not be used.

**Mr. de Ward**, Eagle Storage, reiterated that employees and customers have received tickets. He supported the restriction to 8:00 a.m., noting the four-hour parking would handicap some of his clients and customers.

**Mr. Willis Johnson's**, understanding of the matter was that residents wanted to utilize the south side of Rogers for their own parking while the employees and customers had to utilize the parking lots only. He had concerns and suggested that residents' guests park in their own driveways, since some of the residents' cars were being parked on the south side of the street already.

**Mr. Roche** explained residents did not have parking lots available.

**Sgt. Nehls** inquired as to what other residents favored the 6:00 am. to 8:00 a.m. restriction and suggested that tenants on the south side of Rogers work something out together.

Discussion followed that the issue was that customers and employees who were arriving early were receiving tickets. **Mr. de Ward** indicated two employees do arrive early and have received tickets.

**Mr. Willis Johnson** described the restrictions placed in the area of his own residence, noting that it has not created an issue. He believed it was the responsibility of the tenants/employees to find their own parking and if they receive tickets, it becomes their problem. Customer parking in front of businesses should be available to enter the 555 building. He supported the four-hour parking restriction. He also agreed the complexion of the area has changed.

However, **Commissioner Yeksigian** voiced that it was not realistic to expect all businesses to have parking directly in front of their property, citing some businesses along Fairview Avenue did not have front parking.

**Mr. Willis Johnson** inquired as to why those business and residences west of Prospect had no issues with the four-hour parking, while the area of discussion did.

**Commissioner Wendt** suggested the Village try the 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. restriction first to see how it works and return if it does not work.

**Mr. Karuhn** will issue a memo to his employees that they are to park in Mr. Willis Johnson's parking area.

Discussion followed that the residents should have the same access as the businesses and whether the one-hour restriction will really make a difference.

**Mr. Roche** supported the 6AM to 8AM restriction.

**Ms. Holmes** explained she believed no resident wanted to interfere with the businesses and she believed if other residents were comfortable with the 6 to 8 a.m. parking restriction, with the request that tenants and employees of Eagle Storage also park in their lots, the matter should be reviewed in 90 days. Others agreed.

**Commissioner Carlquist** expressed his concern that the restriction should be fair for all involved but he had reservations since it could create commuter issues again.

**Ms. Holmes** inquired whether her friends and family could park in Mr. Johnson's west parking lot, wherein Mr. Johnson indicated they could not.

**Mr. Kinityn** asked about the available parking lot to the east, which was connected to an entrance and spoke of the limited signs for customers to park. **Mr. Karuhn** would address that matter.

Staff said a temporary restriction could be posted for 90 days.

**COMMISSIONER WENDT MADE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO REVISE THE CURRENT NO PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROGERS STREET, FROM PROSPECT TO MAPLE, TO BE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6 A.M. AND 8 A.M. EXCEPT SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS, ON A 90-DAY TEMPORARY BASIS, WITH A REPORT AFTER 90 DAYS.**

**COMMISSIONER KREN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**Mr. John Blessing**, 628 Rogers, inquired about overnight restrictions and expressed safety concerns about large box trucks parking on the street over night. **Ms. Holmes** confirmed same adding that a resident's yellow truck would be leaving by the end of the month. On another matter, Mr. Blessing raised the issue of speeding.

**Chairman Johnson** explained speeding was a continuing issue and reclassification of streets was currently under review.

**Commissioner Yeksigian** asked that staff provide a report at the end of the trial period and **Commissioner Carlquist** asked the residents to notify staff if the all day parking increased.

**Roll call:**           **AYE: Messrs. Carlquist, Kren, Stapleton, Thurston, Wendt, Yeksigian, Chairman Johnson**  
**NAY: None**

**Motion carried: 7-0**

**Sgt. Nehls** indicated he will have traffic officers out in the area to collect data and will try to install a speed trailer.

**Mr. Blessing**, mentioned a safety concern with the hill on Rogers at Prospect and suggested no parking between signs there.

**Mr. Willis Johnson** asked for clarification of when the 90-day period will begin and when the restriction will be put in place, for building management purposes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**File #20-03: Parking Restrictions for Authority Drive, Ogden Avenue to Warrenville Road.**

No discussion took place on this matter.

**COMMISSIONER KREN MADE A MOTION TO FORWARD A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL THAT NO PARKING AT ANY TIME ALONG BOTH SIDES OF AUTHORITY DRIVE, BETWEEN OGDEN AVENUE AND WARRENVILLE ROAD BE APPROVED.**

**COMMISSIONER THURSTON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote: 7-0**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**File #16-03: Parking and Safety Review of Bryan Place, Prairie Avenue to Franklin Street.**

**Chairman Johnson** explained that because some notices were not sent out, no formal action could take place on this matter. However, one resident voiced her concerns:

**Ms. Jill Dessauer**, 4827 Bryan Place, has been a resident for many years and indicated that changes have come to the area and speeding does occur down the hill. A majority of the children live on the west side of the street. However, in the years she was raising her family, there were just as many children then as now, and no parking changes were made back then. She explained that if the No Parking restriction was moved to the opposite side of the street, the drivers coming up the hill would be in the opposite lane of traffic and safety issues could arise. She suggested placing a No Parking from Here to Corner at the top of the hill. She also noted that much of the traffic prior was construction traffic from Prairie Avenue. If the signage is changed to the other side, it will allow speeders a clear path to go faster down the hill.

Ideally, **Ms. Dessauer** would like to see a restriction from Prairie to Parkway down Bryan that says No Parking from Here to Corner.

**Chairman Johnson** thanked her for her concerns and explained she will be notified of the next meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Johnson announced the Traffic Calming workshop has been scheduled for January 27, 2004 at the Village Council Chambers. **Mr. Fera** explained the presence of the Commission was being requested to answer questions or make comments. The main reason for the presentation was for the Village to adopt a traffic calming program and it would be up to the Commission and staff to develop.

Staff discussed the timeframe for the implementation of the program and mentioned that funding plans would have to be reviewed. Commissioner concerns were raised that other input was needed from the other departments and the commission itself needed to discuss the issues prior to any voting.

Staff stated the presentation would be ready by January 14<sup>th</sup> and the necessary input from the other departments would be available, wherein Chairman Johnson suggested to hold the regular Parking & Traffic Commission meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> to review the materials prior to the workshop and that a consensus among commissioners be developed during that time.

Discussion followed that one representative from each department should be at the January 14<sup>th</sup> Parking & Traffic Commission meeting and the presentation to the Village Council should be concise.

Chairman Johnson reminded Commissioners to review their material.

### **ADJOURN**

**COMMISSIONER CARLQUIST MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**COMMISSIONER THURSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. Motion carried. 7-0**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
(as transcribed by tape)

/s/ Celeste K. Weilandt  
Celeste K. Weilandt  
Recording Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING  
NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON AUTHORITY DRIVE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by /underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

**Section 1. That Section 14.98 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**14.98 No parking zones-Generally.**

No person shall park or let stand, any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle at any time in any of the following locations:

\* \* \*

~~Authority Drive, on both the east and west sides, from Ogden Avenue to Warrenville Road.~~

\* \* \*

**Section 2.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

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Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk