



THE CITY OF ROCKFORD
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WORKBOOK

OCTOBER 9, 2019

PREPARED
BY
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
DIVISION

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION

6:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR
CITY HALL BUILDING
425 E. STATE STREET**

1. Request in the 7th Ward, by Loree Leathers, Principle of Haskell Elementary School, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking Loading Zone” on regular school days from 7:00am to 3:00pm on the north side of Maple Street from 126 feet west of N Winnebago Street to N Rockton Avenue.
2. Request in the 5th Ward, by Becky Lichty, President of the ORCHiD Neighborhood Association, to establish a 20mph School Speed Limit on Gregory Street from Kishwaukee Street to the north leg of S 3rd Street.
3. Request in the 5th Ward, by Becky Lichty, President of the ORCHiD Neighborhood Association, to establish a 20mph School Speed Limit on South 3rd Street from Gregory Street to College Avenue.
4. Request in the 7th Ward, Tyler Smith of Galapagos School, to establish a 20mph School Speed Limit on School Street from N Johnston Avenue to N Day Avenue.
5. Request in the 13th Ward, by Isaiah Davis, 620 Alliance Avenue, to establish traffic control at the intersection of W Jefferson Street and N Independence Avenue.
6. Request in the 2nd Ward, by Tina Thornrose, 214 S Prospect Street, to establish a parking restriction of “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of S Prospect Street from 2nd Avenue to Charles Street thus repealing the “No Parking Here to Corner” on S Prospect Avenue from 2nd Avenue to 36 feet to the south.

From: [Rachel Benson](#)
To: "Michael Slife"
Cc: [Jeremy Carter](#)
Subject: RE: no parking - bus only signs
Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:53:09 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Good morning Michael,
I have added this request to the October 2019 agenda for Traffic Commission to review. This meeting takes place on 10/9/2019 at 6:00pm. Location is at City Hall on the 2nd Floor, Conference Room A.

Rachel Benson | Traffic & Development Coordinator

City of Rockford
Public Works Department | Engineering Division
425 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104
Phone: 779.348.7610
Fax: 815.967.6942
Email: Rachel.Benson@rockfordil.gov



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From: Michael Slife
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 2:59 PM
To: Rachel Benson
Cc: Jeremy Carter
Subject: Re: no parking - bus only signs
She would like more signs west of the school and now school is out at 2:20. We have 10 buses there instead of 6 like previous years.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 23, 2019, at 3:15 PM, Rachel Benson <Rachel.Benson@rockfordil.gov> wrote:

NOTICE: This message originated outside of RPS. Please do not provide personal information unless you know the sender.

Good afternoon Michael,
I am emailing to follow up on your request for no parking signs. There are already no parking signs in front of the school at 515 Maple Street. Does the principle want to add a time restriction to those existing signs or what location would she like to have these signs put in place?
Best,

Rachel Benson | Traffic & Development Coordinator

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Email: Rachel.Benson@rockfordil.gov



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From: Michael Slife <Michael.Slife@rps205.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:46 PM

To: Rachel Benson <Rachel.Benson@rockfordil.gov>

Cc: Jeremy Carter <Jeremy.Carter@rockfordil.gov>

Subject: FW: no parking - bus only signs

The principle of Haskell would like to have additional restrictive street parking signs.
See below.

Drop off is at 7:10 and pick up is at 2:20

Michael Slife

Executive Director of Transportation

Sterling Holley Center

815.966.3706 (office)

815.972.3450 (fax)

EXT 61201



From: Loree Leathers

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 11:26 AM

To: Michael Slife <Michael.Slife@rps205.com>

Cc: Debra Rogers <DEBRA.ROGERS@rps205.com>

Subject: no parking - bus only signs

Hi Mike,

Here is my follow up email from when I briefly talked with you about getting a few more no parking signs. I would like to ask for a few specific signs that ask for no parking during the drop off and pick up hours on the north side of maple. Please let me know if you need more information.

Thanks,

Loree

Loree Leathers

Principal

STEAM Academy @ Haskell

815-966-3355 (X46001)



Parking Ordinances

NO PARKING ANYTIME

**Request to establish
No Parking Loading Zone**



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Ward 7



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From: [Jeremy Carter](#)
To: [Rachel Benson](#)
Subject: FW: School speed limit signs
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019 4:22:29 PM

Can you place these items on the Oct TC Agenda.

Jeremy A. Carter, P.E.

City Traffic Engineer
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"The opinions expressed here are my own and do not necessarily represent those of the City of Rockford, IL."

From: Becky Lichty [mailto:becky.lichty@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 9:19 AM

To: Jeremy Carter

Subject: School speed limit signs

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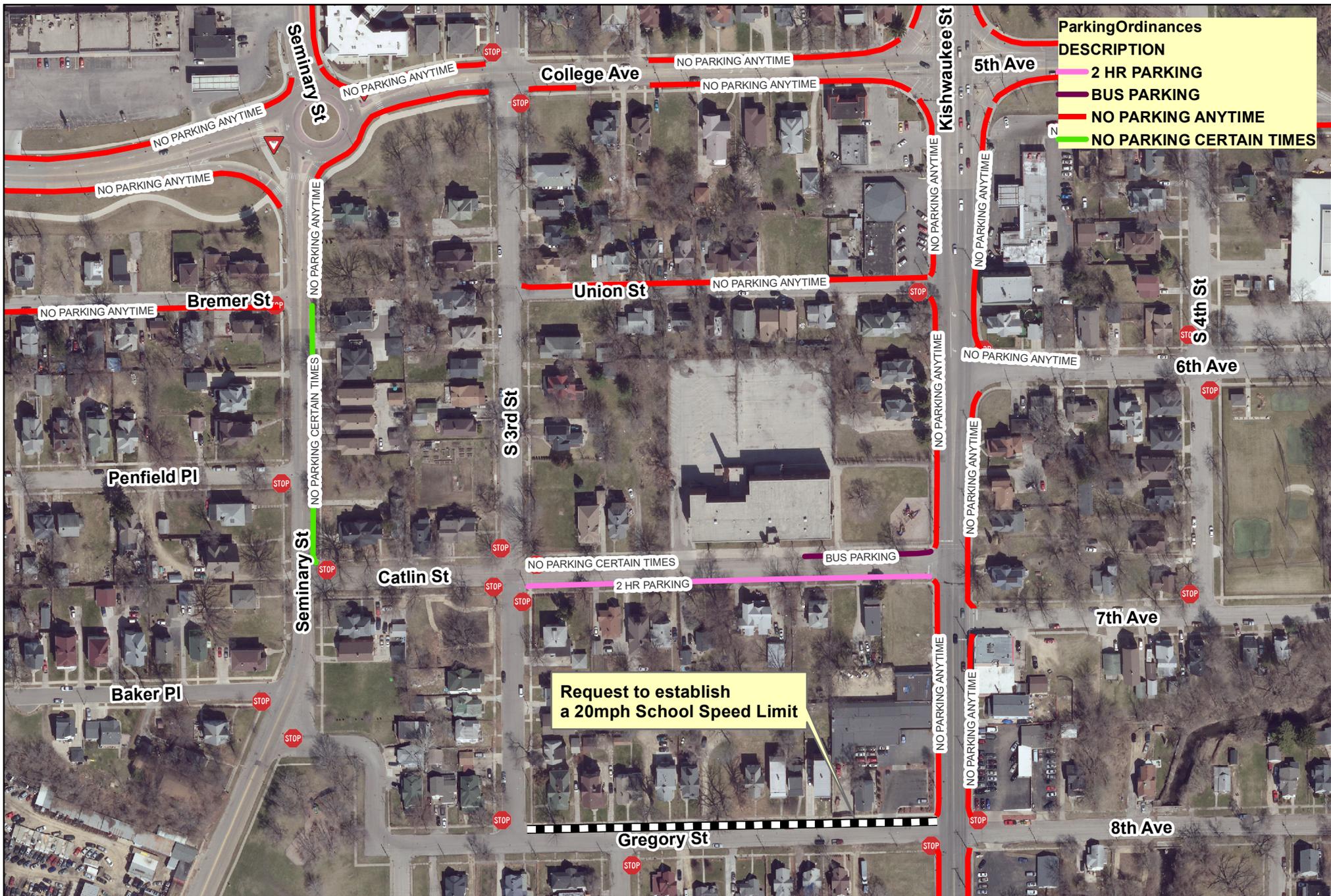
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I appreciate your help, and thanks for all that you do.

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***Becky Lichty, President
ORCHiD Neighborhood Association***

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Request to establish a 20mph School Speed Limit

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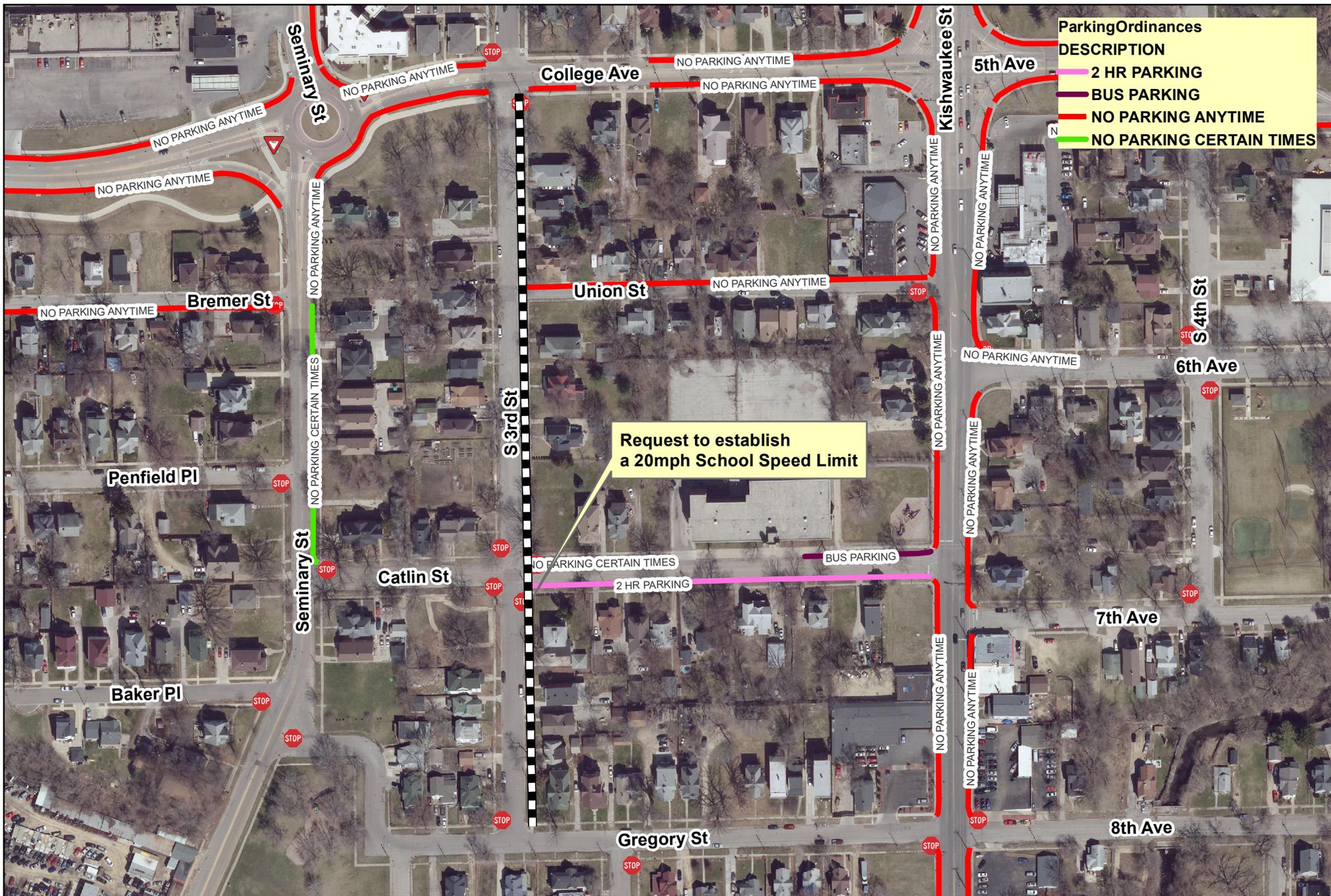
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**Request to establish
a 20mph School Speed Limit**

**Request to establish a 20mph School Speed Limit on South 3rd Street from Gregory Street to College Avenue
Ward 5**

From: [Jeremy Carter](#)
To: [Rachel Benson](#)
Subject: FW: Questions about School Zone at Galapagos Elementary 2605 School St
Date: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:36:15 AM

Here is the request, I have already added the item to the agenda.

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From: Shawn B. Toepfer

Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 2:45 PM

To: Jeremy Carter

Cc: Andre Brass

Subject: Questions about School Zone at Galapagos Elementary 2605 School St

Good afternoon,

I received a lengthy voicemail from a gentleman who lives across the street from the Galapagos School, which is located at 2605 School St.. He was extremely upset and passionate about the safety of the children in the cross walk there. He explained that traffic speeds through there all the time, which is more of a police traffic issue, but he is concerned because the school has a person trying to cross students across the street where it's not very clearly marked. He said there should be some kind of warning lights flashing, the cross walk needs to be repainted to make it more visible and asked for any other suggestions to make it safer. He went as far as to stand there with a video camera and record people and vehicles driving through the area, which upset parents of the children going to school there. He spoke with a school administrator also. He stated he called the Chief of Police, the Alderman, and the Mayor to complain about this issue.

I went to the school this afternoon and spoke with the Dean, Tyler Smith (Ph# 815-315-3731). He explained to me that the cross walk is very faded and hard to see. They have one person with a hand held stop sign in the afternoons from 4 pm to about 4:15 for controlling the kids and traffic but no one in the mornings. There are yellow flashing lights out there, which I checked if they worked, and they flash for a short time and then stop. I'm not sure if they both flash at the same time or not, but I think they should if they don't. I'm not sure if those lights can be controlled more by the school, maybe to stay flashing until someone turns them off. This may help and be more visible. I suggested the school provide a reflective vest for the crossing guard also. I also mentioned getting those cross walk signs that are placed in the street to tell drivers to stop when people are in the cross walk. I'm not sure if they are responsible to buy them or if the city has them, since they would be placed on the street.

If this is not an area you could help with I apologize for the lengthy email. If there is someone else I should reach out to, please let me know. I think someone should at least go out and take a look at the area and at least repaint the cross walks.

Thank you,

Officer Shawn Toepfer

Rockford Police Department
Community Service Unit

District 1, Area 4
1045 W. State St.
Rockford, IL 61102
Office Ph# 779-500-6677
Office hours 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Mon. – Fri.

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Request to establish a 20mph School Speed Limit on School Street from N Johnston Avenue to N Day Avenue
 Ward 7



City of Rockford
 Public Works
 Engineering Division



Produced: 10/04/2019
 Traffic Engineering Division

From: [Isaiah G Davis](#)
To: [Rachel Benson](#)
Subject: Stop Sign Request
Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019 1:59:50 PM

Rachel,

Thanks for the quick response time. I am requesting a 4-way stop sign or yield sign at the intersection of W Jefferson st. & Independence ave. (61101) The intersection is located at the entrance of Lewis Lemon Park.

Possible concerns and hazards include the flow of non-stop traffic in this area posing a danger to children and students entering and leaving park area.

If this is submitted for the next monthly traffic meeting that would be awesome! Thanks for your help and please keep me posted.

Respectfully,
Isaiah G. Davis
(815)980-4437
620 Alliance ave. 61101. Rockford, IL



N Sunset Ave

N Independence Ave

Andrews St

W Jefferson St

N Central Ave

N Independence Ave

W Jefferson St

Request to establish traffic control at the intersection of
W Jefferson Street and N Independence Avenue
Ward 13

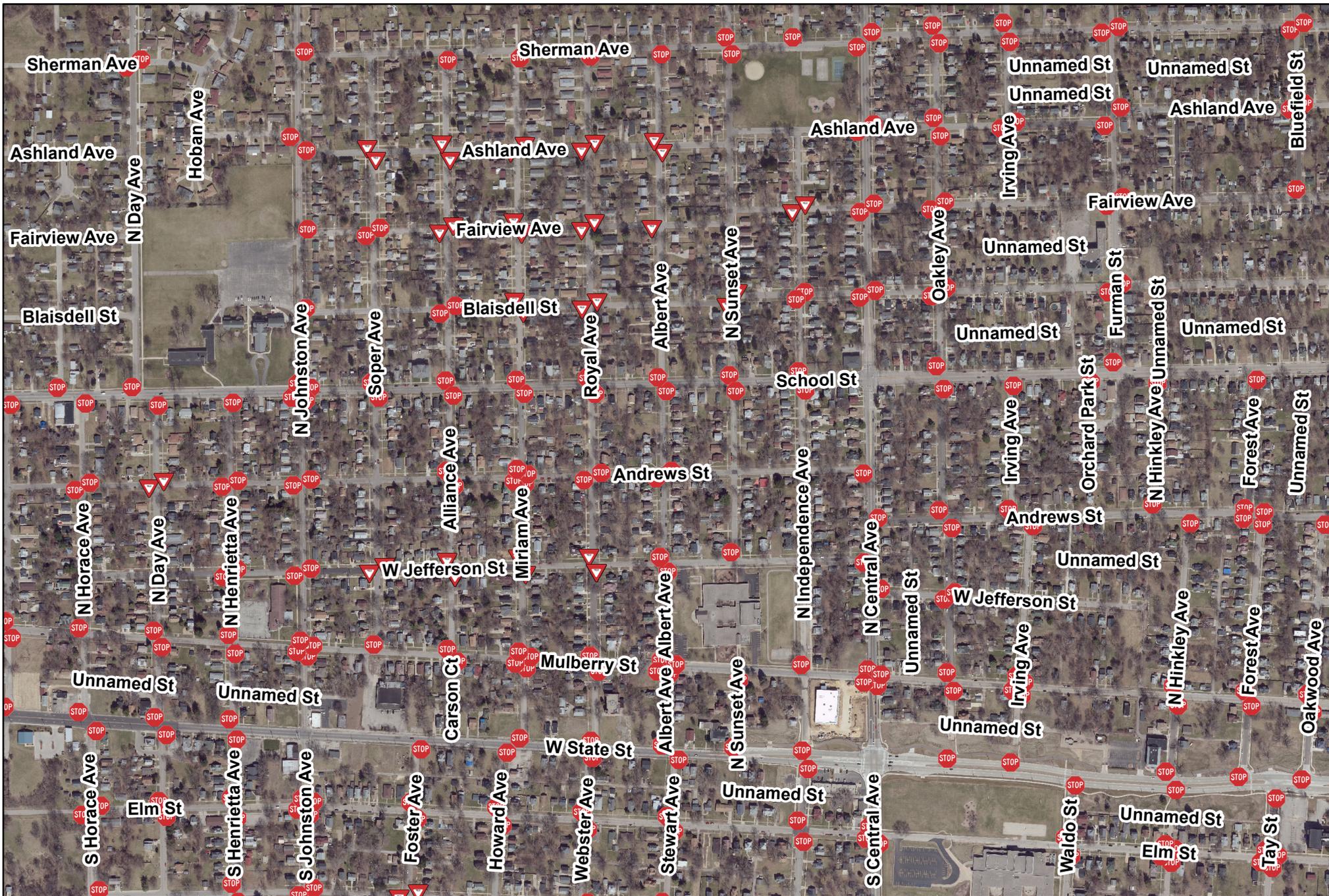


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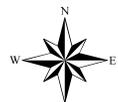


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Produced: 09/20/2019
Traffic Engineering Division



Request to establish a 4-way traffic control at the intersection of
W Jefferson Street & N Independence Avenue
Ward 13



City of Rockford

425 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61104

Traffic Commission

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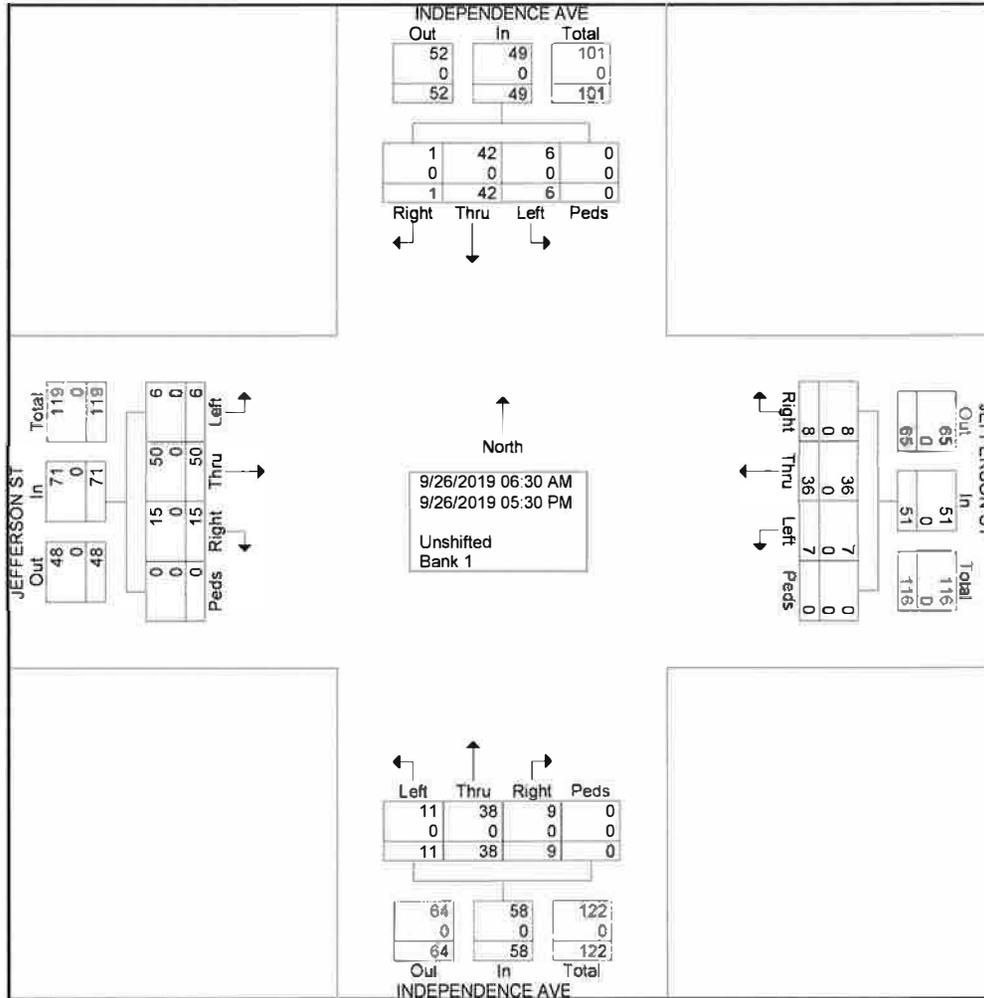
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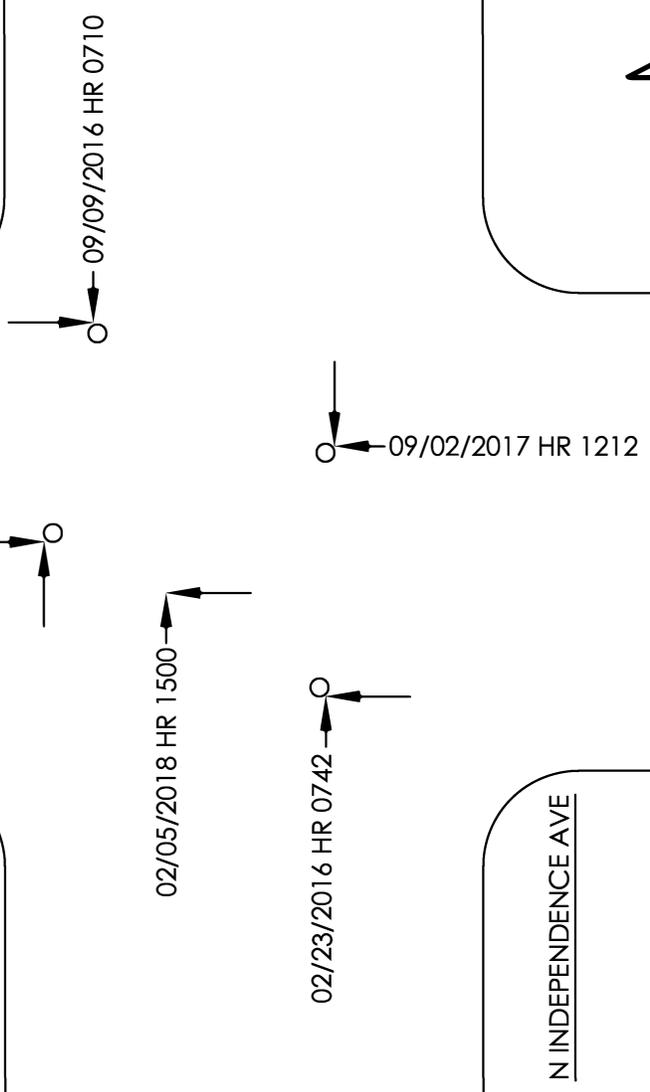
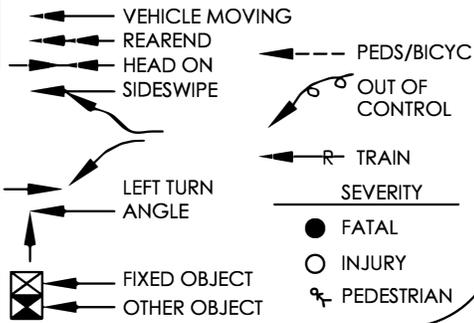


TRAFFIC DIVISION
COLLISION DIAGRAM

INTERSECTION OF W JEFFERSON STREET & N INDEPENDENCE AVENUE
PERIOD COVERED JANUARY 2016 TO OCTOBER 2019
COMPILED AND DRAWN BY RAB DATE 10/09/2019

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LEGEND



W JEFFERSON ST

N INDEPENDENCE AVE

COLLISION TYPE	2016				2017				2018				2019				TOTAL			
	FATAL	INJ	PDO	TOTAL																
REAR END																				
ANGLE		2		2		1		1			1	1		1		1		4	1	5
HEAD-ON																				
FIXED OBJECT																				
SIDESWIPE																				
OVERTURN																				
OTHER OBJECT																				
PEDS/VEH																				
LEFT TURN																				
TOTAL		2		2		1		1			1	1		1		1		4	1	5
NUMBER OF TOTAL	2				1				1				1				5			

From: [Jeremy Carter](#)
To: [Kyle Saunders](#); [Tony Gasparini](#)
Cc: [Rachel Benson](#); [Kerry Lin](#)
Subject: RE: Poor traffic flow on 300 south block of Prospect Street
Date: Monday, September 23, 2019 3:07:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Alderman-

Per our conversation, we will place a request to remove parking on the east side of Prospect Street from 2nd Avenue to Charles Street. As we discussed we will send out surveys to the residents along the street. Also as we discussed the City does not really put in speed bumps anymore because of issues with roadway maintenance (sweeping and plowing) and also emergency response. However we will do a speed study in this area and we can discuss options if we find a speeding problem.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or issues.

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From: Kyle Saunders
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 2:46 PM
To: Tony Gasparini
Subject: RE: Poor traffic flow on 300 south block of Prospect Street

Tony-

Jeremy Carter (our Traffic Engineer) was copied on this e-mail. He's the right person. He would be the place where this request would start.

Thank you, sir.

All the best,



From: Tony Gasparini <Tony.Gasparini@rockfordil.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 11:32 AM
To: Kyle Saunders <Kyle.Saunders@rockfordil.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Poor traffic flow on 300 south block of Prospect Street
 Whom do I send this to?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tina Thornrose <tinalouiseici@yahoo.com>
Date: September 23, 2019 at 11:23:47 AM CDT
To: "Tony.Gasparini@rockfordil.gov" <Tony.Gasparini@rockfordil.gov>
Cc: "Jeremy.Carter@rockfordil.gov" <Jeremy.Carter@rockfordil.gov>
Subject: Poor traffic flow on 300 south block of Prospect Street

Hi Tony,

You and I spoke about the traffic problem on the 300 south block of Prospect Street. The 200 block is 30' wide. It is a terribly abused cut through from State Street to Charles Street. The speeders are crazy and threaten the safety of the people on our 200 block every day. The police need to be stationed in my driveway at 214 S Prospect. They would get rich on tickets in that spot!

The 300 block is only 24' wide. So, it becomes a strainer for these insane cut through drivers that are running fast, down-hill into that block that only allows for 3 car lanes.

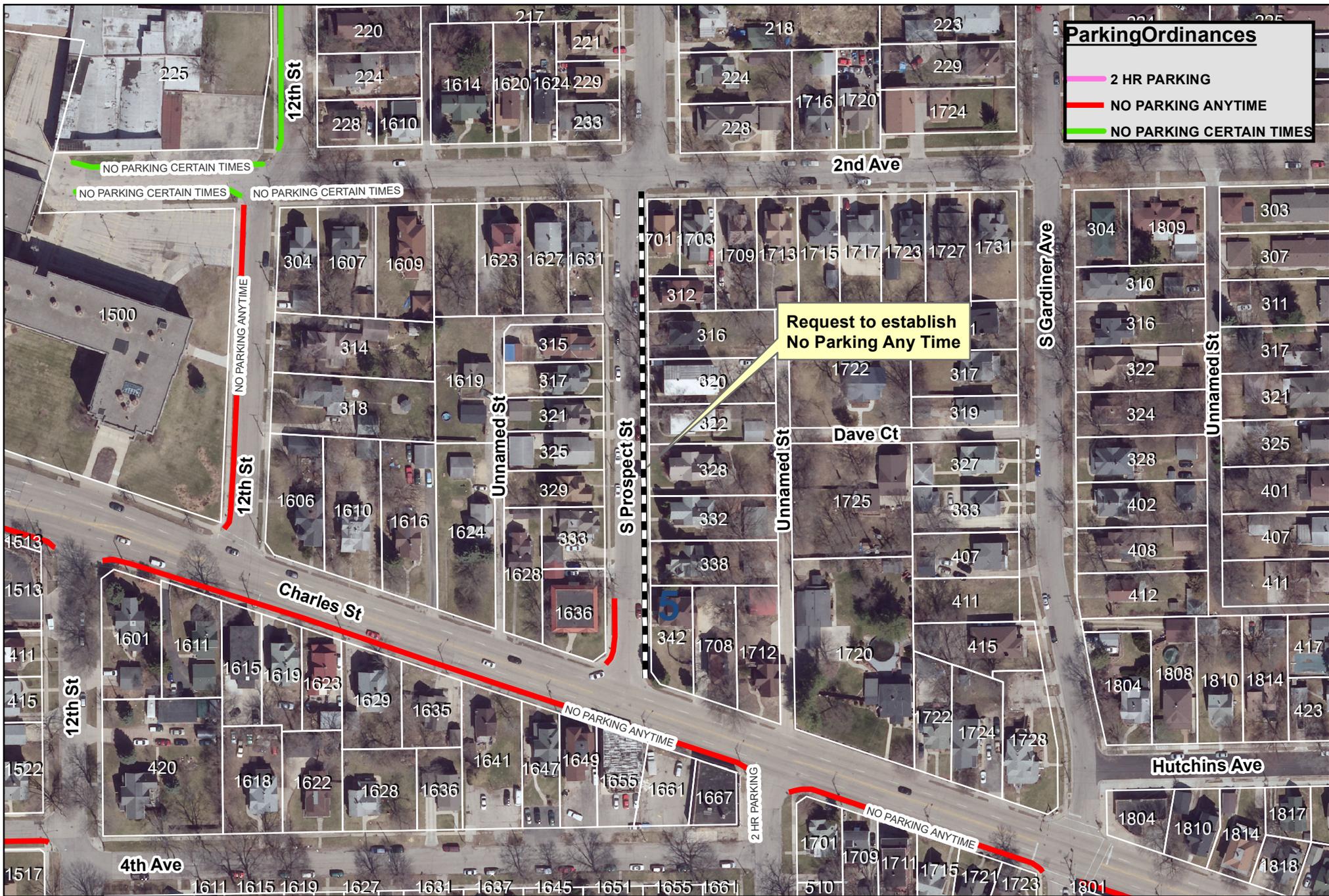
I always used to leave the neighborhood by Lincoln School. Now that that is closed to through traffic, I probably have to start driving Gardiner.

I have been stuck, pulled aside to the curb, just to let on-coming traffic get through the street. I have been left in on-coming traffic on Charles, because no one can move at the beginning of S. Prospect to travel north. The retaining wall at the NW corner of that intersection doesn't make it any easier. It's hard to drive south from Prospect, onto Charles, because of the lack of visibility.

I feel strongly that parking must be limited to one side of the street on the 300 block of Prospect. We should also have speed bumps on the 200 south block. Please get involved with this area. One of these days a kid is going to get hurt.

Thank you,

Tina Thornrose



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Ward 2

Parking Survey Response
S Prospect Street
from 2nd Avenue to Charles Street

Survey	Name	Address	City	Zip	Apt	Count	Choice # 1	Choice #2	No Reply	Comments
							"No Parking Any Time" on the east side of S Prospect Street from 2nd Avenue to Charles Street	Leave as is		
1	Wanda Dabbs	1631 2nd Avenue	Rockford	61104		1			1	
2	Deanne Lindskog	1701 2nd Avenue	Rockford	61104		1		1		There isn't enough parking as it is with all these apartment complexes with no drive ways. Now that 12th Street has been blocked for Lincoln Middle School, all their traffic is rerouted as well to S. Prospect. I am on the corner of the 2nd Ave and S. Prospect. The congestion is mainly from the school.
3	Dennis Hardesty	1970 Grandchester Place	Rockford	61107		1		1		
4	Resident	1636 Charles Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
5	Erik Voss	4307 Villa Wood Circle	Rockford	61107		1		1		
6	Thomas Rose	315 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
7	Resident	317 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
8	Edwin & Leza Norris	1903 Whitestone Drive	Rockton	61072		1			1	
9	Diego Gutierrez & Infante Adalberto	321 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
10	Amy Swadley	325 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
11	Steven Hade	329 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1		1		This will create a mess in winter.
12	Kenneth Lobianco	3407 N Pioneer	Chicago	60634		1			1	
13	Resident	333 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
14	Robert Lynn	4923 Waukegan Drive	Rockford	61107		1			1	
15	Resident	312 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
16	Rashid Farooq	5978 Schroeder Road, Apt A	Madison	53711		1			1	
17	Maria Socorro Diaz	316 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1		1		
18	Resident	320 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
19	Zenith Landholdings Rockford Series	1928 12th Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
20	Resident	322 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
21	Chabad Lubavitch of Rockford NFP	5180 Guilford Road	Rockford	61107		1			1	
22	Alan Heisler	328 S Prospect Street 1	Rockford	61104		1		1		
23	Matthew Davis	328 S Prospect Street 2	Rockford	61104		1		1		
24	Helen Sell	332 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1		1		
25	Resident	338 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
26	Jodie Bell	12431 Legend Lakes Drive	Roscoe	61073		1			1	
27	Resident	342 S Prospect Street	Rockford	61104		1			1	
28	Mary 'OSullivan Snyder	4655 Landau Place	Rockford	61114		1		1		Tenants have no where else to park. This would cause a great hardship. Please do not pass this!!
Total						28	0	9	19	
						% of total	0%	32%	68%	