



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of Urbana City Council

FROM: Joseph L. Smith, Senior Civil Engineer
William R. Gray, Public Works Director

DATE: March 20, 2014

RE: Turn Restrictions on Main Street, Race Street and Broadway Avenue in Downtown Urbana and Main Street Parking Restrictions

Introduction

At its March 11, 2014 meeting, the Urbana Traffic Commission recommended removing the turning restrictions for those facing a steady red traffic signal light on Main Street at Race Street for westbound traffic; and on Main Street at Broadway Avenue, Race Street at Main Street and Broadway Avenue at Main Street for all directions. The Commission also recommended placing parking restrictions on Main Street between Webber Street and Lynn Street on the south side of the street near the alley located within that block.

Background

The first ordinance (Schedule E) removes some turning restrictions within the central business district of downtown Urbana. Downtown business owners asked if the turning restrictions (No Turn on Red) could be removed since the business owners believed signage hampered traffic travelling through downtown Urbana.

Recent improvements to the intersections at Main Street and Race Street and Broadway Avenue and Main Street changed the traffic patterns in downtown Urbana. Staff noted that all of the legs within those two intersections, except for the eastbound lane on Main Street at Race Street, no longer had the same visibility issues as they had prior to the improvements. Upon review, staff determined that the only intersection leg where visibility was a concern was for eastbound traffic on Main Street turning right onto Race Street (Busey Bank corner). The configuration of Race Street to the north made it difficult for those eastbound motorists on Main Street to see southbound traffic on Race Street easily when trying to make a right turn. As a result of the improvements, the Traffic Commission recommended removing the turning restrictions for all of the legs of traffic at the intersection of Main Street and Race Street, except for the eastbound leg on Main Street at Race Street, and for all legs of traffic at the intersection of Main Street and Broadway Avenue.

The second ordinance (Schedule J) adds parking restrictions on the south side of Main Street between 161 feet east of Webber Street and 213 feet east of Webber Street to provide improved visibility for motorists turning onto Main Street from the alley located between Webber Street and Lynn Street. The alley provides service access to garages for some residents on Main Street and Lynn Street.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve an Ordinance Amending Schedule E of Section 23-73 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code and an Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code (Main Street between Webber Street and Lynn Street).

Attachments

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE E OF SECTION 23-73 OF THE URBANA
LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE REQUIRING OBEDIENCE TO NO-TURN SIGNS**

(Main Street at Race Street, Main Street at Broadway Avenue, Race Street at Main Street and Broadway Avenue at Main Street)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana ("Urbana") is an Illinois Municipal Corporation pursuant to the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Statutes of the State of Illinois;

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

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, pursuant to the aforesaid traffic code, has the authority to regulate turning movements on its streets and in its parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana restricts turning movements on streets to provide public safety and access;

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

Section 1. That Schedule E of Section 23-73, entitled "Obedience to no-turn signs," of Article VI of the Urbana Local Traffic Code, is hereby amended by DELETING from that schedule the following locations where drivers of vehicles shall be prohibited from making a right turn after stopping when facing a steady red signal:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>At</u>
Main Street	Westbound	Race Street
Main Street	Both	Broadway Avenue
Race Street	Both	Main Street
Broadway Avenue	Both	Main Street

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 _____, _____

AYES:

NAYS:

PRESENT:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM

I, Phyllis D. 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 SCHEDULE E OF SECTION 23-73 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE REQUIRING OBEDIENCE TO NO-TURN SIGNS (Main Street at Race Street, Main Street at Broadway Avenue, Race Street at Main Street and Broadway Avenue at Main Street)," 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 the Ordinance was posted in the Urbana City Building commencing on the ____ day of _____, _____, and continuing for at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of the Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

DATED at Urbana, Illinois, this ____ day of _____, _____

(SEAL)

CITY CLERK

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE J OF SECTION 23-183 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS

(Main Street between Webber Street and Lynn Street)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana ("Urbana") is an Illinois Municipal Corporation pursuant to the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Statutes of the State of Illinois;

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

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, pursuant to the aforesaid traffic code, has the authority to regulate parking on its streets and in its parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana restricts parking on streets to provide public safety and access;

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

Section 1. That Schedule J of Section 23-183, entitled "Parking Prohibited At All Times on Certain Streets" of Article XIV of the Urbana Local Traffic Code, is hereby amended by ADDING to that schedule the following portions of streets where no person shall be permitted to park a vehicle at any time:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Side of Street</u>
Main Street	From 161 feet east of the centerline of Webber Street to 213 feet east of the centerline of Webber Street	South Side

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.

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PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

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The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. _____ 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 _____,
_____.


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CITY CLERK



Proposed No Parking Any Time - E. Main Street
From 161' east of centerline of Webber Street
to 213' east of centerline of Webber Street,
south side of street.

LEGEND

 Proposed No Parking



City of Urbana
Public Works Dept
Engineering Division
Date: 3/17/2014

