



**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

ENGINEERING

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of City Council
FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director
Joseph L. Smith, Senior Civil Engineer
DATE: September 19, 2013
RE: Ordinance from Traffic Commission
(Parking Restrictions on Prairie Winds Drive and Prairie Winds Circle)

Attached is an ordinance for your approval from action taken by the Urbana Traffic Commission at its September 10, 2013 meeting.

The ordinance (Schedule J) prohibits parking at all times on the east side of Prairie Winds Drive between Colorado Avenue and Prairie Winds Circle, on the east side of Prairie Winds Drive from 170 feet south to 195 feet south of Prairie Winds Circle, on the east and north sides of Prairie Winds Drive from 365 feet south of Prairie Winds Circle to 1,175 feet east of the end of Prairie Winds Drive and on the south and west sides of Prairie Winds Circle from Prairie Winds Drive east to 1,195 feet east to the end of Prairie Winds Circle. The subdivision developer, Mr. Paul Tatman, requested the parking restrictions to avoid a recurrence of problems when emergency vehicles were unable to travel on Prairie Winds Drive due to congestion caused by on-street parking to attend to emergency calls. Reducing parking to one side of the street will provide access for emergency vehicles responding to the needs of residents on these streets.

The proposed restrictions were discussed at the meeting of the homeowners' association on Saturday, September 14, 2013. Residents were asked to submit questions or concerns to the Urbana Public Works Department or to attend the meeting of the Urbana City Council.

The Traffic Commission recommends approval of these parking restrictions and asks Council to approve An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets.

Attachments: Ordinance
Location Map

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

(Prairie Winds Drive; Prairie Winds Circle)

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 portion of a street where no person shall park a vehicle at any time:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Side of Street</u>
Prairie Winds Drive	From the centerline of Colorado Avenue south to the centerline of Prairie Winds Circle	East Side
Prairie Winds Drive	From 170 feet south of the centerline of Prairie Winds Circle to 195 feet south of the centerline of Prairie Winds Circle	East Side

<u>Street</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Side of Street</u>
Prairie Winds Drive	From 365 feet south of the centerline of Prairie Winds Circle to 1,175 feet east to the terminus of Prairie Winds Drive	North and East Sides
Prairie Winds Circle	From the centerline of Prairie Winds Drive east to 1,195 feet east to the terminus of Prairie Winds Circle	South and West Sides

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.

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

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.

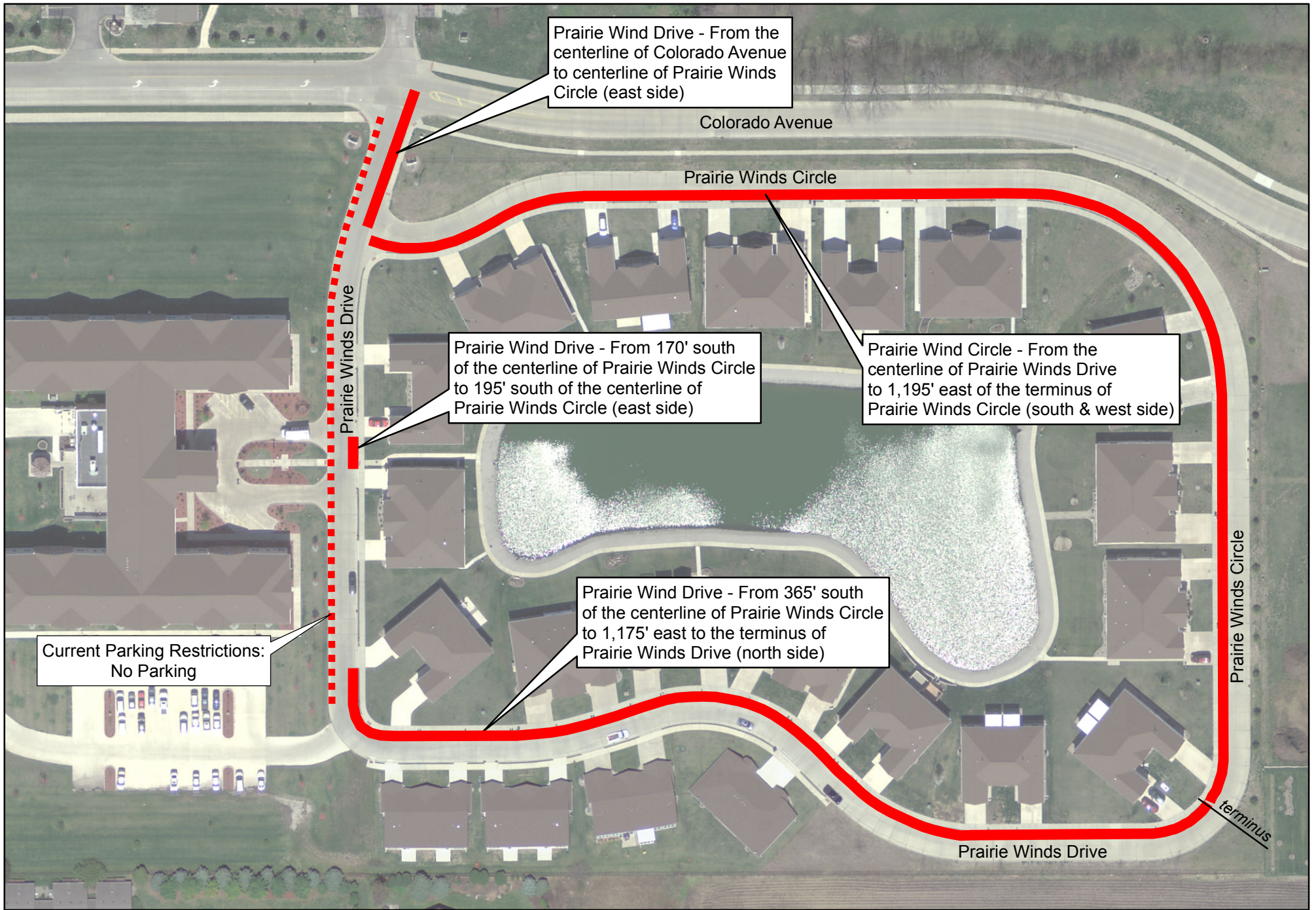
I certify that on the _____ day of _____, the corporate authorities of the City of Urbana passed and approved Ordinance No. _____, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE J OF SECTION 23-183 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS (Prairie Winds Drive; Prairie Winds Circle)," which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

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 _____,
_____.

SEAL

CITY CLERK



**Proposed No Parking Any Time
Prairie Winds Drive and
Prairie Winds Circle**

LEGEND

- Proposed Parking Restrictions
- - - - Current Parking Restriction



City of Urbana
Public Works Dept
Engineering Division
Date: 9/19/2013



URBANA TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 10, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Madigan, City Council Member, Ward 6, Chair
Joe Smith, Senior Civil Engineer
Pat Connolly, Police Chief

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Gray, Public Works Director
Karl Koenke, 1823 East Prairie Winds Circle
John Collins, Operations Manager

The meeting began at 4:03 p.m. Michael Madigan chaired the meeting.

Additions to the agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Barb Stiehl mentioned that the date on the agenda was incorrectly written as "August 6, 2013" and the meeting occurred on August 13, 2013.

Joe Smith moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Pat Connolly seconded the motion. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2013 meeting.

Public Input

Karl Koenke stated that when vehicles parked on both sides of Prairie Winds Circle and Prairie Winds Drive, it was difficult for traffic to travel on the streets. He said that it was a public safety concern since an ambulance had difficulty getting to a residence during an emergency.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Item #1- Discussion of the location of school crossing guards.

Information was still being collected. Pat Connolly asked that this item be moved to the October meeting of the Urbana Traffic Commission.

Item #2- Discussion of parking restrictions on Prairie Winds Drive and Prairie Winds Circle.

Paul Tatman, the developer of the Prairie Winds subdivision, sent an e-mail requesting that parking be restricted to the outside lane of Prairie Winds Drive and Prairie Winds Circle so emergency vehicles could safely travel on those streets. He mentioned in his e-mail that parking was available in the parking lot south of the Prairie Winds Assisted Living facility.

Michael Madigan said that with parking on both sides the street seemed very narrow. He added that removing parking would not be a hardship since parking would be available in the parking lot south of the assisted care facility.

Joe Smith said that those residents on the south side of Prairie Winds Drive might be impacted by the restrictions.

Mr. Koenke stated that those residences were the closest to the parking lot so there would be parking alternatives close to them.

Bill Gray asked if there was any opposition to the proposed restrictions.

Mr. Koenke said that he did not know of any, but that the issue was going to be discussed at the meeting of the homeowners' association to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2013.

John Collins said that the removal of parking would help keep snow away from the driveways during snow removal operations.

Joe Smith stated that he didn't see many people parking on the street.

Mr. Koenke said that it did happen, especially in those areas where residences were on both sides of the street.

Bill Gray asked if the Engineering Division could research the parking situation to determine the exact locations for parking restrictions.

Joe Smith moved to restrict parking on east side of Prairie Winds Drive between the driveways where the sidewalk connects to the street and on the inner parts of Prairie Winds Circle and beginning at the southern end of Prairie Winds Drive.

Michael Madigan recommended that a draft copy of a map and the ordinance be sent to Mr. Tatman to share with the homeowners' association at its Saturday meeting.

Pat Connolly seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0.

This item will go to Council for consideration.

Item #3- Discussion of meeting dates for the Urbana Traffic Commission.

Discussion of the time and location of the meeting followed.

Joe Smith moved to change the meeting dates of the Urbana Traffic Commission from the first Tuesday of the month to the second Tuesday of the month and to change the meeting location from second floor conference room at the Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine Street in Urbana to the second floor conference room at the Urbana Public Works Department, 706 South Glover Avenue, Urbana.

Pat Connolly seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on October 8, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana Public Works Department, 706 South Glover Avenue, second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Stiehl
Recording Secretary