



AGENDA

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Public Health and Safety Committee: February 27, 2025 at 5:15 PM
Village Hall 740 Hillgrove Avenue, Western Springs, IL 60558

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Public Comment

D. New Business

1. Proposed Ordinance Amending Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 4 (Traffic Schedules), Section 3 (Schedule III: Parking Limitations and Prohibitions) of the Western Springs Municipal Code Relative to removing parking restrictions on the south side of Chestnut Street between Central Avenue and Grove Avenue in front of the former Masonic Lodge located at 1215 Chestnut Street, Western Springs, Illinois.
2. Proposed Ordinance Amending to Village of Western Springs Municipal Code Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) Chapter 6 (Bicycles)
3. Proposed Ordinance Amending Parking Restrictions - 15-Minute Parking Spaces at 740 Hillgrove Ave (Village Hall) and 4479 Lawn Ave (Post Office) and the addition of a 30-Minute Parking Space at 901 Burlington Ave (BMO Harris) and 825 Burlington Ave (Kirschbaum's Bakery).

E. Other Business

F. Adjournment

Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend / participate in this meeting and who require accommodations to allow them to observe and participate, or who have questions regarding accessibility of the meeting or facilities, are requested to contact Jill Izzo at 708-246-1800, extension 127.



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Public Health and Safety Committee: February 27, 2025

AGENDA ITEM D.1.

To: Public Health and Safety Committee

From: Jeff Koza, Director of Engineering Services

CC: Ellen Baer, Village Manager, Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement Services

RE: Proposed Ordinance Amending Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 4 (Traffic Schedules), Section 3 (Schedule III: Parking Limitations and Prohibitions) of the Western Springs Municipal Code Relative to removing parking restrictions on the south side of Chestnut Street between Central Avenue and Grove Avenue in front of the former Masonic Lodge located at 1215 Chestnut Street, Western Springs, Illinois.

Recommendation

Consider a recommendation to approve amending Village Code to eliminate the on street parking restriction that currently exists in front of 1219 Chestnut (formally Masonic Lodge).

Summary

The building at 1219 Chestnut was previously a Masonic Lodge. The property was sold to a private developer and the building has been torn down. The developer is building a new home that spans two properties 1215 and 1219 Chestnut. There were signs posted calling out no on-street parking on the south side of Chestnut Street in front of the Masonic Lodge property at 1219 Chestnut. Now that the lodge has been torn down and there will be a new single family home located on the property Staff is recommending the elimination of the parking restriction so on street parking would be allowed. Staff spoke with the developer and the developer was in favor of the change as well. The Village Attorney has drafted a revision of Village Code to eliminate the parking restrictions.

Financial Impact

N/A

Recommended Motion

I move to recommend to the Village Board the approval of an ordinance Amending Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 4 (Traffic Schedules), Section 3 (Schedule III: Parking Limitations and Prohibitions) of the Western Springs Municipal Code relative to removing parking restrictions on the south side of Chestnut Street between Central Avenue and Grove Avenue in front of the former Masonic Lodge located at 1215 Chestnut Street, Western Springs, Illinois.

Strategic Plan Alignment

N/A

File Attachments

1. Ordinance No. 25-_____ Amending Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic); Chapter 4 (Traffic Schedules); Section 3 (Parking Limitati

(Additions to existing text marked with underlining; deletions to existing text marked using strikethrough)
DRAFT 2.11.2025
ORDINANCE NO. 25-????
VOTE: Passed by an omnibus vote.
AYES: _____
NAYS: _____
ABSENT: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
DATE: _____, 2025.
OTHER: Published in pamphlet form.

ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 4 (TRAFFIC SCHEDULES), SECTION 3 (SCHEDULE III: PARKING LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO REMOVING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHESTNUT STREET BETWEEN CENTRAL AVENUE AND GROVE AVENUE IN FRONT OF THE FORMER MASONIC LODGE LOCATED AT 1215 CHESTNUT STREET, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS.

WHEREAS, historically, the Western Springs Masonic Lodge operated as a fraternal organization located at 1215 Chestnut Street in Western Springs, Illinois between Central Avenue and Grove Avenue. However, the organization has vacated that location and the property is being redeveloped as a single-family home. As a result, the existing parking restrictions preventing parking on the south side of Chestnut Street between the signs in front of the former Masonic Lodge building are no longer necessary (the “Parking Restrictions”); and

WHEREAS, at an open public meeting held on February/March __, 2025, the Public Health and Safety Committee (“Committee”) reviewed the proposed Code Amendment, considered input from the Village of Western Springs (“Village”) staff, and provided an opportunity for public input on the matter, and then favorably recommended approval of the proposed modifications to the existing Parking Regulations; and

WHEREAS, at open public meetings held on _____, 2025 and _____, 2025, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs considered the proposed Code Amendment, received and considered the Committee’s recommendations and the input from Village staff, and provided an opportunity for public input on the proposed modifications, and, at the _____, 2025 meeting, the Village President and Board of Trustees concurred with the recommendation of the Committee to approve the Code Amendment in order to remove the Parking Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs have the authority, under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-80-11) and the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-113; 5/11-903, 5/11-1002, 5/11-1303 and 5/11-1425), to remove the Parking Regulations set forth in Section 2 below, and find that approving the Code Amendment in order to remove the Parking Regulations is protective of the health, safety and welfare of and in the best interests of the Village, its residents, property owners, local businesses and the public.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Incorporation. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into Section 1 of this Ordinance as material terms and provisions.

SECTION 2. Code Amendment. Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 4 (Traffic Schedules), Section 3 (Schedule III; Parking Limitations and Prohibitions), Subsection 7-4-3(C) (Additional Parking Prohibitions and Limitations) of the Western Springs Municipal Code shall be amended as follows (additions to existing text marked with underlining; deletions to existing text marked using strikethrough):

“7-4-3: SCHEDULE III; PARKING LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS:

C. Additional Parking Prohibitions and Limitations: Other prohibitions and limitations are to be as follows when posted by sign:

CHESTNUT STREET – South side

~~No parking at any time between signs in front of the Masonic Lodge.~~

30 minute parking from Lawn Avenue to Wolf Road during library hours.

4 hour parking 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday from Woodland Avenue to Lawn Avenue.”

SECTION 3. Codifier to Make All Necessary Internal Amendments. To the extent necessary, all tables of contents, indexes, headings, and internal references or cross-references to sections or other text that need to be amended or deleted within the Western Springs Municipal Code, as a consequence of the above Code Amendment, shall be amended by the Village’s codifier so as to be consistent with the terms of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Repeal of Conflicting Legislation; Severability; Validity of Non-Conflicting Legislation. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed. Each section, paragraph, clause and provision of this Ordinance is separable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision. Except for the Code amendment set forth above in this Ordinance, all chapters and sections of the Municipal Code of the Village of Western Springs shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and due publication in pamphlet form according to law and the posting of the appropriate parking regulation signs.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois, at a Regular Meeting thereof, held on the ____ day of _____, 2025 and approved by me as President, and attested by the Village Clerk, on the same day.

Heidi Rudolph, Village President

ATTEST:

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

Published by me in pamphlet form on the ____ day of _____, 2025.

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Edward Tymick, Village Clerk of the Village of Western Springs, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of that certain Ordinance now on file in my Office, entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-_____

**ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC),
CHAPTER 4 (TRAFFIC SCHEDULES),
SECTION 3 (SCHEDULE III: PARKING LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS)
OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO
REMOVING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHESTNUT STREET
BETWEEN CENTRAL AVENUE AND GROVE AVENUE IN FRONT OF THE FORMER MASONIC LODGE
LOCATED AT 1215 CHESTNUT STREET, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS**

which Ordinance was passed by a roll call vote of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs at a Regular Village Board Meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present, and approved by the President of the Village of Western Springs on the ____ day of _____, 2025.

I further certify that the vote on the question of the passage of said Ordinance by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs was taken by Ayes and Nays and recorded in the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs, and that the result of said vote was as follows, to-wit:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

I do further certify that the original Ordinance, of which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Western Springs, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

[SEAL]



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Public Health and Safety Committee: February 27, 2025

AGENDA ITEM D.2.

To: Public Health and Safety Committee

From: Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement Services, Ashlee Jasutis, Deputy Director of Law Enforcement Services

CC: Ellen Baer, Village Manager

RE: Proposed Ordinance Amending to Village of Western Springs Municipal Code Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) Chapter 6 (Bicycles)

Recommendation

Consider a recommendation to approve an update to Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 6 (Bicycles) of the Western Springs Village Code to include rules and restrictions for operating low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric scooters and personal mobility devices.

Summary

Staff is proposing updates to Chapter 6 of the Village Code to allow low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric scooters and personal mobility devices to share the roadway with motorists and ride on sidewalks when safe to do so, with certain restrictions. The proposed code amendments address concerns raised by area businesses that bicyclists and e-bicyclists were impeding safe travel by pedestrians, as well as the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code rules and regulations regarding electric bicycles.

A low-speed electric bicycle (e-bike) is defined as a bicycle equipped with pedals and an electric motor with a power output of less than 750w. A low-speed electric scooters is defined as a device weighing less than 100 pounds, with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, whose maximum speed is no more than 10 miles per hour.

Personal mobility devices (PMD's) are defined as electric-powered or electric-assisted devices designed to transport only one person and has a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour or less, as a mobility aid to an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disability Act.

The recommended code amendments allow bicycles, low-speed e-bikes, and low-speed electric scooters to be permitted on roadways and sidewalks. However, they are not permitted to be operated in the downtown business district (see detailed map and description). Bicycle racks are located throughout the downtown business district to accommodate safe locking of bikes while visiting the downtown area. All bicycles, low-speed e-bikes, low-speed electric scooters and PMD's are required to yield to pedestrians. Personal mobility devices and aids used due to

a disability are encouraged on sidewalks rather than in roadways where possible. Items such as safety equipment, parking, registration, and riding rules are also addressed in the proposed code update.

All units equipped with an electric motor with a power output of 750w or greater are strictly prohibited on the public way. This includes scooters, one-wheels or any other electric motorized devices. This is consistent with laws of the State of Illinois. The Traffic and Safety Commission favorably reviewed these amendments at their meeting on February 18, 2025. Staff has since revised the proposed map to address use in certain areas of the downtown business district.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommended Motion

I move to recommend to the Village Board the approval of an update to Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 6 (Bicycles) of the Western Springs Village Code with regard to low-speed electric bicycles, low-speed electric scooters and personal mobility devices.

Strategic Plan Alignment

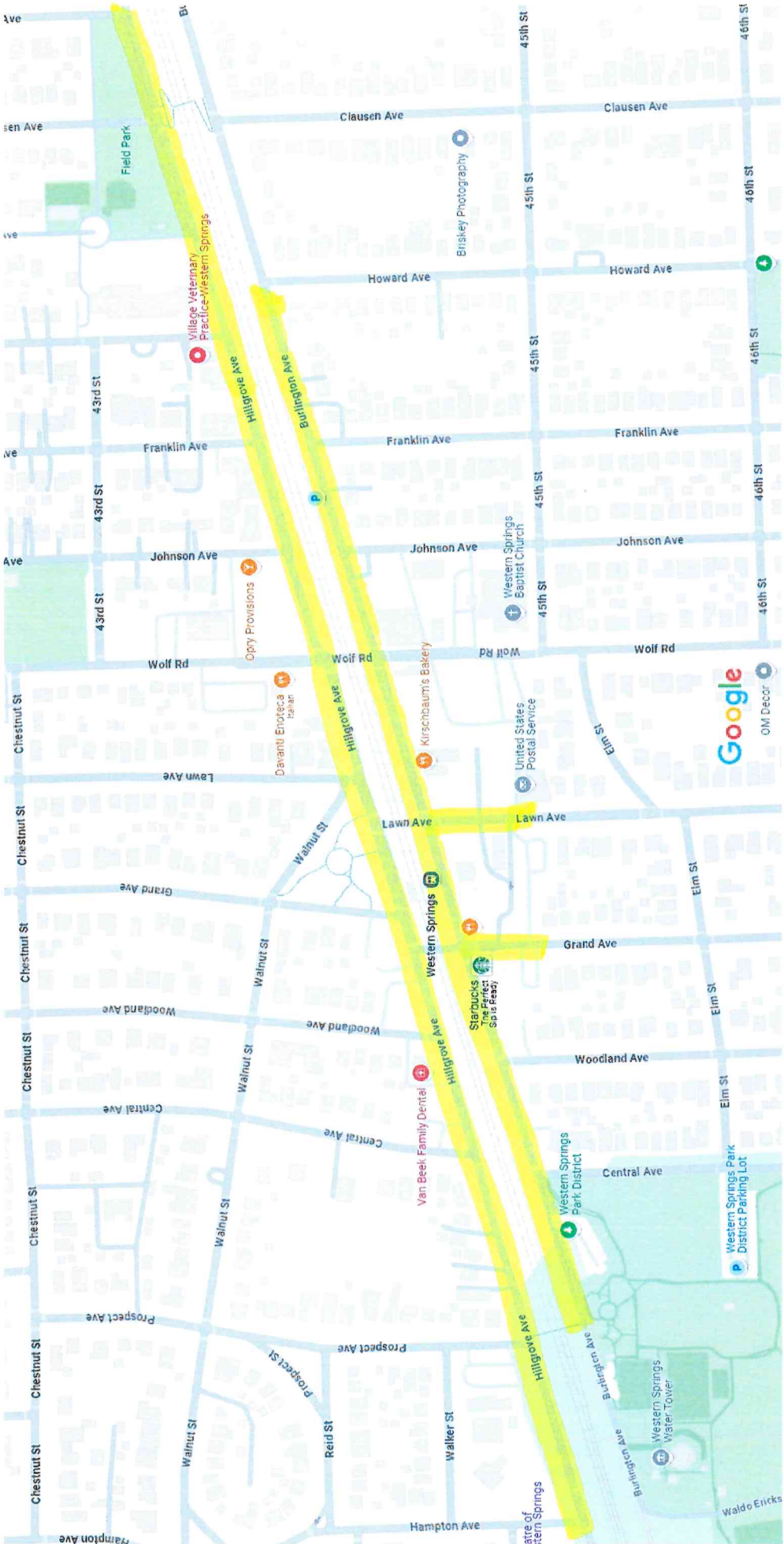
Public safety.

File Attachments

- 1. Maps for E-Bike Ordinance



Map data ©2025 Google 500 ft



Map data ©2025 Google 200 ft



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Public Health and Safety Committee: February 27, 2025

AGENDA ITEM D.3.

To: Public Health and Safety Committee

From: Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement Services

CC:

RE: Proposed Ordinance Amending Parking Restrictions - 15-Minute Parking Spaces at 740 Hillgrove Ave (Village Hall) and 4479 Lawn Ave (Post Office) and the addition of a 30-Minute Parking Space at 901 Burlington Ave (BMO Harris) and 825 Burlington Ave (Kirschbaum's Bakery).

Recommendation

Staff recommends replacing the six 15-minute parking signs at the Post Office, located at 4479 Lawn Avenue, Western Springs, and the four 15-minute parking signs at the Village Hall, located at 740 Hillgrove Avenue, Western Springs, with updated signage that reads: "15 Minute Parking Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM."

Staff also recommends adding a 30-Minute parking space at 901 Burlington Ave near BMO Harris and 825 Burlington Ave near Kirschbaum's Bakery with updated signage that reads "30 Minute Parking Mon-Fri 8:30 - 5:00 PM."

Summary

In order to provide better utilization of the downtown parking in the evenings, staff is recommending that the Committee review a proposed change in the parking restrictions immediately in front of the Post Office and Village Hall locations. The 15-minute parking signs restrict these spaces 24/7 rather than just when the Post Office and Village Hall lobbies are open to the public. Six spaces at the Post Office location and four at Village Hall are proposed with this change to 15-Minute Parking, Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. The addition of two 30-minute parking spaces at Kirschbaum's and BMO Harris will similarly provide additional in-and-out spaces during business hours in that area. The suggestion of 30-minute spaces in this area will allow shoppers to visit more than one location. There are already other short-term parking spaces in the downtown as is outlined in the Municipal Code.

Restaurant patrons would likely employ the spaces if they were available after 5 p.m. on weekdays and on weekends. The Post Office is only open until noon on Saturdays and nearby restaurants open at 11 AM with only one hour of overlap. Staff does not recommend restricting these spaces on weekends.

This item was reviewed by the Transportation and Safety Commission on February 18, 2025.

Financial Impact

None

Recommended Motion

Consider a recommendation to the Village Board to approve an Ordinance to change the 15-minute parking restrictions at 740 Hillgrove Avenue and 4479 Lawn Avenue to read "15 Minute Parking Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM." and the addition of a 30-Minute Parking Space at 901 Burlington Ave (BMO Harris) and 825 Burlington Ave (Kirschbaum's Bakery).

Strategic Plan Alignment

File Attachments

1. 15 Min Parking 1
2. 740 Hillgrove Ave 1
3. 740 Hillgrove Ave 2
4. 15 Min Parking 2
5. WS Post Office 1
6. WS Post Office 2
7. WS Post Office 3



15 Minute
Parking available
for 4 Parking
Spaces





15 Minute
Parking Spaces
Available for 5
Parking Spaces



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