



## ***City of Quincy*** ***Traffic Commission***

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### **TRAFFIC COMMISSION GUIDELINES**

**Note:** The procedure described below is intended to provide guidance to the Traffic Commission in the evaluation of requests. It is intended to provide a benchmark in making recommendations; it should not be construed as to limit the discretionary authority of the Commission or the Quincy City Council in making subjective evaluations on a case-by-case basis.

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**Subject:      Request to Add Playground Sign (W15-1)**

#### **Background:**

The Traffic Commission is frequently asked to review and add Playground Signs near playgrounds throughout the City. This Traffic Commission Guideline has been created to document the proper and prudent way to address this issue.





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**Function of Warning Signs** - Warning signs call attention to unexpected conditions on or adjacent to a highway or street and to situations that might not be readily apparent to road users. Warning signs alert road users to conditions that might call for a reduction of speed or an action in the interest of safety and efficient traffic operations.

**Application of Warning Signs** - The use of warning signs shall be based on an engineering study or on engineering judgment. The use of warning signs should be kept to a minimum as the unnecessary use of warning signs tends to breed disrespect for all signs. In situations where the condition or activity is seasonal or temporary, the warning sign should be removed or covered when the condition or activity does not exist.

**Guideline Procedure:** After an official request to review and add Playground Signs near playgrounds within the City, the Traffic Commission will use the following guidelines:

1. Playground Signs shall only be added if they are in accordance with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as stated below:

---“The Playground (W15-1) Sign may be used to give advance warning of a designated children's playground that is located adjacent to the road.”---

2. The key words in this requirement are “designated children’s playground” and “adjacent to the road”.

**General Guidance:** It is not the intention of the Traffic Commission to use the “Playground Warning” sign as a substitute for the often-requested “Children at Play” sign.

**Conclusion:** Following the review of the request to add Playground Signs the Traffic Commission will make a determination and then forward this information and their recommendation on to the Quincy City Council for either their approval or denial.