



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 Yield Signs at City Intersections

Background:

The Traffic Commission is frequently asked to review and add Yield Signs at intersections 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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Guideline Procedure: After an official request to review and add Yield Signs at an intersection within the City, the Traffic Commission will use the following guidelines:

1. Yield Signs shall only be added at an intersection on the basis of an Engineering Study in accordance with the latest editions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE).
2. Yield Signs may be used instead of Stop Signs if engineering judgment indicates that one or more of the following conditions exist:
 - a. When the ability to see all potentially conflicting traffic is sufficient to allow a road user traveling at the posted speed, the 85th-percentile speed, or the statutory speed to pass through the intersection or to stop in a reasonably safe manner.
 - b. If controlling a merge-type movement on the entering roadway where acceleration geometry and/or sight distance is not adequate for merging traffic operation.
 - c. The second crossroad of a divided highway, where the median width at the intersection is 9 m (30 ft) or greater. In this case, a Stop Sign may be installed at the entrance to the first roadway of a divided highway, and a Yield Sign may be installed at the entrance to the second roadway.
 - d. An intersection where a special problem exists and where engineering judgment indicates the problem to be susceptible to correction by the use of the Yield Sign.

General Guidance: The Yield Sign assigns right-of-way to traffic on certain approaches to an intersection. Vehicles controlled by a Yield Sign need to slow down or stop when necessary to avoid interfering with conflicting traffic. According to the *Illinois Rules of the Road* a driver must yield to cross traffic when on the terminating roadway of a "T" intersection with no traffic control signs or signals.

Conclusion: Following the Engineering Study the Traffic Commission will make a determination and then forward this information and their recommendation to the Quincy City Council for either their approval or denial.