



City of Quincy
Traffic Commission

City of Quincy - City Hall
730 Maine Street, Quincy Illinois
(217)228-4527

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
July 13, 2026 | 6:30 p.m. | Caucus Room

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of May 11th, 2026, Minutes**
3. **Public Comment (3-minute limit)**
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Ald. Mays request to reduce the speed limit on Nottingham Drive. (Tabled 1 month at the May 2026 & June 2026 meetings.)
 - b. Ald. Bergman request for the Traffic Committee for caution children playing signs at the alley entrances at 20th and 22nd between Cedar and Cherry. (Tabled 1 month at the June 2026 meeting to allow the resident to attend).
 - c. Ald. Bergman request for the Traffic Committee for additional streetlight at Cedar St between 20th and 22nd (Tabled 1 month at the June 2026 meeting).
5. **New Business**
 - a. Engineering Department's request to revise Chapters 10.99 and 74.99 of the City Code to have a consistent fee of \$250 in line with IL statute.
 - b. Nomination & election of Traffic Commission chairperson.
6. **Later Referrals & Additions**
7. **Adjournment**



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TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 8th, 2026 | Quincy City Hall, Caucus Room

Attending commission members: Chief Adam Yates, Jeffrey Conte, Steve Bange, Chief Steve Salrin, Kelly Japcon, Ald. Glen Ebbing, Ald. Mike Adkins, Ed Holthaus, Justin Boyd, & Janelle Favre

Absent commission members: Rachel Doerhoff

Others attending: Ald. Ehmen, Ald. Bergman, Ald. Mays, Dan Brink

(All motions approved unless noted otherwise)

1. Call to Order

Chief Yates called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and attendance was taken.

2. Approval of May 11th, 2026, Minutes

Motion: *To approve the May 11th, 2026, Traffic Commission meeting minutes*

Made by: Ebbing

Seconded by: Holthaus

3. Public Comment (3-minute limit)

Dan Brink & Justin Boyd informed the Traffic Commission that the City has the new speed trailer. In addition to displaying vehicles speed, it can log the number of vehicles and their speeds like the speed spy the QPD has.

4. Old Business

a. Ald. Adkins request from Midas to put a do not block entrance sign next to their entrance. (Tabled 1 month at May 2026 meeting.)

Alderman Adkins stated that Midas has had issues with vehicles blocking the drive & southbound vehicles not being able to enter into the parking lot prior to the construction on Broadway and that the construction has made it worse. There was some discussion on the safety issues with car having to cross 2 lanes and that the signs tend to be ignored.



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Motion: *To deny the request for a do not block drive sign*

Made by: Holthaus

Seconded by: Favre

Adkins voted nay.

- b. **Ald. Mays request to reduce the speed limit on Nottingham Drive. (Tabled 1 month at May 2026 meeting.)**

Chief Yates stated there is not a good light pole to install the speed spy on, so they are working to find a solution. He asked that it be tabled another month.

Motion: *To table 1 month.*

Made by: Conte

Seconded by: Japcon

5. New Business

- a. **Crestview Drive speed study results. (Late referral at May 2026 meeting).**

The results of the speed study were discussed, and it was noted that there is some speeding out there. Compared to a speed study conducted years ago it is 2-3 mph less now than then. This is likely to the reduced speed limit to 25 mph. Following last month's meeting, Central Services did install a larger speed limit sign. The 2 crashes in the past 5 years were not speed related.

Motion: *To check the appropriateness of the signage along Crestview.*

Made by: Conte

Seconded by: Japcon

- b. **Ald. McReynolds request for speed study along Midland Dr. & Manor Hill.**

The results of the speed study showed speeding was not a problem. There was 1 accident in the past 5 years, and it was not speed related.

Motion: *Table indefinitely.*

Made by: Bange

Seconded by: Holthaus



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- c. **Ald. Bergman request for the Traffic Committee for caution children playing signs at the alley entrances at 20th and 22nd between Cedar and Cherry.**

Ald. Bergman stated the resident making the request for the "Children at Play" and the following streetlight request was not able to make the meeting and requested that the items be tabled for 1 month.

Motion: *To table 1 month.*

Made by: Ebbing

Seconded by: Japcon

- d. **Ald. Bergman request for the Traffic Committee for additional streetlight at Cedar St between 20th and 22nd.**

Motion: *To table 1 month.*

Made by: Ebbing

Seconded by: Japcon

6. Late Referrals & Additions

None

7. Adjournment

Motion: *To adjourn at 6:51 p.m.*

Made by: Holthaus

Seconded by: Ebbing

4 a. Ald. Mays request to reduce the speed limit on Nottingham Drive. (Tabled 1 month at May 2026 meeting, Tabled 1 month at June 2026 meeting.)



Current speed limit 30 mph

4.b. Ald. Bergman request for the Traffic Committee for caution children playing signs at the alley entrances at 20th and 22nd between Cedar and Cherry.





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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.

Date: 2/13/06

Revised: _____

Subject: **Request for “Children at Play” Sign on City Streets**

Background:

The Traffic Commission is frequently asked to review and add Children at Play Signs on streets 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 Children at Play Signs on a City street, the Traffic Commission will use the following guidelines:

1. The City of Quincy must comply with State and Federal Laws when it comes to traffic control devices. The "Children at Play" Sign is not a sign recognized by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
2. The Traffic Commission does not support the use of "Children at Play" Signs because the primary reason that the sign is not approved by the MUTCD is that research has proven that the sign does not reduce pedestrian accidents or lower vehicle speeds.

General Guideline: Some neighborhood traffic control signs, designed with the intent to provide security and safety for the families who live there, can often have the exact opposite results. The "Children at Play" Sign is perhaps the best example of promoting a false sense of security: The "Children at Play" Sign may encourage children to play in the street. They may have the wrong impression that somehow with the sign it is safer to do so with devastating results. The signs may also encourage parents/guardians to believe that there is some added protection in the neighborhood. This is simply not the case. It is important to teach children to respect moving vehicles and how to be a safe pedestrian. Most importantly our children must be taught that the street is not a place to play.

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.



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

June 22, 2011

CIRCULAR LETTER 2011-08

CHILDREN WARNING SIGNS

COUNTY ENGINEERS/SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS/DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS/MAYORS
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Children warning signs should not be used since they may encourage children to play in the street and may encourage parents to be less vigilant. Such signs also provide no guidance to motorists as to a safe speed, and the sign has no legal basis for determining what a motorist should do. Furthermore, motorists should expect children to be at play in all residential areas, and the lack of signing on some streets may indicate otherwise. The signs are unenforceable and act as another roadside obstacle to pedestrians and errant motorists. Use of these nonstandard signs may also imply that the involved jurisdiction approves of streets as playgrounds, which may result in the jurisdiction being vulnerable to tort liability.

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Section 2A.06 Design of Signs, Paragraph 09, requires "All symbols shall be unmistakably similar to, or mirror images of, the adopted symbol signs, all of which are shown in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings book (see Section 1A.11). Symbols and colors shall not be modified unless otherwise provided in this Manual. All symbols and colors for signs not shown in the Standard Highway Signs and Markings book shall follow the procedures for experimentation and change described in Section 1A.10."

Neither the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices nor the Standard Highway Signs and Marking book provide a standard symbol warning sign for the following Slow Children Playing or Slow Children at Play signs. Therefore, these signs are not in compliance with the MUTCD.



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The MUTCD, Section 2A.06 Design of Signs, Paragraph 13, allows "State and local highway agencies may develop special word message signs in situations where roadway conditions make it necessary to provide road users with additional regulatory, warning, or guidance information, such as when road users need to be notified of special regulations or warned about a situation that might not be readily apparent." However, the MUTCD, Section 2A.04, Paragraph 01, recommends "Regulatory and warning signs should be used conservatively because these signs, if used to excess, tend to lose their effectiveness."

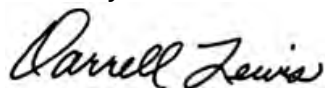
Other word message warning signs dealing with children such as "Autistic Child," "Blind Child," "Deaf Child" or "Children at Play" are not recommended. These types of warning signs:

- Do not describe where the child might be;
- No longer attract the attention of motorists after initial installation;
- Have no legal meaning;
- Provide parents and children with a false sense of security;
- Are often left in place after the child is grown or moved away;
- Lack established procedures for engineering judgment or study; and
- Have proven ineffective.

The MUTCD Section 2C.49 Vehicular Traffic Warning Signs and Section 2C.50 Non-Vehicular Warning Signs provide the requirements for Bicycle (W11-1), Pedestrian (W11-2), Handicapped (W11-9), Bicycle/Pedestrians (W11-15), and Playground (W15-1) warning symbol signs. These signs should be considered as an alternative to the word message signs if engineering judgment warrants a warning sign and the location being considered for the sign complies with MUTCD requirements.

Please contact the Local Policy and Technology Unit at DOT.LocalPolicy@illinois.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,



Darrell W. Lewis, P. E.
Acting Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

Attachments

4.c. Ald. Bergman request for the Traffic Committee for additional streetlight at Cedar St between 20th and 22nd.



5.a. Engineering Department's request to revise Chapters 10.99 of the City Code to have a consistent fee of \$250 in line with IL statute.

Currently, Chapter 10.99 of the City Code sets the fine for illegal parking in a handicapped stall at \$500. This fee was \$250 prior to the City doubling fines a few years ago. However, the Illinois Vehicle Code establishes a state minimum fine of \$250 and a maximum of \$350 for this violation. Because traffic laws are not subject to the home-rule exemption, the City's \$500 fine exceeds the state-authorized maximum and is therefore unenforceable.

Engineering recommends reducing the fine to \$250 to bring it into compliance with state law. This amount will also match the signage already posted at the majority of existing handicapped parking stalls.

(2) *Designated violations.* The notice of violation or citation procedure shall apply to the following specified violations of this code.

Violation Description/Title	Code Section Number	Penalty
Aircraft parking; Quincy Municipal Airport	74.12	\$20
Parking in handicapped spaces	74.15	\$500
Parking outside marked spaces	75.04	\$20

Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3(c))

(625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.3)

Sec. 11-1301.3. Unauthorized use of parking places reserved for persons with disabilities.

(a) It shall be prohibited to park any motor vehicle which is not properly displaying registration plates or decals issued to a person with disabilities, as defined by Section 1-159.1, pursuant to Sections 3-616, 11-1301.1 or 11-1301.2, or to a veteran with a disability pursuant to Section 3-609 of this Act, as evidence that the vehicle is operated by or for a person with disabilities or a veteran with a disability, in any parking place, including any private or public offstreet parking facility, specifically reserved, by the posting of an official sign as designated under Section 11-301, for motor vehicles displaying such registration plates. It shall be prohibited to park any motor vehicle in a designated access aisle adjacent to any parking place specifically reserved for persons with disabilities, by the posting of an official sign as designated under Section 11-301, for motor vehicles displaying such registration plates. When using the parking privileges for persons with disabilities, the parking decal or device must be displayed properly in the vehicle where it is clearly visible to law enforcement personnel, either hanging from the rearview mirror or placed on the dashboard of the vehicle in clear view. Disability license plates and parking decals and devices are not transferable from person to person. Proper usage of the disability license plate or parking decal or device requires the authorized holder to be present and enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used. It is a violation of this Section to park in a space reserved for a person with disabilities if the authorized holder of the disability license plate or parking decal or device does not enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used. Any motor

vehicle properly displaying a disability license plate or a parking decal or device containing the International symbol of access issued to persons with disabilities by any local authority, state, district, territory or foreign country shall be recognized by State and local authorities as a valid license plate or device and receive the same parking privileges as residents of this State.

(a-1) An individual with a vehicle displaying disability license plates or a parking decal or device issued to a qualified person with a disability under Sections 3-616, 11-1301.1, or 11-1301.2 or to a veteran with a disability under Section 3-609 is in violation of this Section if (i) the person using the disability license plate or parking decal or device is not the authorized holder of the disability license plate or parking decal or device or is not transporting the authorized holder of the disability license plate or parking decal or device to or from the parking location and (ii) the person uses the disability license plate or parking decal or device to exercise any privileges granted through the disability license plate or parking decals or devices under this Code.

(a-2) A driver of a vehicle displaying disability license plates or a parking decal or device issued to a qualified person with a disability under Section 3-616, 11-1301.1, or 11-1301.2 or to a veteran with a disability under Section 3-609 is in violation of this Section if (i) the person to whom the disability license plate or parking decal or device was issued is deceased and (ii) the driver uses the disability license plate or parking decal or device to exercise any privileges granted through a disability license plate or parking decal or device under this Code.

(b) Any person or local authority owning or operating any public or private offstreet parking facility may, after notifying the police or sheriff's department, remove or cause to be removed to the nearest garage or other place of safety any vehicle parked within a stall or space reserved for use by a person with disabilities which does not display person with disabilities registration plates or a special decal or device as required under this Section.

(c) Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of subsection (a) shall be fined \$250 in addition to any costs or charges connected with the removal or storage of any motor vehicle authorized under this Section; but municipalities by ordinance may impose a fine up to \$350 and shall display signs indicating the fine imposed. If the amount of the fine is subsequently changed, the municipality shall change the sign to indicate the current amount of the fine. It shall not be a defense to a charge under this Section that either the sign posted pursuant to this Section or the intended accessible parking place does not comply with the technical requirements of Section 11-301, Department regulations, or local ordinance if a reasonable person would be made aware by the sign or notice on or near the parking place that the place is reserved for a person with disabilities.

(c-1) Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of subsection (a-1) a first time shall be fined \$600. Any person found guilty of violating subsection (a-1) a second or subsequent time shall be fined \$1,000. Any person who violates subsection (a-2) is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and shall be fined \$2,500. The circuit clerk shall distribute 50% of the fine imposed on any person who is found guilty of or pleads guilty to violating this Section, including any person placed on court supervision for violating this Section, to the law enforcement agency that issued the citation or made the arrest. If more than one law enforcement agency is responsible for issuing the citation or making the arrest, the 50% of the fine imposed shall be shared equally. If an officer of the Secretary of State Department of Police arrested a person for a violation of this Section, 50% of the fine imposed shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Police Services Fund.

(d) Local authorities shall impose fines as established in subsections (c) and (c-1) for violations of this Section.

(e) As used in this Section, "authorized holder" means an individual issued a disability license plate under Section 3-616 of this Code, an individual issued a parking decal or device under Section 11-1301.2 of this Code, or an individual issued a license plate for veterans with disabilities

under Section 3-609 of this Code.

(f) Any person who commits a violation of subsection (a-1) or a similar provision of a local ordinance may have his or her driving privileges suspended or revoked by the Secretary of State for a period of time determined by the Secretary of State. Any person who commits a violation of subsection (a-2) or a similar provision of a local ordinance shall have his or her driving privileges revoked by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may also suspend or revoke the disability license plates or parking decal or device for a period of time determined by the Secretary of State.

(g) Any police officer may seize the parking decal or device from any person who commits a violation of this Section. Any police officer may seize the disability license plate upon authorization from the Secretary of State. Any police officer may request that the Secretary of State revoke the parking decal or device or the disability license plate of any person who commits a violation of this Section.

(Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)