

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Farin Azim, Traffic Engineer

DATE: February 2, 2026

SUBJECT: City Code Amendment to Chapter 70 Traffic and Vehicles

Request

Adopt a City Code Amendment to Chapter 70 Traffic and Vehicles. Staff is recommending the approval of this Ordinance as a temporary measure as revised MUTCD signage warrants have been recently met.

Background

The City of Wheaton Engineering Department has received multiple requests to investigate the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Washington Street due to the number of traffic accidents occurring at this location. The number of accidents have been: 2 in 2022, 3 in 2023, 5 in 2024, 4 in 2025, and 1 so far in 2026. The City acknowledges the elevated number of reported crashes and is actively working toward identifying and implementing a long-term solution to address the safety concerns at the intersection.

In the interim, the City recognizes the need to take temporary measures to improve safety until a permanent solution can be implemented.

Currently, Harrison Avenue operates as the through street with no traffic control devices in place, while Washington Street is controlled by stop signs for northbound and southbound traffic. As an interim safety measure, since the intersection has met the warrants for an all-way stop control, the Director of Engineering is recommending that the City install stop signs on Harrison Avenue to create all-way stop control at the intersection.

To implement and enforce this change, an amendment to Traffic Schedule IV is required.

Recommendation

An ordinance revising Schedule IV of the City of Wheaton Official Motor Vehicle and Traffic Schedules is attached. City staff recommends adoption of the ordinance as submitted. Normally the City provides two readings to give notice to residents about ordinance changes, however in this case Staff recommends adopting the ordinance in one reading given the current situation.



WHEATON MAYOR PHILIP J. SUESS

CITY MANAGER MICHAEL DZUGAN

ORDINANCE NO. O-2026-

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL MOTOR VEHICLE
AND TRAFFIC SCHEDULE IV (CHAPTER 70)
FOR THE CITY OF WHEATON – HARRISON AVENUE AND WASHINGTON STREET**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheaton, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Official Motor Vehicle and Traffic Schedule IV. Through Streets, as referred to in Section 70-306 of the Wheaton City Code, is hereby amended as such:

Amending subparagraph (4) as follows:

(4) *Harrison Avenue*, except where it intersects with:

- (a) *Gary Avenue/Ellis Avenue, West Street, President Street, and Washington Street* at which intersections all traffic shall come to a full stop.
- (b) *College Avenue*, at which intersection all traffic on Harrison Street shall come to a full stop.
- (c) *Main Street*, at which intersection all traffic shall be controlled by traffic control signals.

SECTION 2. In all other respects, the terms and provisions of the Wheaton City Code are ratified and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with these provisions are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. In the event that any section, clause, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner prescribed by law.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Passed:

Published: