VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING:

September 9, 2025

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Joshua Burman, Director of Public Works

Topic: Stop Sign Request

PURPOSE

Staff is requesting Board approval to install stop signs at several locations along Poplar Avenue between 183rd Street and 187th Street. This would also involve the removal of yield signs that already exist at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Birch Road. These recommended changes require an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Schedule.

PROCESS

In response to concerns expressed by residents, Public Works evaluated intersections along Poplar Avenue between 183rd Street and 187th Street. There are currently yield signs on eastbound and westbound Birch Road at Poplar Avenue; however, staff observed that drivers frequently failed to slow down or yield at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Birch Road. Additionally, motorist confusion was noted at the unsignalized three-way intersections of Poplar Avenue with Evergreen Road, Hillview Road, Willow Road, East Lyn Court, and 186th Place.

The Police Department provided traffic reports which show that there have been eleven (11) traffic accidents since January 2018 along Poplar Avenue between 183rd Street and 187th Street. Based on this data, there is sufficient justification for the installation of stop signs.

Staff presents stop sign requests to the Village Board when at least two Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) warrants are met. Board consideration is recommended for the addition of stop signs along Poplar Avenue due to the number of unsignalized intersections entering a through street, ineffectiveness of existing yield signs, and supporting crash data. The recommended stop signs would be installed at the following intersections:

Eastbound Birch Road at Poplar Avenue	Southbound Poplar Avenue at E. Lyn Court
Westbound Birch Road at Poplar Avenue	Westbound Evergreen Road at Poplar Avenue
Northbound Poplar Avenue at Birch Road	Westbound Hillview Road at Poplar Avenue
Southbound Poplar Avenue at Birch Road	Westbound Willow Road at Poplar Avenue
Northbound Poplar Avenue at Hillview Road	Westbound E. Lyn Court at Poplar Avenue
Northbound Poplar Avenue at E. Lyn Court	Westbound 186th Place at Poplar Avenue

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OUTCOME

Installation of the recommended stop signs will enhance the safety at these intersections and address the concerns of residents in the area of Poplar Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding Source: No Financial Impact

Budgeted Amount: N/A

Cost: N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Pass an ordinance revising the Village of Homewood Traffic Regulation Schedule to add stop signs along Poplar Avenue between 183rd Street and 187th Street and remove yield signs at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Birch Road.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Map
- Ordinance