

To the Board Members of the City of Jackson, MO.

I am writing to voice my concerns for pedestrian and traffic safety along the routes of Oak St and Broadridge Dr, particularly at their intersection; and to respectfully request the installation of a 3-way stop sign.

My family and I have lived on Broadridge for 37 years. As traffic has always been a bit heavier in this area, partially due to the surrounding schools, but also vehicles using it as a cut through to and from Highway 61 and Highway 72, we have watched the traffic flow quadruple in recent years. There is never an hour that goes by that there is not several cars driving this area. Even in the darkest hours of the night.

Over the years there have been accidents, several fender benders, numerous near misses, illegal parking such as in the curve of the intersection, across the crosswalk, in front of driveways and so much speeding on both Oak and Broadridge, it makes the Grand Prix seem like a Sunday drive.

We've had our mailbox hit a lot. Our neighbors have had theirs hit and knocked down so many times we've lost count. One particular Halloween, someone, overnight, drove up into our yard, hit the edge of the wall, barely missing our cars and mailbox (how lucky were they?). We discovered this the next morning by finding the tracks left behind. There have been times when someone came screaming around the corner, passing us on the left as we tried, with blinker on, to turn into our driveway. One afternoon, our neighbor's autistic daughter was playing in their driveway, (which she did often) when a guy came around the corner from Oak so fast that he barely missed their mailbox, but swerved up into their driveway before he got his car under control. If our neighbor's daughter had been a little further down, she would have been hit, possibly killed.

These are just two small examples of the kind of driving we see everyday on these streets. People come around the corner off of Oak onto Broadridge, cutting the corner, slinging to the other side of the road, gunning their speed, completely disregarding the posted limits of 15mph on Oak and 20mph on Broadridge. Even some of the school bus drivers do not follow the posted limits. Worse is the continual semi-trucks that have been using this route lately. Not the box trucks delivering to the schools, but semi's, for example, R & L Carriers have semi-trucks cutting through here almost everyday.

It is dangerous to cross either of these streets, not only for my family but for the elementary students walking home from school, for the track and field students practicing cross country, for the lady walking her dog, for the jogger, or the elderly gentleman getting his steps in and for all of us just grabbing our mail. I understand we do live on a busy street, but it is also a **residential** street and a **school zone**. There are posted speed limits, and there are ordinances that are blatantly and continually ignored and are not enforced, even when complaints are made.

I have talked with my neighbors and we feel that by adding two stop signs onto Oak St, making that intersection a 3-way stop, will help slow down traffic. Having to make a stop will cause drivers to turn slowly onto Broadridge and perhaps see the various activities of our neighborhood and SLOW down making our streets safer for those that live here and for those traveling through.

Sincerely,  
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