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TO: Alderperson Dana Davis and Committee Members

FROM: Stacy Winkelman

DATE: September 27, 2023

RE: Public Safety and Welfare Committee Meeting on October 4, 2023

The following is an agenda item for the above referenced Committee meeting:

**1. Review and take possible action: Ordinance to Amend 500-10 (D) (1) Left Turn Prohibited**

BACKGROUND:

Chapter 500-10 Section D of the municipal ordinance code covers “Left Turns Prohibited”. Item (1) is for no left turns for westbound traffic on Main at S. Third Street during the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. There is an overhead pole with an electric sign stating this. This sign has not been functional for many years; something this division and assumably many others have not noticed. The Street Division has had to remove this overhead pole to allow the Water Division to replace a hydrant at the northeast corner of this intersection. We are asking the committee for your thoughts on whether we should spend funds to repair this electrical sign and re-install, or since it hasn’t been functional in many years should this be removed? If we do permanently remove it, we will need to update the ordinance.

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  - (a) In any area which is zoned residential; or
  - (b) In any area that is zoned commercial or business.
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I. Parking of trailers prohibited; disposition.

[Added 6-2-2015 by Ord. No. 15-20]

- (1) Parking of trailers detached from motor vehicles is prohibited on all City streets and public areas. This subsection shall not apply to stopping or standing for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, loading or unloading or in receiving or discharging passengers while the motor vehicle remains operator-attended as necessary to move it in case of an emergency or to avoid obstructing traffic. "Trailer," "stopping," "parking," "motor vehicle," "standing" or any synonymous term shall have such meaning as prescribed under Ch. 340, Wis. Stats., where and as necessary to give effect to the purpose of this section.
- (2) Parking of a trailer attached to a motor vehicle is prohibited on all City streets and public areas where such parking is continuous in excess of 48 hours. For all purposes of application and enforcement hereunder, a trailer shall be considered parked continuously in a single location unless it is moved by lawful means no less than 300 feet from and beyond any initially observed location.
- (3) Exceptions. Exceptions by permit to this section are prescribed under § 457-7 of this Code or by privilege or right as provided for or mandated under Wisconsin State Statutes.
- (4) Disposition. Any trailer determined by a law enforcement officer to be parked contrary to this section may be removed, impounded and disposed of pursuant to and in a like manner as prescribed for a motor vehicle under Chapter 497 of this Code.

## § 500-10 Prohibited turns.

A. The operator of a vehicle may not make a U-turn upon a highway at any of the following places:

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- (3) In mid-block on any through highway in a residence district.
- (4) On any street adjacent to any school when children are present.

B. No person shall back his vehicle into an intersection at which turns are prohibited by Subsection A(1) for the purpose of turning the vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon the highway.

C. In this section, mid-block means any part of a street or highway other than an intersection.

D. Left turns prohibited. No person shall make a left turn at any of the following places:

- (1) Westbound traffic on Main Street shall be prohibited from making a left turn south onto Third Street between 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on all days except Sundays and holidays.
- (2) Southbound traffic on State Trunk Highway 26 shall not make a left turn into the driveway south of the intersection with Bernard Street.
- (3) Southbound traffic on State Trunk Highway 26 shall not make a left turn into the first driveway south of the intersection with West Main Street on the east side of the street (Walgreens).  
[Added by Ord. No. 99-48]
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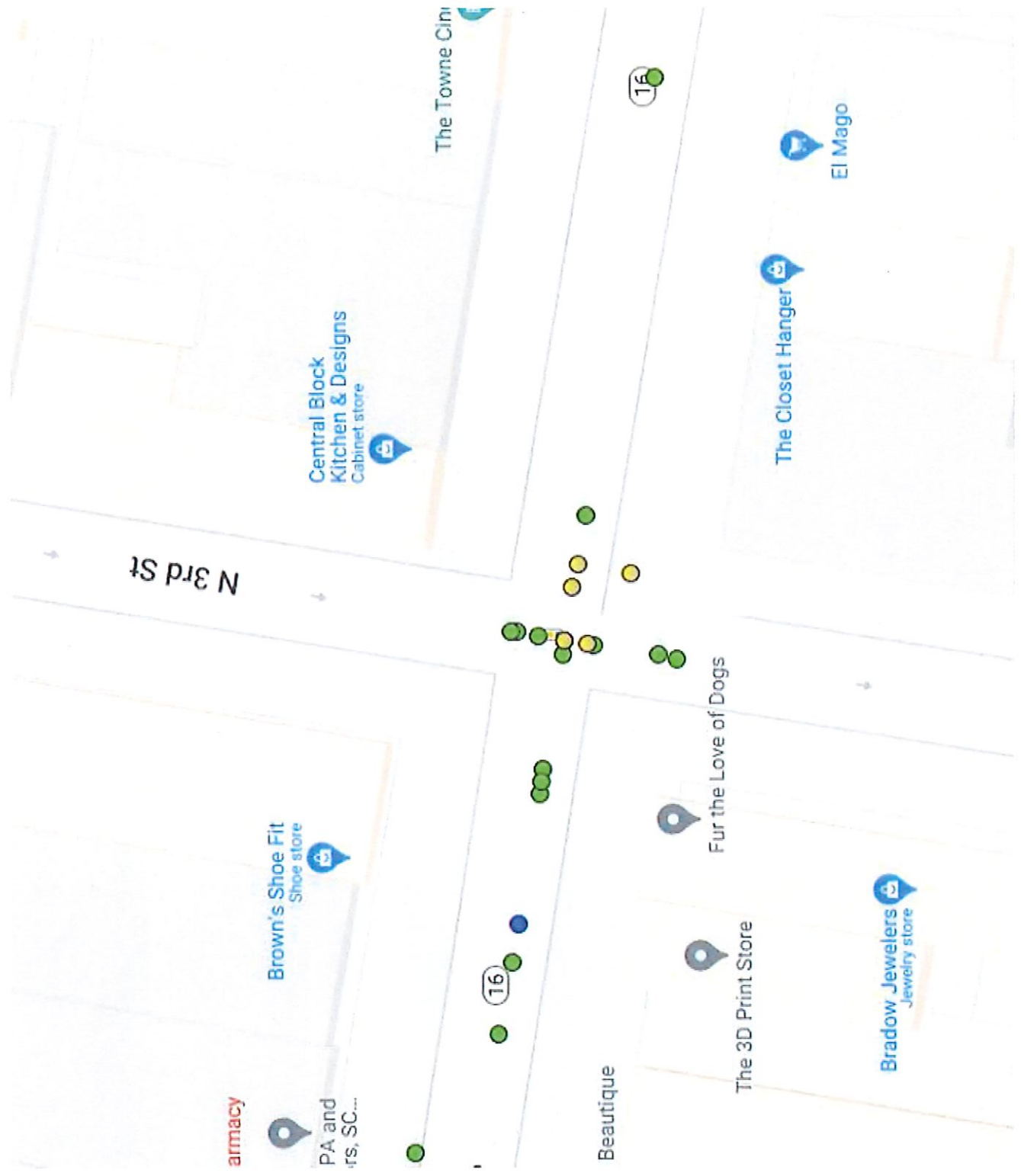
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**From:** Benjamin Olsen  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 1:29 PM  
**To:** Stacy Winkelman  
**Subject:** RE: 3rd & Main Signage  
**Attachments:** Crashes.PNG

Here are the crashes at or near that intersection. Green is no apparent injury and yellow is injury. I don't recall there being any complaints about the sign not working. We would have probably emailed you guys if we did. Let me know if there's anything else you need!





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Brown's Shoe Fit  
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| Date       | Incident | Time    |
|------------|----------|---------|
| 01/31/2023 | 23-1502  | 4:06pm  |
| 09/12/2022 | 22-11964 | 4:45pm  |
| 08/16/2022 | 22-10708 | 10:52am |
| 06/01/2022 | 22-7055  | 1pm     |
| 04/15/2022 | 22-4609  | 4:32pm  |
| 07/21/2021 | 21-10272 | 5:12pm  |
| 05/01/2021 | 21-5932  | 3:14pm  |
| 04/01/2021 | 21-4354  | 7:34am  |
| 01/26/2021 | 21-1112  | 6:50am  |
| 12/09/2020 | 20-15656 | 7:48am  |
| 11/10/2020 | 20-1986  | 9:06am  |
| 05/27/2020 | 20-6629  | 12:19pm |
| 05/01/2020 | 20-5518  | 11:24am |
| 03/20/2019 | 19-3724  | 11:46am |

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