

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

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TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

DATE: July 8, 2025 (COW) (B of T) **Date:** August 21, 2025

TITLE: Recommendations from the Public Safety and Transportation Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Carl Goldsmith, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Installation of Yield Sign on School Street at Ahrens Avenue

Based on the Illinois Rules of the Road, vehicles on School Street approaching Ahrens Avenue must yield before entering the intersection. However, based on the proximity to Madison Meadow Park and the existing sidewalk geometry, installing a yield sign at this location will enforce yielding to vehicles and pedestrians at this location.

The Transportation and Safety Committee reviewed and recommended this ordinance during their August 6, 2025 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Time and Materials

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X		Date	
Finance Director X		Date	
Village Manager X		Date	

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



July 7, 2025

TO: Village President and Board of Trustees
 THROUGH: Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works
 FROM: Mike Barbier, PE, PTOE, Civil Engineer II
 SUBJECT: **Install Yield Sign on School Street at Ahrens Avenue**

Request

Staff recommend that the Village amend Section 10-9-5 of the Traffic Code to establish School Street as a preferential street, that will yield to Ahrens Avenue.

Background

In June 2025, Village staff received a request to improve safety at the intersection of School Street with Ahrens Avenue.

This intersection is adjacent to Madison Meadow Park, one block south of Madison Street. It is a “T-intersection” in which Ahrens Avenue is a north-south through street and School Street only has an east leg (See Exhibit A). Currently, there is no traffic control signage at this intersection.

Analysis

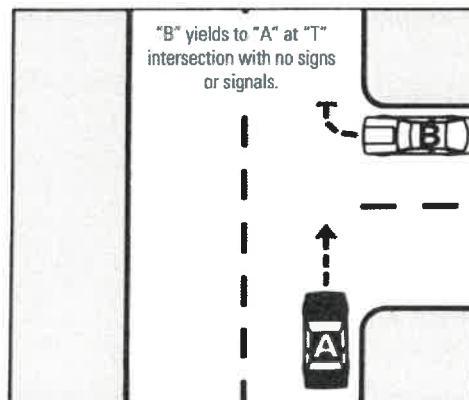
The vehicular traffic at the intersection is governed by the Illinois Rules Road, per page 26:

Right of Way

A driver must yield the right of way to other drivers, bicyclists, or pedestrians:

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- To cross traffic when on the terminating highway of a “T” intersection with no traffic control signs or signals. (See Figure D on page 27.)



(Figure D)

There is not a significant crash history at this location and vehicles on School Street are largely correctly yielding to vehicles on Ahrens Avenue. However, there is substantial pedestrian activity at this location due to its proximity to a Madison Meadow Park path entrance.

Village staff was informed by a resident that a non-trivial number of vehicles on School Street only look for opposing traffic on Ahrens Avenue and will neglect to account for pedestrians crossing Ahrens Avenue.

In order to amend the Village Traffic Code, there must be the addition of the following language in Schedule V – Preferential Streets:

SCHEDULE V - PREFERENTIAL STREETS

School St. will yield to Ahrens Ave.

This recommendation was presented to the Public Safety and Transportation Committee at the August 6, 2025 meeting. The Committee supports the proposed amendment to the Lombard Traffic Code and requested that this matter be placed on the Village Board agenda for the August 21, 2025 for consideration.

Recommendation

Staff recommends amending the Village Traffic Code to establish School Street as a preferential street, whereby vehicles on School Street must yield by amending Schedule V of the Village's Traffic Code.

Exhibit A – Location Map



Ordinance No. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULES V OF THE LOMBARD TRAFFIC
CODE TO ESTABLISH YIELD CONTROL ON SCHOOL STREET AT THE
INTERSECTION OF AHRENS AVENUE

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard have heretofore passed and approved Ordinance 1186, An Ordinance Regulating Traffic in the Village of Lombard (hereinafter the Lombard Traffic Code); and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard find that the Lombard Traffic Code has been amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Transportation Committee has reviewed the appropriate traffic studies and recommends certain changes to the Lombard Traffic Code; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Lombard concur in the recommendation of the Transportation and Safety Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1: That Schedule V of the Lombard Traffic Code (Ordinance 1186) identifying preferential streets as follows:

Add the language of, "School St. will yield to Ahrens Ave."

Section 2: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, publication in pamphlet form and the posting of appropriate signs as provided by law.

Passed on first read this ____ day of _____, 2025.

First reading waived by action of the Board of Trustees this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Passed on second read this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Anthony Puccio
Village President

Attest:

Ranya Elkhatab
Village Clerk

Published by me in pamphlet form this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Ranya Elkhatab, Village Clerk