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VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE RIGHT TURN ONLY RESTRICTION FROM ELM STREET ONTO BELMONT AVENUE

Change Will Reduce Traffic in Residential Community

Franklin Park, IL – The Village Board of Trustees passed an ordinance to create a right turn only option onto Belmont Avenue for motorists traveling southbound on Elm Street.

"It is the Board's intention to provide an increase in safety for the residents along Elm Street and to help alleviate traffic on a residential street," stated Mayor Barrett Pedersen. "Motorists often speed through this residential area putting children and pedestrians in harm's way. This new, right turn only restriction will force motorists out of their way, which should stop them from using Elm Street as a quick route through our Village."

Motorists, many who travel through Franklin Park on a daily basis, often turn off of River Road and then travel southbound on Elm Street to avoid the traffic signal and a potential delay. Area residents have complained that motorists use Elm Street as a main access road, often at high speeds, putting pedestrian safety at risk.

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The Elm and Belmont intersection has been a site of numerous serious accidents over the last four years as a result of cars trying to go south bound on Elm and being struck by vehicles traveling east or west on Belmont Ave. This right turn alleviates the cross traffic on Elm Street and Belmont Avenue.

A sign will be installed at the corner of Elm Street and Belmont Avenue immediately to inform motorists that a right turn only restriction is in place. Motorists who do not turn right can be ticketed by the Franklin Park Police Department. Eventually, a barrier will be placed at the intersection blocking access from Southbound Elm beyond Belmont.

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