

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 11 OF THE LONG GROVE  
VILLAGE CODE REGARDING LOCAL TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Title 11, Chapter 1 of the Long Grove Village Code (“**Village Code**”) sets forth general regulations relating to traffic within the Village of Long Grove (the “**Village**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village owns an historic covered bridge situated approximately 1,000 feet west of the intersection of Robert Parker Coffin Road and Old McHenry Road (the “**Covered Bridge**”), which Covered Bridge is included in the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Village has recently undertaken a significant renovation of the Covered Bridge, in the few months since the re-opening of the Covered Bridge it has been struck by vehicles repeatedly, causing damage to the cover of the Covered Bridge and potentially to other elements thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, despite signage warning motorists of the height and weight limitations of the Covered Bridge, larger vehicles continue to attempt passage across the Covered Bridge, causing the aforementioned damage; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that various online mapping services have identified Robert Parker Coffin Road as a “short cut” between Illinois Route 53 and Illinois Routes 83 and 22, leading unfamiliar motorists of oversized vehicles to attempt passage across the Covered Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village (the “**Village Board**”) have determined that restricting traffic on Robert Parker Coffin Road as herein provided may reduce the occasions of accidents involving the Covered Bridge and thereby protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to amend Chapter 1 of Title 11 to establish a “local traffic

only” restriction to protect the Covered Bridge and to assess whether such a restriction will reduce the number of accidents involving the Covered Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board further finds and determines that amending the Village Code, as set forth herein, will be in the best interests of the Village, its residents, and the motoring public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, County of Lake, State of Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE.**      **Recitals.**      The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance as findings of the President and Board of Trustees.

**SECTION TWO.**      **Amendment to Title 11, Chapter 1 of the Village Code.** Chapter 1, entitled “General Traffic Provisions,” of Title 11, entitled “Traffic Regulations,” of the Village Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 11-1-6-3, to be entitled “Local Traffic Only Restrictions,” which new Section 11-1-6-3 shall hereafter be and read as follows:

**11-1-6-3: LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY RESTRICTIONS:**

(A) Drivers: It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to disobey the instructions of any traffic sign or signal that is placed in plain view by authority of the Board of Trustees or in accordance with the laws of the State.

(B) Traffic: Traffic along Robert Parker Coffin Road between Old McHenry Road to the east and Illinois Route 53 shall be restricted to traffic with a destination as follows:

1. For eastbound traffic on Robert Parker Coffin Road, a destination along either: (a) Robert Parker Coffin Road (including such streets whose sole means of access is via Robert Parker Coffin Road); (b) Schaeffer Road north of Illinois Route 53; (c) Archer Road; or (d) Old McHenry Road between Fairview Lane and Twin Knolls Drive.
2. For westbound traffic on Robert Parker Coffin Road, a destination along either: (a) Robert Parker Coffin Road (including such streets whose sole means of access is via Robert Parker Coffin Road); or (b) Schaeffer Road north of Illinois Route 53.

For purposes of this Section, a “destination” involves entry upon a premises within the areas noted or the making of a pick-up or delivery at any such location.

(C) Signs: The Village shall cause "local traffic only" signs in conformity with State law to be erected and maintained at reasonable locations at or near (i) the intersection of Illinois Route 53 and eastbound Robert Parker Coffin Road, and (ii) the intersection of Old McHenry Road and westbound Robert Parker Coffin Road.

**SECTION THREE.** **Periodic Review.** The Village Manager shall periodically review the traffic statistics along Robert Parker Coffin Road and the number of accidents affecting the Covered Bridge to assess the efficacy of the "Local Traffic Only" restriction herein adopted.

**SECTION FOUR.** **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2021.

AYES:            ()

NAYS:            ()

ABSENT:         ()

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2021.

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Village President

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk