



## Agenda

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Request of Jennifer Cramer, 929 East Main Cross Street, to reduce speed to 25 MPH on East Main Cross from Osborn to beyond Huron Road.

4/21/2014

Jennifer Cramer stated that there are drivers that speed around the curve near the Blanchard River dam on East Main Cross Street. She is concerned for safety of those walking in the area. Councilman Monday stated several years ago this request came before the Traffic Commission. At that time it was discussed that East Main Cross Street from Osborn to Bright Road is to be posted 35 MPH because it is over one mile long (1.1 miles long) without having to stop, and East Main Cross Street from Osborn to Blanchard Street is to be posted 25 MPH because it is under one mile long (.9 mile long). Councilman Monday stated this is due to state law. Chief Lonyo stated that there have been numerous accidents with motorists ending up in the river and suggested that East Main Cross from Osborn to Bright Road be made 25 MPH. Director Schmelzer stated that we need to research the law to determine if we can legally lower the speed limit to 25MPH.

Motion to table request by Councilman Monday, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request of George Adam, Sr., on behalf of the Findlay Hunter's Ridge Homeowners Association, to change the stop sign at the corner of Williams and Lippincott to a Yield sign; and to revisit the temporary traffic flow pattern on Fishlock Avenue during the Hancock County Fair.
2. Request of Adam Gelbaugh to place stop signs in the alley intersection of the first alley to the east of South West Street between Locust Street and Baldwin.
3. Request of Sandy Radabaugh, 640 Cherry Street, to change the following intersections to four-way stops: Dunn Avenue and Cherry Street, Central Avenue and Cherry Street.

## Kathy Launder

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**From:** George Adam <adam\_no\_s47@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2014 2:08 PM  
**To:** klauder@findlayohio.com  
**Subject:** Traffic Commission Request  
**Attachments:** 2014 Traffic Comm. Ltr. Print Ver..doc

Members of the Findlay Traffic Commission,

The Findlay Hunter's Ridge Homeowners Association would like to have the attached items considered in your next meeting. It is Word attachment and is a full letter outlining the concerns we have. As secretary of the Board of Trustees, it has been assigned to me to prepare this letter and bring it to your attention.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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## FINDLAY HUNTER'S RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

March 17, 2014

Traffic Commission, City of Findlay  
318 Dorney Plaza, Room 310  
Findlay, OH 45840

Paul Schmelzer, Service/Safety Director, Chair  
Greg Horne, Police Chief  
Tom Lonyo, Fire Chief  
Ron Monday, City Council Representative  
Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent (Staff)

Gentlemen,

We have two issues we wish to address to your committee. The first is a request to change the stop sign at the corner of Williams and Lippincott to a yield sign. The second involves the traffic pattern on Fishlock Avenue during the county fair. Your thoughtful consideration to both of these items will be appreciated.

**First:** Williams Street in Hunter's Ridge consists of two houses. At the intersection of Lippincott and Williams is a stop sign. At that point there is only one way a motorist can go. No traffic comes from the right since it is blocked off permanently by posts and a guard rail. Traffic from Lippincott must turn right onto Williams and cannot continue on through. A stop sign is redundant since there is no oncoming traffic to avoid and one can only turn left. A better choice would be to install a yield sign, which would give the motorist the warning to proceed with caution. The Board of Trustees of the Findlay Hunter's Ridge Homeowners Association requests your consideration of this matter. Thank you.

**Second:** Traffic Flow on Fishlock Avenue during the County Fair. In previous years, the traffic flow on Fishlock Avenue has been changed to one way, southbound, between Sandusky Street and Blanchard Avenue during the county fair. This is done to "facilitate better traffic flow into/out of, the fairgrounds".

The unexpected side effects, however, fall into two categories: Safety and Inconvenience. Most important are safety concerns observed on Fishlock Avenue and in Hunters' Creek, because of increased traffic flow, confusion and limited enforcement. Secondary is the inconvenience to homeowners living on Fishlock Avenue, Hunters' Ridge, and Hunters' Creek as well as to their visitors

Safety issues include:

- Upset motorists experiencing confusion over the traffic changes, have used homeowner's front yards as turn-arounds, and travel at higher than normal rates of speeds on side streets to exit the area, increasing danger to pedestrians and other motorists.
- Delivery vehicles, U. S. Post Office, UPS, Fed Ex and others routinely being permitted to travel north on Fishlock to make deliveries, against the revised traffic flow, suggests to others it is okay to ignore the temporary traffic pattern.
- Limited law enforcement personnel prevents consistent enforcement of violators of the revised traffic pattern
- Increased safety risks to children at school bus stops along the way have been observed. One parent has witnessed several instances of near misses of children crossing the street at the Fishlock and First Street bus stop during the county fair week.
- Residents living on the western side of Hunters Creek, normally using Fishlock Avenue as a thoroughfare, desiring to travel to the northern, western, or eastern parts of the city, now must travel through Hunters Creek, to Hunters Creek Drive, exiting on Sandusky Street. Hunters Creek is more densely populated with young children than Fishlock Avenue, thereby creating a possible safety concern for the children.

Inconvenience Issues include:

- Affected residents, desiring to go to the northern, eastern or western parts of the city must first travel south on Fishlock to Blanchard Avenue, then proceed either east to CR 180 or west to Blanchard Street taking additional time and increasing vehicle gas usage and costing residents money.
- The Eastern (left) lane, beginning at Sandusky Street at Fishlock Avenue stops at Kensington and via cones, travelers must merge to the right. The left lane basically stops. Another set of cones, at First Street is blocking the left lane and advising motorists of the one way, southbound street. Another blockade is located at Fishlock Avenue and Connell Street and Fishlock Avenue and Blanchard Avenue advising motorists of the one-way southbound traffic flow. Basically the left lane from Kensington to Blanchard Avenue is not being used.
- If motorists are in the western (right) lane at the Fishlock Avenue fairgrounds entrance, they are directed to go into the fairgrounds by law enforcement personnel/fair workers. If that motorist does not want to go into the fairgrounds, it may be and often has been necessary to exit the vehicle to discuss their intentions with that insistent worker further slowing traffic.
- Westbound traffic on Sandusky Street is typically backed up to CR 180, at peak traffic times, specifically around 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. This backup is caused by the increased traffic flow eastbound on Sandusky Street leaving the downtown area, and westbound vehicles attempting to turn left onto Fishlock Avenue.
- Previous calls to law enforcement, as well as to city administration offices raising concerns, questions, complaints, have failed to yield results.
- While attending the fair, trustees have been the recipients of many complaints along with the desire for improvement of this pattern.

Members of the Findlay Hunters Ridge Homeowners Association have personally experienced and witnessed some or all of the above issues. We have heard many affected residents verbally expressing their fears that someone may be injured before any changes in this traffic pattern will take place.

Therefore we ask that you consider a safer, smoother traffic plan by the 2014 county fair.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

George F. Adam Sr.  
Secretary  
The Findlay Hunters' Ridge Homeowners Association Board of Trustees

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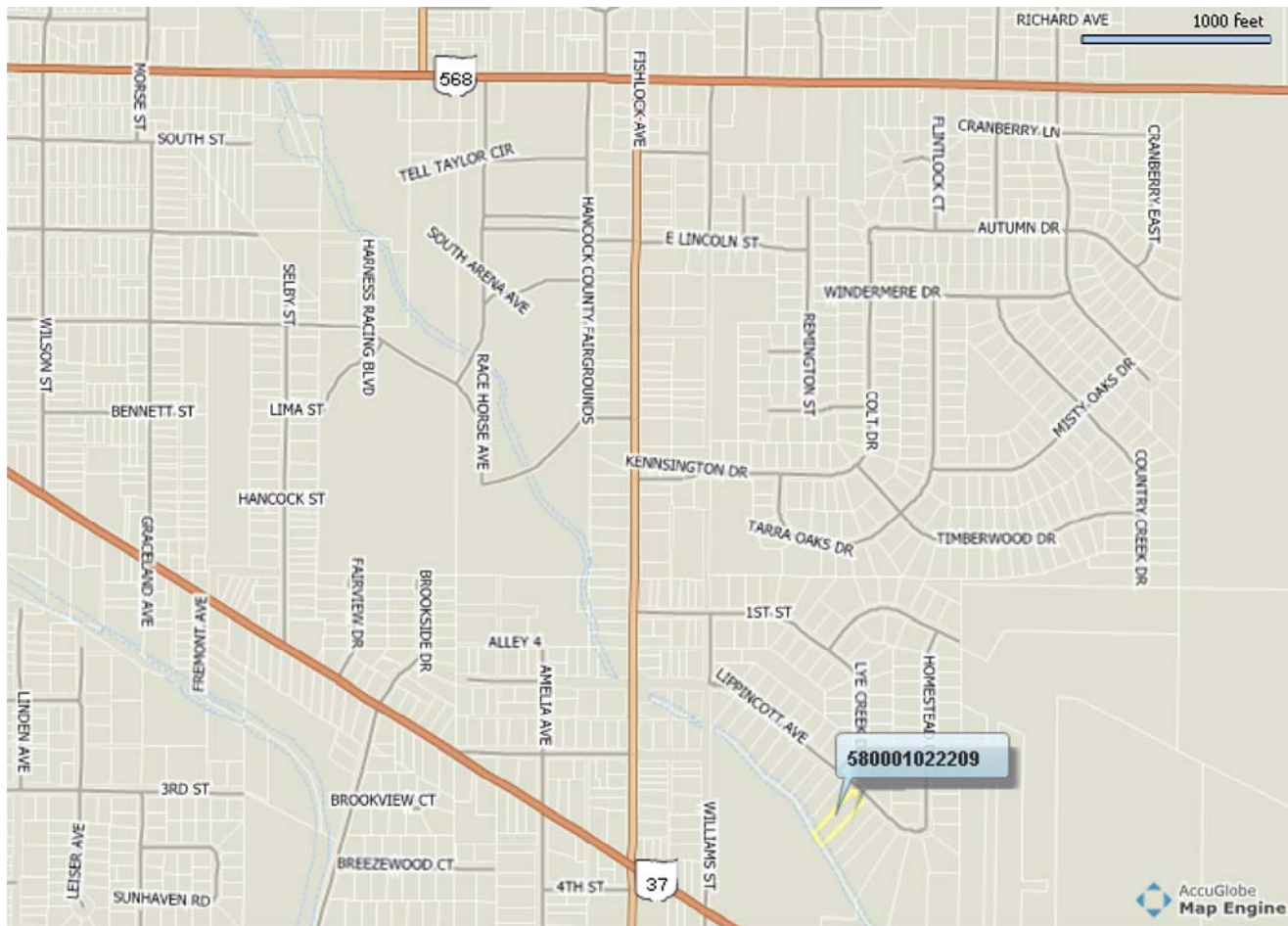


#### Notes

Request to change stop sign to yield sign  
Corner of Williams and Lippincott

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#### Notes

Request to revisit traffic flow on Fishlock during Hancock County Fair.

## Kathy Launder

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**From:** Gelbaugh, Adam J. <AJGelbaugh@coopertire.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 04, 2014 9:23 PM  
**To:** mayor@findlayohio.com  
**Subject:** From Mayor's Webpage

Lydia,

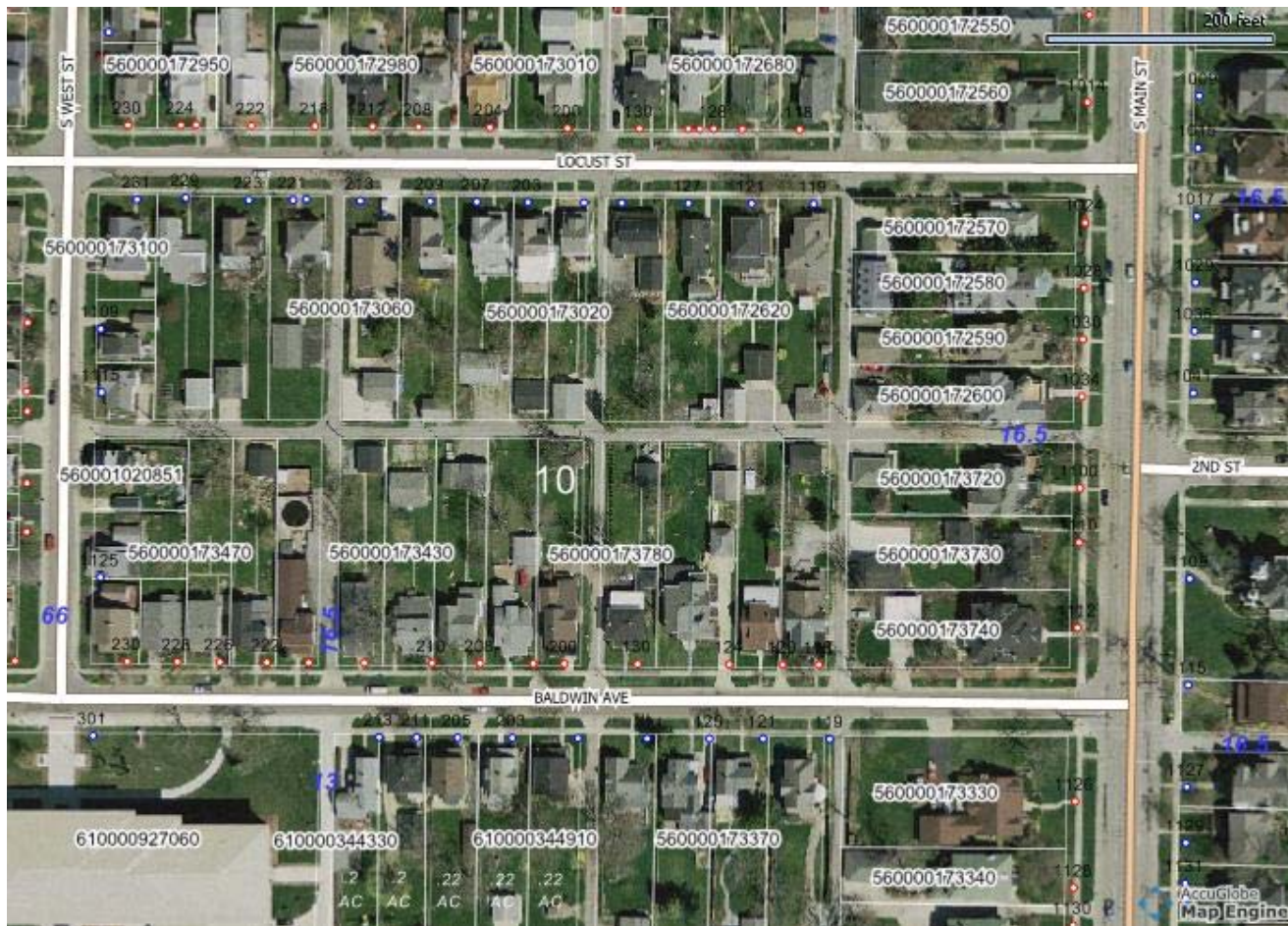
On March 3<sup>rd</sup> I was involved in an accident at an alley/alley intersection between Locust St. and Baldwin. The intersection is the first one to the east of South West St. This intersection has a 2 car garage on the southeast corner which blocks the views of cars traveling north and west. I feel this is an unsafe intersection being so close to a school. I would like the city to look into adding stop signs in either the north/south or east/west intersections.

Sincerely,  
Adam Gelbaugh



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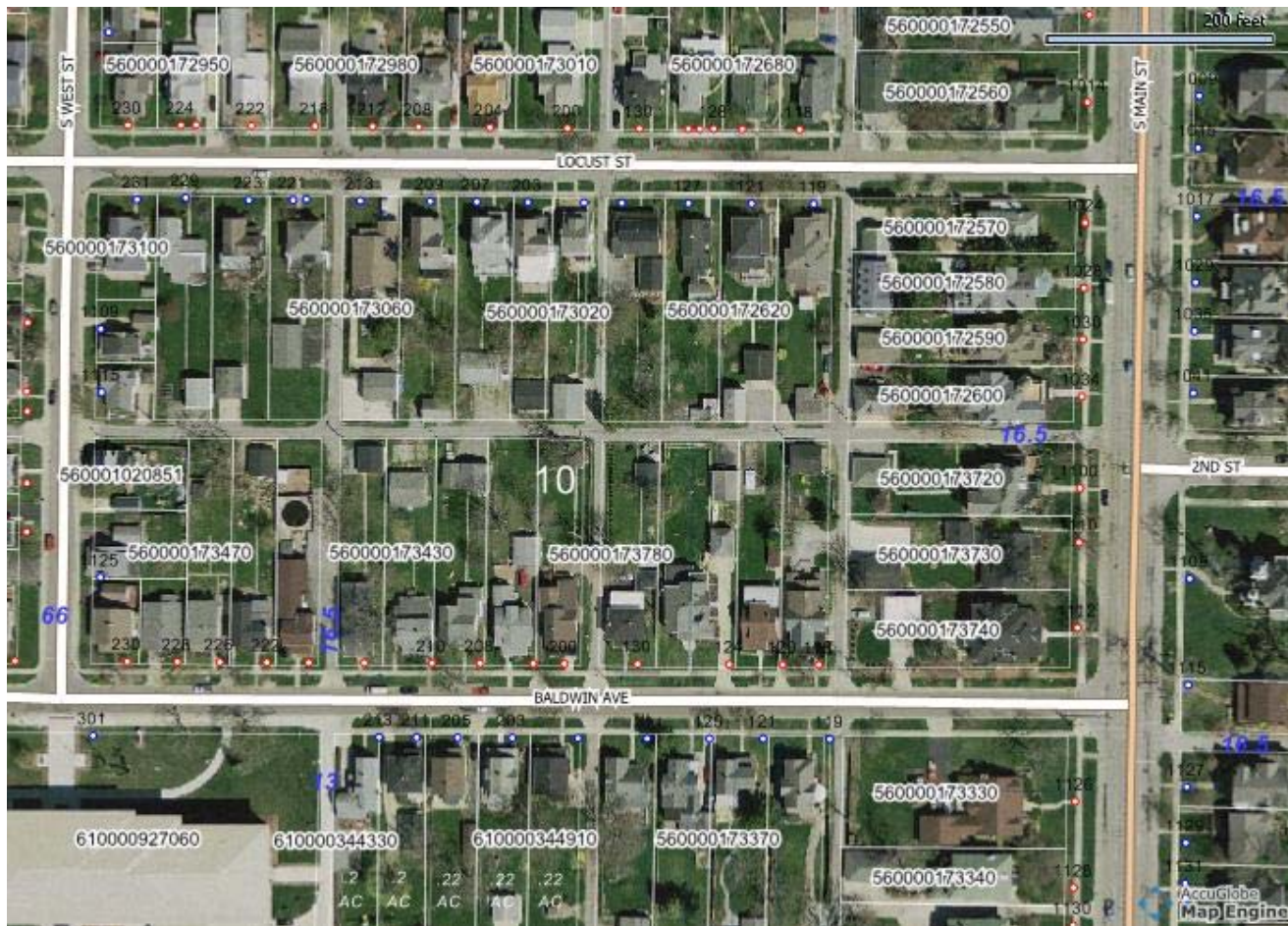
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Request of Adam Gelbaugh  
1st alley east of South West Street between  
Locust and Baldwin



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Request of Adam Gelbaugh  
1st alley east of South West Street between  
Locust and Baldwin

To: Traffic Commissioner

May 14, 2014

Attached please find a formal request  
for stop signs on CHERRY STREET.

After witnessing the THIRD near pedestrian/car  
accident last week - this time involving an 11 yr old  
we decided as residents we needed help.

These signatures were collected within  
2 hrs as we are aware of Wednesday  
deadline for your meeting. Going door-to-door,  
of 33 households, 32 adamantly agreed  
and signed.

Thank You

Sandy Rodabaugh  
640 Cherry St.  
914. 357. 0952

TO: Traffic Commissioner  
CC: Mayor

Date: May 10, 2014

RE: Hazardous Traffic on Cherry Street

The undersigned residents of Cherry Street, Findlay OH request a set of four-way stop signs be installed at the intersections of Dunn Ave. and Cherry St., and Central Ave. and Cherry St.

Due to heavy traffic on Blanchard St. and Tiffin Ave., and all other thru-streets having traffic control, Cherry Street has become a method for impatient drivers to "cut-through" regularly. We frequently have drivers racing and exceeding the speed limit to dangerous speeds. We have observed drivers moving upwards of 40-50 mph and even accelerating when they see young children crossing the road.

Currently we have approximately sixteen children per block residing on this street. We also have several bus stops populated by children in the morning and afternoon. Please help us protect our children as well as other pedestrians, bikers and drivers in this neighborhood.

Thank you.



1 S Rodabaugh  
name

640 CHERRY ST.  
address

2 Christina Hoos  
name

421 Dayton Ave.  
address

3 April Nicholson  
name

635 Cherry St.  
address

4 Paul Sun  
name

639 Cherry St.  
address

5 Melanie Walter  
name

420 Central Ave.  
address

6 AWQ  
name

650 CHERRY ST.  
address

7 Holly Brown  
name

639 Cherry St  
address

8 Donald Mann  
name

635 cherry st  
address

9 Jackie Connors  
name

633 Cherry St.  
address

10 Robert L. Conour II

name

633 Cherry St

address

11 Brad Hummel

name

627 Cherry St.

address

12 William Lett

name

623 cherry st

address

13 Georgia Cralin

name

605 Cherry St

address

14 Melissa Boore

name

601 cherry st.

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15 Val

name

601 Cherry St.

address



16 W. Van Wagon  
name  
547 Cherry St  
address

17 Jeremy Van Wagon  
name  
377 Dunn St  
address

18 Bonnie Van Wagon  
name  
547 Cherry St.  
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19 Jodi Dewar  
name  
535 Cherry St.  
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20 Noah A. Row  
name  
523 cherry st.  
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21 DAN Myers  
name  
521 CHERRY  
address

22 Kari Richardson  
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634 Cherry St. Findlay  
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23 Emerald Lohman  
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25 Bob Brewster  
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26 John Hillman  
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614 Cherry St  
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27 Nicole Jentzen  
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606 Cherry St  
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28 Jess Wrightington  
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29 Jean Eberhart  
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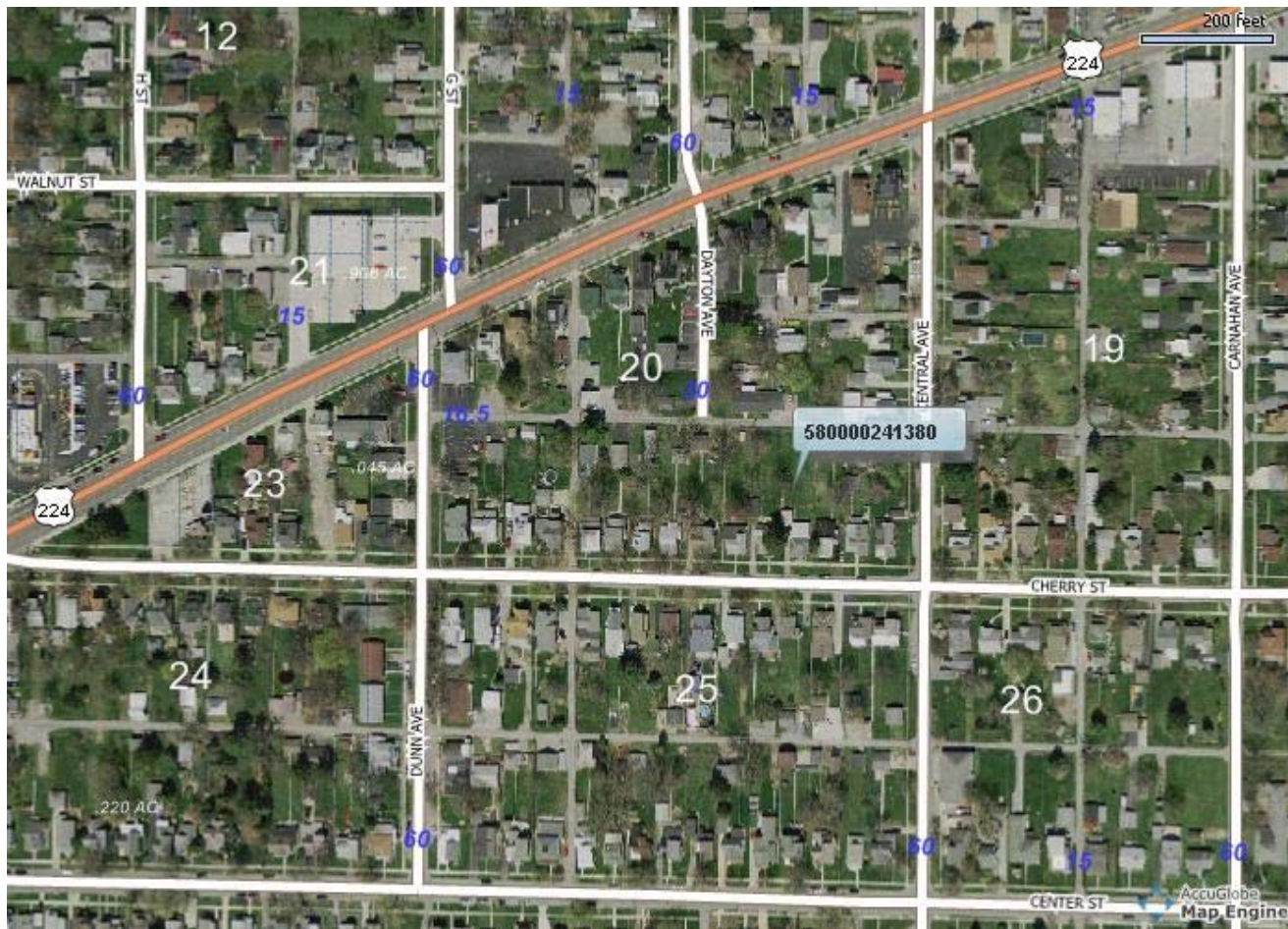
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Request for four-way stops:  
Dunn Avenue and Cherry Street  
Central Avenue and Cherry Street