

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

**RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO PLACING A STOP SIGN ON TAPLOW STREET AT
 THE INTERSECTION OF GORDON AVENUE**

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the City Council that a very dangerous situation exists at the intersection of Taplow Street and Gordon Avenue; and

WHEREAS, a traffic survey was conducted by the Police Department which recommended that there be a stop sign placed on Taplow Street at the intersection of Gordon Avenue to control traffic traveling south on Taplow Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by virtue of the authority of Chapter 76 Article 1 Section 76-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warwick, may determine that certain traffic signs are required for the protection of the public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Public Works is hereby directed to erect a stop sign on on Taplow Street at the intersection of Gordon Avenue to control traffic traveling south on Taplow Street.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Director of Public Works and the Chief of the Police Department.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY



Warwick Police Department
Incident Report

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Incident #: 17-2457-OF
Call #: 17-28568

Date/Time Reported: 05/30/2017 1317
Report Date/Time: 05/31/2017 0712
Status: No Crime Involved

Reporting Officer: Officer Matthew Barlow
Approving Officer: Sergeant John Kelly, Jr.

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

EVENTS (S)

LOCATION TYPE: Highway/Road/Alley/Street Zone: RD 360 (POST 3)
TAPLOW ST
WARWICK RI

1 Traffic Survey

On 06/01/17, Officer Barlow was assigned Traffic Division Survey No. 2017-14, submitted to the Warwick Traffic Unit on behalf of a resident on Taplow St. The resident, identified as Arthur Santagata, resides on Taplow St., and he states that Taplow St. has become a cut through for traffic negotiating from West Shore Rd., cutting through Taplow St. in order to get to Oakland Beach Ave. Santagata states that this happens on weekends and also weekdays, with Santagata estimating the speeds at 45 to 50 MPH by the time vehicles pass his residence. Taplow St. runs parallel to Oakland Beach Ave. in a north and south direction. It is an undivided two-laned road, and at the intersection of Taplow St. and Gordon Ave., there is a large tree which obstructs the view of Gordon Ave. when traveling southbound on Taplow St. There is no signage at this intersection.

A potentially dangerous situation exists. **It is recommended that a stop sign be erected in the southwest corner of Taplow St., with a stop bar**, as well, in order to control traffic traveling southbound on Taplow St. in order to alleviate the hazard with traffic traveling east and west on Gordon Ave. It should also be noted that that intersection is in close proximity to the Oakland Beach Elementary School.

Officer Barlow will research appropriate signage in order to see if the speed reduction from 25 MPH to 20 MPH in the school zone will be more appropriate. This officer has reached out on multiple occasions to the homeowner and reporting party (Arthur Santagata); however, there have been no return phone calls at this point. The desired signage from the resident was *No Thru Traffic*; however, the stop sign and possible speed signs are deemed more appropriate at this time. Referenced to this report is the City of Warwick City Ordinances and the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. A speed study has been requested through the Traffic Unit. When the speed sled becomes available, a traffic study will be conducted. Officer Barlow will speak with the Sign Department in order to erect necessary signage in the future.