

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 11

An Ordinance of the City Council of Virden IL Authorizing the Installation of a Four-Way Stop at the Intersection of Ring Street and Dean Street

WHEREAS:

1. The intersection of Ring Street and Dean Street is a key crossing point within a residential neighborhood experiencing vehicular and pedestrian traffic;
2. Numerous citizen complaints have identified this intersection as a safety hazard due to limited visibility, fast driving traffic volume, and lack of ability to obey current yield signs;
3. Traffic site assessments by the City’s Chief of Police and Ward 4 Alderman indicate that a four-way stop is warranted;
4. A local park and neighborhood are located within close proximity to the intersection, has increased the use of roads and sidewalks;
5. A four-way stop would serve as a traffic-speed calming measure, reduce the likelihood of collisions, and promote equitable access for all road users;
6. Residents, school officials, and community organizations have expressed strong support for a 4-way stop, and if needed signed petitions can be submitted to the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Virden, IL, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to improve safety and regulate traffic flow at the intersection of Ring Street and Dean Street by converting the current two-way yield into a four-way stop.

Section 2: Authority

This action is taken pursuant to the authority granted under Illinois Vehicle code (625ILCS5), which empowers municipalities to regulate traffic within their jurisdictions in the interest of public safety.

Section 3: Implementation

- The Department of Public Works shall install appropriate signage, road markings, and public notices to inform motorists and pedestrians of the new four-way stop configuration.

Section 4: Penalties

Violation of this ordinance, including failure to stop at the newly established intersection, shall be subject to penalties by local, city, county, and state enforcement.

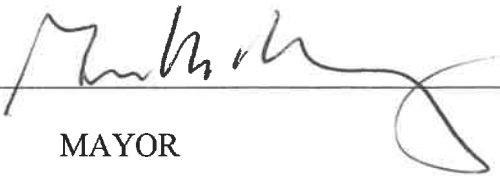
Section 5: Severability

If any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Virden, IL on this 2nd day of September, 2025.


MAYOR

ATTEST:

Clerk

AYES: 7

NAYS: 1

PASSED: 0

APPROVED: YES

ABSENT: 0



North Ring

YARD

EAST DRAW

YARD

EAST DRAW

South Ring