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Subject: Stop signs in Liberty Woods

Mr. Syrone, my name is Dave Birckbichler and I am a police officer with the City of Medina. Chief Hanwell forwarded your request to me regarding the installation of stop signs within your development. The City is bound by several regulations in the Ohio Revised Code. Briefly, the manner and erection of stop signs are limited to intersections where one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. Intersection of a less important road with a main road where the application of the normal right-of-entry is unduly hazardous.
2. Street entering a through highway or street.
3. Unsignalized intersection in a signalized area.
4. Other intersections where a combination of high speed, restricted view, and serious accident record indicates a need of control by a stop sign.

Additionally the applicable rule states that many of the conditions covered by stop sign warrants can be dealt with by yield signs with less inconvenience to the public. Also, stop signs are not permitted for speed control. A yield sign serves a purpose similar to that of a stop sign in that it assigns right-of-way to traffic.

Due to the low number of vehicles using each intersection from the lesser street, and low number of accidents at each intersection there is not enough justification under the Ohio Revised Code to erect stop signs at each intersection. There have been 4 accidents in your development since 1997 and three of those have been single vehicle accidents. We will continue to enforce the speed limit in the neighborhood and may have to revisit this decision once Commerce Street is completed. I would be willing to meet with your Association to further discuss this or any other concerns you have. Thank you.