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News Release

City to place stop signs at four more uncontrolled intersections

Traffic Safety Committee recommendation designed to cut down on collisions

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (August 21, 2018) — Starting this week, the City of Arkansas City will place stop signs at four uncontrolled intersections in northwest Ark City. East-west traffic will be required to stop.

The move is intended to reduce the frequency and severity of vehicle collisions at the intersections.

The City Commission voted 4-0 on Aug. 7 to approve a resolution authorizing the placement of eight new traffic control devices. The four intersections that will be affected starting this week are:

- **Cedar Avenue and Third Street** — east-west traffic on Cedar Avenue will have to stop;
- **Cedar Avenue and Fourth Street** — east-west traffic on Cedar Avenue will have to stop;
- **Linden Avenue and Third Street** — east-west traffic on Linden Avenue will have to stop;
- **Vine Avenue and Third Street** — east-west traffic on Vine Avenue will have to stop.

City staff plan to use reflective tape and flags on the sign poles to call attention to the new stop sign placements. Tree trimming and removal will be performed as needed to improve visibility at the most troublesome intersections, as well. Motorists are urged to use caution as drivers adjust to these changes.

The City Commission acted earlier this month upon a unanimous recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee — which includes representatives of City staff, Cowley College, the Planning Commission, USD 470 and the Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce — in approving this change.

During a Traffic Safety Committee meeting Oct. 13, 2017, Police Chief Dan Ward presented a “heat map” showing recent traffic collisions at various uncontrolled intersections throughout Arkansas City.

Five other uncontrolled intersections in north Arkansas City received new stop signs earlier this year.

None of them have experienced traffic collisions since the new signs went into place, but accidents have been observed at the four intersections mentioned above as through east-west traffic has shifted.

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