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Mr. John Rooney
Racine Public Works
800 S. Marquette St.
Racine, WI 53403

Re: Crosswalk Yield Sign on N. Main Street by Zoo Pond

Dear Mr. Rooney,

This is a letter to notify you that Racine Zoo intends to place a crosswalk yield sign on N. Main Street by our Walton gate (by the Zoo pond). The Racine Zoo requests the City of Racine's permission to place and maintain the crosswalk yield sign which is detailed below.

The Walton Gate, used by the Zoo during the Racine Concert Band nights as well as our large beer event and our drive through light events in the fall, is an exit that concerns us for our guests that are mainly walking. Although there is a street light, that exit is at a curve so those folks driving north past Goold don't see guests right away. Parked vehicles can make it difficult for drivers and pedestrians to spot each other as well as they are navigating north or across N. Main Street.

Numerous complaints have been made to the Zoo from guests that have attended our events as well as many coming from those that are attending the Racine Concert Bands on Sunday nights in the summer.

To address those concerns and take action before a tragic or even fatal incident occurs at the crosswalk, The Racine Zoo requests that the City of Racine allow a portable crosswalk yield sign to be placed by the Walton Gate crosswalk on N. Main Street, but the Zoo pond. We will put this sign out on each of the nights that the Racine Concert Band plays (seven Sundays in the summer) between 6 pm – 9 pm, on the nights of the fall/winter light drive through events (October 1-early January) from 5 pm – 11 pm and any large beer event (September 25, 2021 for this year

The Racine Zoo will procure the sign and maintain it, and our staff will be responsible for putting the sign up and taking it down on the days and nights indicated above. Please see the attached images for details on the sign (Model LY-25). The sign has an overall height of 42" and width of 12", and meets MUTCD and state safety regulations.

The Racine Zoo will start using the crosswalk yield sign on September 25, 2021, unless an objection is made to this request. If the City of Racine fails to respond to this request, the Racine Zoo will assume the City of Racine agrees to the terms set forth in this letter.

Sincerely,



Beth Heidorn
Executive Director
Racine Zoo



Flexible Post Crosswalk Signs

In street flexible crosswalk signs are designed to take a direct hit from passing vehicles and return to their original position.

- Meets MUTCD and state safety regulations for in-street signage
- Signs are manufactured with yellow-green fluorescent prismatic sheeting with a white high-intensity prismatic insert.
- Available with a portable 30 pound 100% recycled rubber base or can be surface mounted.
- Overall height of 42" with two 36"x12" sign panels for two-way view.
- Optional yellow safety strips and reflective "cats-eyes" embedded in rubber base for maximum visibility at night.
- Custom signs





Racine Zoo - 800 ft. to Walton Gate

Walton Ave

Racine St