



Office of the Mayor

Press Release

After a long wait, the Village of Lansing residents will soon notice the silencing of the routine sounding of the train horns throughout the Village. The Village's 24-hour quiet zone is scheduled to go into effect on Monday, March 11, 2019.

The Village has invested the necessary time and resources into making the necessary improvements to allow for the quiet zone to be established. The routine sounding of the train horn will cease at the seven at-grade railroad crossings in the Village: Volbrecht Road, Thornton-Lansing Road, Ridge Road, Torrence Avenue, Burnham Avenue, 186th Street and Wentworth Avenue.

Although the quiet zone will begin on Monday, there will still be a period of time for all train engineers to adapt to the new policy. Train horns may be heard periodically during this transition. Also, the train engineers will have discretion to utilize the train horn in emergency situations as they see fit. This may include a vehicle, pedestrian or animal on or near the tracks. The safety of our residents is of utmost importance to us; therefore, we fully understand and encourage train horns to sound as needed in these situations.

With the routine train horns no longer sounding, motorists and pedestrians must take extra caution when crossing the railroad tracks and obey the warning devices at all times. "No Train Horn" signs have been installed at vehicular at-grade crossings and dedicated sidewalk crossings to alert motorists and pedestrians the train horn will no longer sound at the crossing. The Village has installed safety devices in accordance with Federal Regulations to deter motorists from circumventing the gates when in the down position. Please remember that it is illegal to cross the railroad tracks once the red lights on the gates begin to flash; furthermore, it is only safe to cross once the gates are fully up and the red lights are no longer flashing.

We are pleased to be able to provide this improved quality of life to our residents who live near the crossings.

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