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ATTENTION MOTORISTS:

4-WAY STOP INTERSECTION

Effective September 7, 2016, the intersection of Lafayette Avenue and Ravine Avenue will require that traffic from all four approaches come to a complete stop before proceeding safely through the intersection.

STOPPING AND STARTING – THE 4-WAY STOP RULE

1. When you approach a 4-way stop, whether it's at a traffic light or stop sign, it's important to **slow down and come to a complete stop at the designated stop line**. You will want to pay attention and take notice if there are any other automobiles stopped around you or any vehicles approaching the 4-way stop.
2. It's important to make sure that you have come to a **complete stop within the indicated lines on the roadway**. You can move forward if you have trouble seeing, but only after you've come to a complete stop at the designated stop line. Failing to do so could result in a traffic ticket.
3. Take a look around and see if there are any other cars at the 4-way stop. Of course, if you're the only vehicle at the stop, then you have the right of way and are free to go. Remember this golden rule: **automobiles leave the stop sign or traffic light in the same order in which they arrive at the stop**. Therefore, if you arrive at a 4-way stop first, then you get to leave first. If you're the last person to arrive at the stop, then you will have to wait until the other three cars have moved on before you can do the same.
4. There are times when automobiles will arrive at a 4-way stop at the same time. Therefore, when this occurs, **it's important to know which vehicle has the right of way**. The car that is furthest to the right is allowed to go first. Though this is the appropriate and legal method, there are still drivers who do not always follow this rule. To avoid accidents, you may choose to wait a few seconds before moving forward. After all, just because it's technically your turn to go, does not necessarily mean the other vehicles will allow you to do so.

Please be aware, drive with caution and always plan for extra travel time!