

## **Facts Regarding Franklin Park's Changes to Overnight Parking**

### **Why is there a change regarding overnight parking?**

In May, the Village Board passed an ordinance to amend parking restrictions in Franklin Park in order to help residents comply with existing regulations and to make it easier to obtain permission for overnight parking by non-residents using an annual residential parking permit.

### **Specifically what are the changes in overnight parking?**

Beginning July 1, all vehicles parked on Village residential streets between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM must display a valid Village vehicle sticker, a parking placard or an overnight parking permit or they will be ticketed. Also, residents will no longer be allowed to call the police department with a request for overnight parking. A parking permit will be required and will only be available for purchase in person at the Police Station.

### **What is the purpose of a Parking Placard?**

The Village is initiating a new parking placard as a solution to the increase in the number of requests for parking of vehicles not owned by residents including those who have small business vehicles requiring overnight parking. Parking placards are a good option for residents who bring a work vehicle home and need to park it in the Village overnight. It is also a good option for homes that have frequent overnight guests.

### **How does the Parking Placard work?**

The placard will act the same as a Village vehicle sticker except for a few things. The placard will cost \$40, with only two placards permitted per household. The placard will bear the address for the corresponding residential property for which it is purchased and can be transferred between vehicles within that household only. The placard must be hung on the vehicle's rear view mirror, making it highly visible to patrol officers.

Placards can be purchased at Village Hall during regular business hours and residents must provide proof of address. Placards will be valid for one year (the same as the Village vehicle sticker) from July 1 through June 30, regardless of when they are purchased.

## **Can I still call the Police Station to request a pass to allow for someone in my home to park on the street overnight?**

No. Beginning July 1, residents will no longer be allowed to call the Police Department with a request for overnight parking. Residents are strongly encouraged to purchase overnight parking permits in advance and have them available in their homes in anticipation of overnight guests to avoid having to visit the Police Station to purchase one at the last minute. Residents may purchase up to 10 passes at a time, but must provide the date of use for each permit at time of purchase.

## **How does the new parking permit work?**

Either the Village's parking placard or a parking permit must be displayed on the windshield of the overnight guest's vehicle or it will be ticketed. Overnight parking permits cost \$1.00 each and are good for one day only. Overnight permits will be available for sale starting June 1 at the Franklin Park Police Station, 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

## **Why is the Village no longer allowing residents to call in requests for parking?**

The new parking placards and parking permits were created in response to the thousands of phone calls made to the Police Department on an annual basis by residents and non-residents requesting the need to park a non-resident vehicle overnight. These overnight parking changes will streamline the process to register for overnight parking and free up our police officers to focus on public safety.

## **How were residents informed of these changes?**

- The information is featured in the June issue of the Village newsletter, featured in the E-News emailed in June and was posted on the Homepage of the Village website since early June.
- The information is posted in the News Section of the Village App and also featured numerous times on the Village's Facebook Page in English and Spanish.
- A public Community Presentation will be held June 18 at 6:30 PM to inform the community and to answer questions and concerns.

If you have questions regarding the new parking placards or the overnight parking permits, you can call 847-671-8200.