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VILLAGE BOARD PASSES CHANGES TO OVERNIGHT RESIDENTIAL PARKING RULES

Parking Placards and Advance Overnight Permits to be Available

Franklin Park, IL – The Board of Trustees unanimously approved 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 annual residential parking permits. 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 placard or an overnight parking permit or they will be ticketed.

“The Board acted to adjust parking regulations in an effort to address the changing needs of the Village and its residents,” stated Mayor Barrett Pedersen. “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 seeking overnight parking and for those who have small business vehicles requiring overnight parking.”

Parking placards are an option for residents who bring a small business vehicle that is registered outside of Franklin Park to their home and need to park it in the Village overnight. It is also a good option for homes that have frequent overnight guests.

Also beginning on July 1, the Franklin Park Police Station will no longer take requests for overnight parking for guests over the telephone. Overnight parking permits will only be available for purchase in person at the Police Station. Either the Village's parking placard or a parking permit must be displayed on the windshield of the overnight guest's vehicle. Failure to do so will result in the vehicle being ticketed.

"These new overnight parking rules make it fairer for all residents throughout the community, said Mayor Pedersen." "The parking placards and 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."

The new parking placard will cost \$40, with only two placards permitted per household. Placards can be transferred between vehicles within the same household at which it is registered. The placard must be hung on the vehicle's rear view mirror, making it highly visible to patrol officers.

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. Permits must be displayed on the dashboard, in clear sight.

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.

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 when they are purchased.

Vehicles must be parked on the block for which the vehicle sticker, parking placard or overnight permit is registered.

If you have questions regarding the new parking placards or the overnight parking permits, you can go to the Village website at www.vofp.com or call 847-671-8200. The Police Department will also host a special Community Presentation on June 18 at 6:30 PM at the Police Station to discuss the overnight parking changes.