

Residents of  
300 N. Cuyler Ave  
Oak Park, IL 60302

October 7, 2025

Village of Oak Park  
Parking & Mobility Services Division  
123 Madison Street  
Oak Park, IL 60302

**Subject: Proposed Daytime Parking Restriction on Erie Avenue**

Dear Village of Oak Park,

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed daytime parking restriction on Erie Avenue, which would designate the block as "Staff Permit Parking" for Beye Elementary School from 7:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

While I understand the school staff's concerns regarding the current 8:00am to 10:00am parking ban, I strongly believe that designating this particular block exclusively for school staff creates an unnecessary hardship for residents.

**Impact on Residents:**

- The street in question only accommodates approximately 9 - 10 vehicles, yet it is home to residents – including the only two apartment buildings who rely on those spaces throughout the day.
- Many homeowners and the renters of the two apartments have more than one vehicle, and while some garages may hold one vehicle, the second must be parked on the street during the day.
- Residents who work from home and need to move their cars during the day would lose access to the convenience and safety of parking near their own homes.
- In my residence we have someone who is temporarily impaired and this proposal would cause a great discomfort and inconvenience if they were no longer able to park near our home. Although our residence is actually located on Cuyler, the portion of the block in front of my home and the next 2-3 residences are typically already occupied with staff's vehicles.

**Alternative Solutions:**

- Adjusting or removing the current 8:00-10:00am restrictions would immediately address the staff's concerns without displacing residents.
- Giving special permits to the staff to park on the blocks that are restricted from 8:00am – 10:00am. Example: No Parking from 8:00am – 10:00am unless a Staff Permit is displayed.
- Utilize the parking that is readily available without restriction, which is on the 200 and 300 block of N. Harvey and 300 block of N. Cuyler, which they are currently using, but often only the portion of the block closest to the school.
- It has never been observed that there is no parking available for the school staff in the surrounding area of Beye. It may just require a short walk. In our town, it is not unusual to park a short distance from one's destination-this is consistent with Oak Park's walking-friendly character. But, no one should be forced to do that at their own home when there is available parking right outside their door.

**Equity Considerations :**

- Taxpaying residents should not be forced to bear the burden of limited parking availability, if there are other options. Prioritizing a temporary inconvenience for school staff over permanent residents' daily needs undermines the balance that a shared neighborhood requires.

In summary, while I sympathize with teachers' parking difficulties, I urge the Division to reconsider this proposal. More reasonable solutions would be to utilize the available parking that already exist with a short walk, adjust the timing of the current 8-10am restriction, remove the restriction altogether, or issue permits that give an exception to Staff on the 8-10am restricted blocks - rather than displacing the residents who live here year-round.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully request that resident needs be prioritized in this matter.

Sincerely,

Residents of 300 N. Cuyler