

ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 (“ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION”),
ARTICLE 1 (“ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION SYSTEM”) AND ARTICLE 2
(“ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF PARKING VIOLATIONS”) OF THE OAK PARK
VILLAGE CODE TO STREAMLINE ADJUDICATION PROCEDURES, PAYMENT PLAN
PROVISIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park (“Village”) as a home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, as a home rule unit of government, the Village is expressly empowered to perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including, but not limited to, the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees have determined to amend the Village Code as set forth in this Ordinance to streamline adjudication procedures, establish structured payment plan provisions, define default standards, and align enforcement practices in order to improve consistency, accountability, and compliance pursuant to the Village’s home rule authority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

Section 2. Village Code Amended. Chapter 29 (“Administrative Adjudication”), Article 1 (“Administrative Adjudication System”), Section 29-1-15 (“Default”) of the Oak Park Village Code is hereby amended adding the underlined language to read as follows:

Article 1
ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION SYSTEM

29-1-15: DEFAULT:

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D. For purposes of parking, standing, and vehicle compliance violations adjudicated pursuant to Article 2 of this chapter, failure to make any required payment when due, including a payment required under an approved installment payment plan, early payment installment plan, amnesty program, or other authorized payment agreement, shall constitute default.

Section 3. Village Code Amended. Chapter 29 (“Administrative Adjudication”), Article 1 (“Administrative Adjudication System”), Section 29-1-17 (“Enforcement of Administrative Law Judge’s Order”) of the Oak Park Village Code is hereby amended by adding the underlined language to read as follows:

29-1-17: ENFORCEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S ORDER:

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F. If respondent fails to pay such debt within fourteen (14) days after service of the notice of debt, the Village may take the following actions in addition to any debt collection authorized by law:

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3. For parking, standing, or vehicle compliance violations, initiate vehicle immobilization and subsequent towing in accordance with Chapter 15, Article 10 and Article 2 of this chapter.

Section 4. Village Code Amended. Chapter 29 (“Administrative Adjudication”), Article 2 (“Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations”), Section 29-2-8 (“Response to a Notice of Violation; Failure to Respond; Default”) of the Oak Park Village Code is hereby amended by adding the underlined language to read as follows:

29-2-8: RESPONSE TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION; FAILUTE TO RESPOND; DEFAULT:

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D. For purposes of enforcement under this article, default shall include failure to make any required payment when due under an approved installment payment plan, early payment installment plan, amnesty program, Community Relief Program, or other authorized payment agreement.

Section 5. Village Code Amended. Chapter 29 (“Administrative Adjudication”), Article 2 (“Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations”), Section 29-2-13 (“Immobilization Program”) of the Oak Park Village Code is hereby amended by adding the underlined language to read as follows:

29-2-13: IMMOBILIZATION PROGRAM:

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C. Upon immobilization of an eligible vehicle, a notice shall be affixed to the vehicle in a conspicuous place. Such notice shall warn that the vehicle is immobilized and that any attempt to move the vehicle may result in its damage. The notice shall also state that the unauthorized

removal of or damage to the immobilizing restraint is a violation of subsection 29-2-13H of this section. The notice shall also state the manner in which the immobilization device may be released, and the manner in which the registered owner may obtain an immobilization hearing. If the owner of the vehicle has not caused the immobilization device to be released in accordance with the procedures established in this article within twenty four (24) hours of its placement, the Village may release the device and may tow and impound the vehicle- as an enforcement action administered by the Parking and Mobility Services Division within the Development Services Department or its authorized contractor.

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I. No vehicle shall be immobilized or towed for failure to pay parking, standing, or vehicle compliance violations while the registered owner is actively enrolled in and compliant with an approved installment payment plan, early payment installment plan, amnesty program, Community Relief Program, or other authorized payment agreement.

Section 6. Village Code Amended. Chapter 29 (“Administrative Adjudication”), Article 2 (“Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations”), Section 29-2-17 (“Installment Payment Plans”) of the Oak Park Village Code is hereby amended, by deleting the overstricken language and adding the underlined language to read as follows:

29-2-17: INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLANS:

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J. Failure To Pay Penalties: If the vehicle owner fails to make ~~all required payments in a timely manner~~ any required payment when due, the vehicle owner's motor vehicle shall be subject to immobilization or impoundment, the vehicle owner's driver's license shall be subject to suspension pursuant to section 5/6-306.5 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/6-306.5, if applicable, and the unpaid parking citation(s) may be referred to a collection agency and/or collections process, and the vehicle owner shall be liable for the outstanding balance plus an additional penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Section 7. Village Code Amended. Chapter 29 (“Administrative Adjudication”), Article 2 (“Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations”), Section 29-2-18 (“Early Payment Installment Plans”) of the Oak Park Village Code is hereby amended, by deleting the overstricken language and adding the underlined language to read as follows:

29-2-18: EARLY PAYMENT INSTALLMENT PLANS:

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B. Definitions: The following words and phrases as set forth in this section shall have the meanings, and are hereby defined, as follows:

DEFAULT: The non-payment or underpayment of a monthly amount due from an eligible participant under an early payment installment plan which shall constitute default for purposes of enforcement under Chapter 29, Article 1 and Chapter 15, Article 10 of this code.

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Section 8. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Scaman				
Trustee Eder				
Trustee Enyia				
Trustee Leving Jacobson				
Trustee Straw				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Wesley				

APPROVED this 21st day of April, 2026.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk