

## ORDINANCE

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 (“MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”), ARTICLE 3 (“PARKING METERS, PARKING PERMITS, AND MUNICIPAL ATTENDANT PARKING LOTS”) AND ARTICLE 4 (“VEHICLE LICENSES”) OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE TO AMEND THE REDUCED PARKING PERMIT FEE PROGRAM AND VEHICLE LICENSE REQUIREMENT TO ASSIST THE VILLAGE’S UNHOUSED RESIDENTS**

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Village’s home rule authority and Section 11-71-8 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-71-8, the Village may charge rates for its provision of parking facilities in the Village and the use thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2023, the Village President and Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance 23-22, establishing a reduced parking permit fee program; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2023, the Village President and Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance 23-118, expanding program eligibility criteria to include residents of seven (7) additional affordable housing locations in Oak Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Board of Trustees have determined to amend Section 15-3-18 and Article 3 as set forth in this Ordinance pursuant to the Village’s home rule authority and Section 11-71-8 of the Illinois Municipal Code to update the reduced parking permit fee program and vehicle license requirement to assist the Village’s unhoused residents.

**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 as though fully set forth.

**Section 2. Village Code Amended.** Chapter 15 (“Motor Vehicles and Traffic”), Article 3 (“Parking Meters, Parking Permits, and Municipal Attendant Parking Lots”), Section 15-3-18 (“Parking Rates; Parking Meters, Pay by Space Machines, Village Operated Parking Structures, Permit Extended Pass, Valet and Daytime On Street Parking”) of the Oak Park Village Code is amended by adding the underlined language to read as follows:

**15-3-18: PARKING RATES; PARKING METERS, PAY BY SPACE MACHINES, VILLAGE OPERATED PARKING STRUCTURES, PERMIT, EXTENDED PASS, VALET AND DAYTIME ON STREET PERMIT PARKING:**

Persons parking vehicles in Village owned and/or operated parking spaces designated by the Village for use by the general public as metered pay by space, Village operated parking structures,

permit parking, extended pass parking, valet permit parking in designated areas during designated hours, shall pay a fee to the Village in accordance with the following rate schedule:

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N. Reduced Parking Permit Fee Program: For permits to be issued on or after April 1, 2023, eligible parking permit applicants shall be entitled to pay a reduced fee as follows:

1. The registered owner of a vehicle for which a parking permit is sought must be a current participant in the Oak Park Housing Authority's housing choice voucher program or a current resident or employee at one of the following affordable housing locations in the Village:

- a. Heritage House (201 Lake Street);
- b. The 801 (801 Van Buren Street);
- c. Grove Apartments (442 S. Grove Avenue);
- d. The Oaks (114 S. Humphrey Avenue);
- e. Farrelly-Muriello Apartments (435 S. Humphrey Avenue);
- f. Mills Park Tower (1025 Pleasant Place); ~~and~~
- g. The Wright Inn (211 N. Oak Park Avenue); and

h. An unhoused person residing at an emergency shelter location in the Village and employees of an emergency shelter location in the Village. For purposes of this section, an emergency shelter location is defined as a building where persons are provided overnight sleeping accommodations for a period not-to-exceed twelve (12) consecutive hours at a time.

2. The applicant must apply by submitting a form approved by the Village's Development Customer Services Director or the Director's designee.

3. Reduced fee parking permits are subject to available spaces.

4. The reduced parking permit fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per quarter for each eligible vehicle.

5. No fee shall be charged for those persons who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in subsections (g) and (h) above.

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**Section 3. Village Code Amended.** Chapter 15 (“Motor Vehicles and Traffic”), Article 4 (“Vehicle Licenses”) of the Oak Park Village Code is amended to add a new Section 15-4-8 (“License; Exemption for Unhoused Persons Residing at an Emergency Shelter Location and Employees of Emergency Shelter Locations”) to read as follows:

**15-4-8: LICENSE; EXEMPTION FOR UNHOUSED PERSONS RESIDING AT AN EMERGENCY SHELTER LOCATION AND EMPLOYEES OF EMERGENCY SHELTER LOCATIONS**

Unhoused persons residing at the Wright Inn located at 211 N. Oak Park Avenue in the Village or an emergency shelter location in the Village as defined in section 15-3-18(N)(1)(h) of this Code and employees of the Wright Inn or an emergency shelter location in the Village are exempt from the Village’s vehicle license fee requirements set forth in this article.

**Section 4. 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 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage and publication as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, pursuant to a roll call vote at follows:

| Voting           | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| President Scaman |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Buchanan |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Enyia    |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Parakkat |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Robinson |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Straw    |     |     |         |        |
| Trustee Wesley   |     |     |         |        |

**APPROVED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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Vicki Scaman, Village President

**ATTEST**

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Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk

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