

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 (“ADMINISTRATION”), ARTICLE 2 (“FARMERS’ MARKET”), SECTION 4 (“LOCATION OF MARKET; MARKET DATES AND HOURS”) OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE TO CHANGE THE LENGTH OF THE FARMERS MARKET SEASON

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park operates a Farmers’ Market to provide residents access to fresh, locally sourced products and to support regional vendors; and

WHEREAS, Section 18-2-4 of the Oak Park Village Code currently establishes the Farmers’ Market season as “beginning on the second to the last Saturday in May through the last Saturday in October”; and

WHEREAS, vendors and community stakeholders have expressed a need to, at times, extend the Farmers Market season to better accommodate demand and support local agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that providing flexibility for the start and end dates of the Farmers’ Market season will promote economic vitality, improve food access, and enhance community engagement;

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 18 (“Administration”), Article 2 (“Farmers; Market”), Section 4 (“Location of Market; Market Dates and Hours”) of the Oak Park Village Code is hereby amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the overstricken language to read as follows:

18-2-4 Locations of Market; Market Dates and Hours

The farmers’ market may be located at a place approved by the Village Board. The farmers’ market shall be in operation ~~every Saturday beginning on the second to the last Saturday in May through the last Saturday in October from seven o’clock (7:00) A.M. to one o’clock (1:00) P.M.~~ **annually beginning in the spring and ending in the fall, with starting and ending dates determined by the Market Manager. It shall operate on Saturdays from seven o’clock (7:00) A.M. to one o’clock (1:00) P.M.** with participant set-up beginning no earlier than six o’clock (6:00) A.M.

Section 3. 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 All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.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 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this 18th day of March 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 18th day of March 2026.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk