

ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 (“MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”),
ARTICLE 3 (“PARKING”), SECTION 15-3-18 (“ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS”)
TO ESTABLISH TIME LIMITS AND IDLE FEES FOR PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

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 establish time limits and idle fees for vehicles utilizing public electric vehicle charging stations in order to improve access, increase turnover, and promote efficient use of Village-owned charging infrastructure 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 15 (“Motor Vehicles and Traffic”), Article 3 (“Parking”), Section 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”) of the Oak Park Village Code is hereby amended by adding the underlined language to read as follows:

Article 3
PARKING METERS, PARKING PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL
ATTENDANT PARKING LOTS

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 plate, Village operated parking structures, permit parking, overnight pass parking shall pay a fee to the Village in accordance with the following rate schedule:

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O. Electric Vehicle Charging Station User Fee:

1. A fee of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of energy dispensed shall be paid by a user of any of the Village's publicly-accessible electric vehicle charging stations.

2. The user shall be responsible for payment of any applicable convenience, transaction, processing or taxes that are assessed on the transaction.

3. The Village shall determine the software and hardware by which the fee is collected.

4. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Time Limits and Idle Fees:

(a) Vehicles utilizing Village-owned or operated electric vehicle charging stations are subject to a maximum occupancy limit of three (3) hours per charging session, unless otherwise posted.

(b) If a vehicle completes charging prior to the expiration of the three (3) hour maximum occupancy period, a grace period of thirty (30) minutes shall begin upon completion of charging.

(c) Upon expiration of the grace period described in subsection (b), an idle fee of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per minute shall be assessed for each minute the vehicle remains connected to the charging station unless otherwise posted.

(d) Vehicles remaining connected to an electric vehicle charging station beyond the three (3) hour maximum occupancy period are subject to idle fees and any applicable enforcement provisions, regardless of whether charging has been completed.

(e) Idle fees assessed pursuant to this subsection shall be collected through the Village's designated electric vehicle charging network provider and shall not be adjudicated as parking citations.

(f) The Village Manager or designee is authorized to establish signage, administrative procedures, and charging network configurations necessary to implement and enforce this subsection.

(g) The Village shall provide notice of applicable time limits and idle fees through posted signage, charging station displays, and the charging network's mobile or digital platforms, where available.

(h) Permit holders for the specific Village-operated parking facility or location in which an electric vehicle charging station is located shall not be subject to the maximum occupancy limits or idle fees established in this subsection when utilizing that charging station. The Village Manager or designee may establish separate charging parameters for such permit holders, including extended charging durations without idle fees, through administrative configuration.

Section 3. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity thereof will 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 will 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