

## Village Of Oak Park

### Transportation Commission Agenda Item

<b>Item Title:</b> Recommendation to Expand Street Frontage Locations for Overnight On-Street Permit Parking in Zones Y1 and Y2
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Review Date: March 11, 2024

Prepared By: Sean Keane, Parking & Mobility Services Manager & Takeshi Thompson, Parking Restrictions Coordinator

**Abstract:** Village staff has received repetitive complaints from existing Y1 and Y2 permit holders, indicating they routinely experience difficulty finding a parking space in their respective zone within a reasonable walking distance from their residence. Furthermore, pursuant to the Village Board's adopted goal of vibrant, diverse, connected neighborhoods, staff was directed to evaluate the effectiveness of the 2023 expansion to select overnight on-street parking permit zones, in order to determine if overnight parking access has improved for residents, particularly those in multi-family dwellings, and consider if additional overnight parking access is possible within the operation of the overall parking system.

Consequently, staff requests the Transportation Commission review staff's recommendation to expand street frontage locations for overnight on-street permit parking in Zones Y1 and Y2 as follows:

#### Zone Y1

- East side of the 100 block of N. Oak Park Ave. (156 N. Oak Park Ave. to Ontario St.)
- South side of the 700 block of Ontario St. (east of the south alley to Euclid Ave.)
- North side of the 700 block of Erie St. (east of the north alley to Euclid Ave.)
- East side of the 300 block of N. Oak Park Ave. (between 308-316 N. Oak Park Ave.)

#### Zone Y2

- South side of the 1000 block of Pleasant St. (between 1033-1045 Pleasant St.)
- North side of the 1000 block of Pleasant St. (between 1014-1034 Pleasant St.)

Expanding parking in these zones will result in approximately 36 additional parking spaces in zone Y1 and 17 parking spaces in zone Y2. The number of overnight on-street permits issued by the Village will not change.

In its formulation of these recommendations, Parking staff collaborated with staff from the Engineering Division and Street Services Division to ensure that the addition of overnight on-street permit parking on these street frontages would not have adverse effects from a traffic or street maintenance perspective.

On February 26, 2024, staff mailed correspondence to residents adjacent to the proposed additional street frontages, informing them of the staff recommendation and providing instructions on how to submit public testimony, either in writing or in-person, to be heard by the Transportation Commission. The correspondence also included a map, detailing the existing street frontages within the respective overnight zone, along with staff's recommended additional street frontages.

**Staff Recommendation(s):** Staff is seeking the Transportation Commission's feedback. Pending the Commission's direction, the recommendation would be scheduled for review by the Village Board.

**Supporting Documentation is Attached**



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February 27, 2024

Resident  
Address Line 1  
City, State Zip Code

**Re: Overnight On-Street Permit Parking**

Dear Resident:

You are receiving this correspondence because your address is adjacent to or near a street frontage on which the Village is considering extending overnight on-street permit parking. Specifically, Zone Y1 permit parking is proposed to be added to the following areas:

- East side of the 100 block of N. Oak Park Avenue (**Ontario Street to 156 N. Oak Park Avenue**)
- South side of the 700 block of Ontario Street (**east of the south alley to Euclid Avenue**)
- North side of the 700 block of Erie Street (**east of the north alley to Euclid Avenue**)
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Attached to this correspondence, you will find a map of the current Zone Y1 permitted area and a map of the recommended revisions. Please note that the number of available permits will not be increased.

This topic is tentatively scheduled to be discussed by the Village's Transportation Commission on **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**. The meeting will be conducted in person at Village Hall at 7:00P.M. The meeting will be streamed live and archived online for on-demand viewing at [www.oak-park.us/commissiontv](http://www.oak-park.us/commissiontv) as well as cablecast on VOP-TV, which is available to Comcast subscribers on channel 6 and ATT Uverse subscribers on channel 99.

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If you wish to provide any comments regarding the petition, you may submit your comments in writing to the Transportation Commission by U.S. mail, by fax to 708-434-1600, or by email at [transportation@oak-park.us](mailto:transportation@oak-park.us). All comments must be received by **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12:00 noon** for inclusion in the Commission's agenda. Any comments received after **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12:00 noon**, will be read out loud at the meeting.

Respectfully,

**VILLAGE OF OAK PARK**

Parking & Mobility Services Division





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**Re: Overnight On-Street Permit Parking**

Dear Resident:

You are receiving this correspondence because your address is adjacent to or near a street frontage on which the Village is considering extending overnight on-street permit parking. Specifically, Zone Y2 permit parking is proposed to be added to the following areas:

- South side of the 1000 block of Pleasant Street (**between 1033-1045 Pleasant Street**)
- North side of the 1000 block of Pleasant Street (**between 1014-1034 Pleasant Street**)

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## Current Y2



## Proposed Y2



### Legend

- Snow route: No parking when Snow Parking Ban in effect
- On-street parking area as posted by signs
- Off-street parking lot
- Area proposed for overnight permit parking

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for Y1 Parking Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 9:39:00 AM

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Thank you for consideration of our parking issue. It is quite difficult to park, especially as a night shift worker. I hope you decide to add the proposed spaces.

Thank you for your time,

Joe Bauer  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Extending Overnight On-Street Permit Parking Zone Y1  
**Date:** Friday, March 1, 2024 10:20:15 AM

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Village of Oak Park  
3/1/2024

Parking & Mobility Services Division

Subject: Extending Overnight On-Street Permit Parking Zone Y1

I have lived in the Santa Maria condos at Erie and Oak Park Ave since 1996. I received your letter of 2/27/24 concerning adding 4 additional areas to the Y1 parking zone. I thank you for that. On-street parking has always been tight, and any extension of the zone is needed and welcome.

I hasten to add, however, that extending permit zones incrementally is not a solution to the parking problem that condo owners and renters face every day. It is not unusual to join cars circling the zone at night in search of available parking spaces. A permanent solution would be to eliminate zones and allow overnight resident parking everywhere in the Village. The usual justification for not allowing overnight parking is that street parking facilitates and/or encourages crime. I have never seen police statistics offered to the public to document the level, nature, and type of crime, if any, associated with people hiding behind or between cars parked on the street. It is generally understood in my condo community that overnight street parking is not allowed due to the opposition of single-family homeowners. But, honestly, no condo owner or renter would want to park any farther from her residence than necessary. Such opposition is simply not justified.

I wish to add that it is also commonly understood that the \$137/quarter permit cost is really a tax, not a fee. A fee is meant only to cover the cost to provide a specific service. A tax is meant to generate revenue for a variety of general Village services. No condo owner or renter I've talked to believes that the cost of an automated overnight permit service is \$137 per quarter. I have read in the past, for example, that some portion of the "fee" goes toward the cost of building and/or renovating Village parking garages. Regardless, the real question is whether an overnight permit fee should reflect anything other than the cost of providing the service, and nothing more.

In conclusion, I would encourage the Village to eliminate the over-night parking ban for residents. Short of that, I would encourage the Village to review and adjust the overnight permit fee so that it reflects only the cost of administering the permit program.

Yours,

Barry Jung

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Parking Services](#)  
**To:** [Keane, Sean](#); [Thompson, Takeshi](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Additional Parking Consideration  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:11:24 PM

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In case you have not seen this email.

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**From:** Joe Bauer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2024 8:44 AM  
**To:** Parking Services  
**Subject:** Request for Additional Parking Consideration

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Parking Services,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to address concerns regarding the availability of parking in the Y1 area, particularly during late-night hours. Recently, I have been experiencing difficulty finding an available parking spot, and this issue seems to intensify on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

To better understand the situation, I would appreciate information regarding the ratio of Y1 permits to available parking spots. Despite the allocated permits, I have consistently found myself unable to secure parking within a reasonable distance from my residence. There are instances where the only available spots are situated near Scoville Park, which, unfortunately, require early morning vacating.

I am bringing this matter to your attention in the hope of exploring solutions for the insufficient parking in our neighborhood. Specifically, the northeast side of Erie & Oak Park Ave, where I reside, has fewer than two available spots. The limited space, allowing for 1.5 cars within the designated signs, suggests a need for more comprehensive planning and consideration. I propose extending parking northward in this area to alleviate the current constraints.

I understand the complexities involved in managing parking spaces, and I appreciate your attention to this matter. I believe that with careful planning, we can enhance the parking situation in our community and ensure a more equitable distribution of spaces.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Best,

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Joe Bauer  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Thompson, Takeshi](#)  
**To:** [Thompson, Takeshi](#); [Keane, Sean](#)  
**Cc:** [Parking Services](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Y1 Concern  
**Date:** Friday, February 23, 2024 11:01:36 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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I am responding to the resident.

**Best Regards,**

**Takeshi Thompson**  
**Parking Restrictions Coordinator**  
**708-358-5758**  
[tthompson@oak-park.us](mailto:tthompson@oak-park.us)

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**From:** Tim Mazurek [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2024 9:06 AM  
**To:** Parking Services <[ParkingServices@oak-park.us](mailto:ParkingServices@oak-park.us)>  
**Subject:** Y1 Concern

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hi there,

I've lived in Oak Park for more than a decade and have been parking in the Y1 overnight zone. In the last year or so parking has become more and more difficult in our zone. This seems to be due in part to the village eliminating several spots near Oak Park and Erie to accommodate bike lanes and a bus stop. But because you did not replace those spaces with other spaces (or reduce the number of permits), those of us paying (a lot of money) for the privilege of trying to park in our neighborhood are now suffering. Obviously enough has been said about how horrible Oak Park's arcane parking regulations are. The village is infamous for it. But really and truly there has to be a solution. I own my condo and pay taxes in this community. The minimum I should be able to expect is a place to park my car on our many empty streets. It's absurd.

There are so many simple solutions! We currently get 3 parking passes for free (before being charged \$7 a night). How about increasing that to 5? 7? 10? specifically for those of us who pay for

parking already. We are residents! We have permits! It is not our fault you have eliminated parking spots. And there are cars on the street regardless so why continue to bleed us for money? Also, there are obvious places to add more Y1 spots. The north side of the Chaney mansion on Erie. On Erie at Euclid (which has cars parked every night so it would not change anything in terms of what is actually happening).

Anyway, it is so disappointing. And another way in which Oak Park does not support residents who live in multi-family dwellings (who often are the poorest members of the community). Living in multifamily housing should be encouraged and made easier in this time of housing crisis and environmental crisis. Oak Park claims to care about these things but your policies and regulations show otherwise.

It feels futile to even write this email because nothing has changed in the decade I've been here. It has only gotten worse. But I hope that someone, someday will get over these weird parking hang-ups and just let residents park on the streets of our village.

Tim Mazurek

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Y1 Overnight On-Street Permit Parking Comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 10:36:12 AM

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To the Oak Park Transportation Commission:

My name is Andrea Lee. I am a single parent who has resided in a one bedroom condo at [REDACTED] within the Y1 zone for the past eight years.

Thank you for considering the issue of parking in the Y1 zone. I would like to clarify that this is a reinstatement of parking spaces lost in the Y1 area when the Pace bus stop was moved and is not an extension. **I urge you to adopt the proposal to rectify the lost spaces.**

As a homeowner, I pay the same per-square-foot property tax as single family dwellers but without the benefit of alley access for parking, just as renters pay the same taxes through their rental rates. Further, multi-family dwellers pay permit rates several times higher than neighboring Chicago in order to park vehicles near their residence.

With people of color and lower-income residents over-represented among multi-family dwellers in comparison to single family dwellers in Oak Park, limiting parking to streets adjacent to multi-family units creates a racial and income-based inequity.

I urge the Transportation Commission to undertake a comprehensive review of parking in Oak Park to determine policy purposes and understand their impact.

Sincerely,

**Andrea Lee**  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Thompson, Takeshi](#)  
**Subject:** Limited Y1 parking spaces  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 8:12:14 PM

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Hello Takeshi,

I own a condo at Erie and Oak Park Ave in the Y1 zone. I am increasingly frustrated with the limited parking in this area and question the purpose of the limited space allocated to zone parking.

It is ludicrous to me that only the curb adjacent to multi-family units is permissible for overnight parking. There are six units in my building that would align with one curb space. There are spaces less than 10 feet from my front door that are not permissible for me to park because it would be in front of a single-family home.

Yet, residents of a single-family home routinely park their car in their driveway jutting out into the street, presumably because they feel entitled, though I pay \$140/quarter for the privilege of parking on the street, frequently am ticketed should I forget about street sweeping days, while I am certain they pay nothing, though they presumably pay the same property tax rate that I do.

I would welcome any explanations from the Transportation Commission about the logic of overnight zone parking. Until then, I will assume it is classist and potentially racist as it appears.

Thank you for carrying the message.

Andrea Lee  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** On-street parking  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 10:40:57 AM

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Safety should be the number 1 priority.

Eliminate parking spaces directly adjacent to street intersections. Maybe elimination only 1 space in each corner of an intersection will help pedestrians see oncoming cars, help drivers see pedestrians waiting to cross and help other cars trying to enter a street or cross see oncoming traffic.

Example: Oak Park Avenue and Ontario Street. Due to the hill ( elevation from Lake street to Ontario), cars parked close to the intersection.

There are frequent near misses of both pedestrian and auto “accidents”. The flashing light system installed in recent years help pedestrians. Thank you. Now we need clearer vision at that intersection and many others like it in Oak Park.

Standardization of signage would be a vast improvement. Maybe using colors rather than verbiage to indicate instructions may help?

When we moved in to [REDACTED] Street in 1999 we had 2 hour parking restrictions in front of our building. When we entertained we could procure passes from the village to give to our guest for a specific date. Are these passes no longer available? And we lost the 2 hour restriction somewhere along the years so worker bees from Lake Street now snag the few spaces at 8:00A.M. and leave their cars there all day preventing any of us or our guests from parking close by.

The public parking garage on North Boulevard and just off Oak Park Avenue is less than ideal for many for various reasons and it seems to have many empty places. Would it work for the village and landlords to utilize a discounted charge for apartment building renters’ permits to park there? Maybe a fee tied to the rent if the renter had a car or two.

Would it be possible for all Oak Park residents to have an app that allowed for short term parking, especially in the downtown areas? I know we and local friends want to support the local businesses but the parking hassle drives us away.

Please require any new residential construction to provide for parking of its residents.

Thanks for your time in reading. Parking in Oak Park is a huge problem to be solved by innovative thinkers. Oak Park will make improvements Im sure.

Marianne Schiavone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Y-1 Parking Changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 9:05:27 AM

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Hi there,

I am writing in support of the proposed "expansion" of Y-1 parking.

As a resident who has owned their condo and paid taxes for over a decade, the biggest frustration I have with Oak Park is the arcane parking rules for residents. Oak Park has operated under a model of false scarcity when it comes to parking that hurts those of us who live here. We pay a lot of money for the privilege of trying to park on the few streets we are allowed to park on, and the recent removal of parking spots has made life in our neighborhood even more frustrating. The reality is that there are plenty of places for cars in our village, and those places need to be made available to those of us who live here and pay taxes. The proposed expansion of parking is the least that can be done to rectify the parking situation the village has created.

I want to love living in Oak Park. And a small step toward that would be to be able to come home at the end of a work day and not have to worry about where my car will be parked. It is so little to ask given the amount of streets in our village and the amount we pay for parking passes. And again, I am arguing on behalf of residents. These are people who call Oak Park home. Not visitors. Your neighbors.

Additionally, as a resident of the area in which the additional parking spots will be added, I can assure you that this proposed expansion will have no practical impact on anyone in the neighborhood. Cars are already parked in those spots every single night. The only difference will be that those of us who already have parking passes will not have to pay an additional \$7 to park there. Parking passes were sold based on the number of spaces available in the neighborhood. The least that is required is for you to return to us the number of spaces we had.

Oak Park likes to claim they support progressive ideologies. In the face of housing shortages, growing economic disparities, and environmental crisis, anything that can be done to encourage multifamily living (which has been proven again and again to be the most environmentally sustainable and economically accessible form of housing) should be done. And creating a village in which those of who have made this choice feel welcome is vital.

Thank you,

Tim Mazurek  
[REDACTED]

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Tim Mazurek | [Lottie + Doof](#)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Comments for Y1 Overnight Parking Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 9:15:24 AM

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Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Transportation Committee,

Thank you for investigating ways to improve overnight parking, which truly has gone from bad to worse in recent months. As a Y1 permit holder living east of Oak Park Ave, finding a nearby parking space is often difficult—and when there is an event at the Cheney Mansion or OPRF, impossible. The situation has gotten noticeably worse with the recent elimination of Y1 spaces and I am more often having to spend \$7 for a one-night parking pass. Considering that we already pay \$45 per month to park on our streets, the additional costs really sting. To avoid this and the headaches of searching for a spot, my husband and I are finding ourselves saying things like, “let’s not go out to dinner, we have a parking space.” It is frustrating and makes us feel like residents of multi-family homes aren’t heard or valued in Oak Park.

The additional areas you propose are a good start. The north side of the 700 block of Erie St already has cars parked along that whole stretch every night, so I can’t imagine any argument against making those Y1 spaces. I request that you also consider adding the stretch of Euclid south of Erie, across from the Cheney Mansion, which also usually has cars parked there overnight. Additionally, I request another change—doubling the number of free overnight passes from 3 to 6. This will take the pressure off finding a space among the limited ones available and I think will alleviate much of the frustration felt by Y1 holders. I think the changes you proposed are the bare minimum and will provide only a small amount of temporary relief, but those changes plus additional Y1 spaces and an increase in overnight passes will make a real difference.

Thank you,  
Bryan Morrison

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Zone Y1 Parking  
**Date:** Monday, March 4, 2024 5:29:22 PM

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We hold a Zone Y1 parking permit.

Several Zone Y1 parking spaces have been eliminated due to the bus stop in front of 300-302 N. Oak Park Ave. and to new bike lanes on the east side of the 300 block of N.Oak Park Ave., and on Erie.

It is difficult to find a Zone Y1 parking space.

When will those parking spaces be replaced?

Thank you,  
Marirose Ferrara  
John Mullin

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** request to comment for 2/12 meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, February 11, 2024 3:29:01 PM

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Hello,

I have included a comment that I request to be read at tomorrow's Transportation Commission meeting.

I am a condo owner on Oak Park Avenue with Y1 parking permit privileges. I have been dismayed the past months to see that parking spots seems to be dwindling for our zone. The relocation of the pace bus stop has eaten up some spaces as well as the creation of bike boulevards in an already overcrowded parking zone. I have had to park many blocks from my condo which has created difficulties as I am 8 months pregnant - I am concerned that I will continue to have these difficulties when I have my newborn infant in tow. Half of the northbound side of Oak Park Ave north of Erie is currently not part of Y1 - expanding Y1 to include these spots would be a great start to lightening the burden for us. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

Liaht Bauer

[REDACTED] N Oak Park Ave, [REDACTED]  
Oak Park IL 60302  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#); [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Overnight On-Street Permit Parking  
**Date:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:26:03 PM

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Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Commissioners,

I am responding to the proposal to extend overnight Y1 permit parking to the East side of the 100 block of North Oak Park Avenue. While I do not generally object to the extension of the overnight parking zone, I hope the Commission will address the need to vacate such parking by 8 AM and leave sufficient parking available for visitors to the building occupants till into the evening. Family, friends and workmen/women of the 28 condo owners at 156 N. Oak Park Avenue often have difficulty finding available street parking. Recently, my family on a wellness visit had to park 3-4 blocks away. I am afraid that the overnight parkers may occupy all spaces beyond the 11 PM to 6 AM overnight time span, making available parking for such visits to the residents at 156 N. Oak Park Avenue extremely difficult and in some cases making such visits untenable. The parking ordinance needs to be equitable, that is responsible to all citizens, both those in need of overnight parking and the building occupants on the block of the proposed overnight parking zone.

Richard Schultz  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Zone Y1 expansion  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:45:58 AM

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Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hi. I am submitting this comment in regard to the proposal to expand Y1 overnight on-street parking.

Although I do not park overnight in Y1 zones (I pay to park elsewhere), I live in the affected area. I am in favor of all the proposed additions, except for the half block of Erie between Euclid west to the alley. That half block is about the only section in the area that is not covered by daylight or nighttime or time-limit restrictions (except for two hours for street cleaning on Tuesdays). As such, it is an important parking resource both during the day (as many of the blocks in the area have total prohibitions on daytime parking related to the high school) and at night for those of us looking to use our allotted nighttime passes—as we can't use them in Y1 zones. Because Y1 cars can't park there overnight, the little section has higher turnover, because no one can hog those spaces for multiple days. It's a little section, but it actually is quite valuable when I'm looking for a spot during the day near my building, and all the nearby spots are either taken or prohibited by the high school related rule that gives ridiculous privilege to people who own houses.

This is a small section, but can be important to those of us without personal parking spaces or Y1 permits.

Thanks,

Bob Stuffings.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Thompson, Takeshi](#)  
**Subject:** We need parking  
**Date:** Monday, February 5, 2024 8:40:14 PM

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Hello. I am a homeowner here at the Park Erie condo building. I have been parking at the church at the end of the alley instead of the Y one Parking anywhere near 724 Erie St. It's terrible out here especially, with all the moving of vehicles on Tuesday and Wednesday. And all the people that don't live here using our parking all day long. It's a disaster. We need more parking! People who live here cannot find a place to park. Thank you.

Stephanie Dwyer  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Thompson, Takeshi](#)  
**Subject:** Y1 Parking  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2024 9:43:17 AM

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Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Ms.Thompson:

I'm writing to express my continued frustration with the Y1 parking issues on Erie Street east of Oak Park Avenue. As you know there has been a bus stop installed located on Oak Park Avenue at Erie Street which removed a number of parking spaces. This has caused an over abundance amount of cars parked on Erie Street. I pay for a quarterly nightly parking pass and often times need to pay an additional \$7 when I am unable to find any parking in the Y1 zone.

Additionally, I have a concern of the "no parking" on Tuesday and Wednesday's from 10 AM - 12 Noon, along this stretch and I understand this is set aside for regular maintenance needs etc. I have not seen a consistent street sweeping/snow plowing or maintenance performed during these hours only to find numerous cars ticketed.

I have seen signs posted in this outside of the designated times posted and do not understand why that cannot be scheduled on the days and time parking is not allowed or remove this restriction and schedule with posting signs and ticketing accordingly. I have reached out to Public Works for a street sweeping schedule to be told they do not have a set schedule.

I hope you can evaluate my concerns and let me know if you have any resolution to my concerns.

I would be happy to attend a meeting in the future to discuss further.

Thank you for your time and attention to this ongoing problem.

Sincerely,

Colleen Stroiman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Thompson, Takeshi](#)  
**Subject:** Y1 Parking Issues  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 11:06:37 PM

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Hello,

I received your email from a neighbor regarding the above.

The parking situation has become a nightmare. People 'fighting' for spots and it's even worse on Tuesdays & Wednesdays when cars have to be moved from 10-12 each week. Most of the days if I find a spot, I don't want to move my car to go to the gym or dinner for fear I won't find a space upon return. I'm a 72-yr old woman who sometimes has to walk 3-4 blocks at night if I do go out. It's not the walking that's concerning, it's just not safe. Also, there seems to be more passes being given out including big trucks taking up 2 spots. Originally (I've been here 6 years) there was a limit on street parking passes. Some of these condos are getting 2-3 passes for their cars. I believe it should be one per unit.

There has to be a solution to this because people are getting very frustrated. My car has dents, scratches due to tight parking.

And whose bright idea was it to make Erie a biking path? There is no space for these bikes to get through safely. This street has become a major thoroughfare especially during school months and weekends filled with visitors, cheney mansion gatherings, weekend festivities, etc.

Then at least 4 spaces taken away due to a new bus stop on OP Avenue. We are paying a lot of money to park on the street every quarter and the Village needs to make some changes.

PLEASE give considerations to all of this and open up additional streets for parking.

Thank you,  
Susan Traeger  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Thompson, Takeshi](#)  
**Subject:** Zone Y1 Parking  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2024 7:37:17 AM

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We hold a Zone Y1 parking permit.

Several Zone Y1 parking spaces have been eliminated due to the bus stop in front of 300-302 N. Oak Park Ave., and to new bike lanes on the west side of the 300 block of N. Oak Park Ave. It is difficult to find a Zone Y1 parking spaces.

When will those parking spaces be replaced?

Thank you,  
Marirose Ferrara  
John Mullin

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** In Favor of Proposed Expansion of Y2 On-Street Permitted Spaces  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:03:55 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing **in favor of the proposed expansion of Y2 zoned on-street parking spaces** on the north and south sides of the 1000 block of Pleasant Street, ahead of the upcoming Transportation Commission meeting scheduled for March 11, 2024. The proposed expansion is a logical step as the addition of the spots may help ease parking restrictions for the multi-family buildings already located on both the north and south sides of the street.

Regards,  
Elizabeth Walton

[REDACTED]  
Beth Walton

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Pleasant Street Overnight On-Street Parking  
**Date:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:03:45 PM

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Hello,

In regards to the new petition on increasing overnight on street parking on Pleasant Street, I have a couple of comments.

I strongly agree of the proposed overnight on street parking on Pleasant Street. In fact, I think that the overnight on street parking should be extended along the side of the street where Mills Park is located. The parking restrictions of 2:30am to 6:30am on Pleasant Street is honestly ridiculous and should not be in place since it has less traffic compared to Maple Street.

Although overnight on street parking is permitted on Maple, cars drive by that narrow street at a rather high speed and often times, side swiping a parked vehicle occurs.

Other than that, the overnight parking on Marion Street by the new construction has rather absurd permitted hours. I believe the sign says that Y2 parking is permitted from 2:30am - 6:30am, which in my opinion does not make sense. No working individuals will be up at that hour to move their vehicle and head into work at 8am the next day.

I understand that certain rules are in place for the revenue of the Village. However, I believe the Village can strive to implement rules that make more sense.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,  
Grace Lim

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Overnight On-Street Permit Parking on Pleasant St.  
**Date:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:18:23 PM

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Hello,

I'm a resident of Oak Park having lived on Pleasant Street for a little over a year, and would like to thank the Village for considering extending Zone Y2 parking on our street. It's an issue I've been adamant about and I'm glad to see it's being given attention.

However, looking at the proposed map attached in the mail, I'm curious as to why the entire south side of Pleasant Street is not being considered for residential overnight parking. I understand this is bordering Mills Park rather than residential buildings, but it seems as though many residents in the area are currently forced to park there overnight. I can verify that the curb is completely full every single night, and with the limited size of Zone Y2 on this street, the 7 free monthly overnight passes that I'm given as a resident are not enough to let me (let alone visitors) park on the south side of the street without eventually having to pay for parking on the street for which I already pay to park quarterly.

While I'm thankful, as I said, for the Village looking into this issue, I would personally encourage further expansion as detailed above.

Respectfully,

A resident of Oak Park

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Transportation](#)  
**Subject:** In Favor of Proposed Expansion of Y2 On-Street Permitted Spaces  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 2:48:14 PM

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In anticipation of the upcoming Transportation Commission meeting planned for March 11, 2024, I am writing **in favor of the proposed expansion of Y2 zoned on-street parking spaces** on the north and south sides of the 1000 block of Pleasant Street.

This expansion makes logical sense as the proposed spots on the south side (1033-1045 Pleasant Street) are in front of a multi-family building and the proposed spots on the north side (1014-1034 Pleasant Street) will ease parking restrictions for the multi-family buildings on that side of the street (1000-1012 and 1020-1024 Pleasant Street).

Regards,  
Andrew Walton  
[REDACTED]