



DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS

June 14, 2017

Jill Velan
Director of Parking and Mobility Services
Village of Oak Park
123 Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302

Re: Changes to the Parking Ordinance

Dear Director Velan:

The Downtown District leaders met to develop consensus regarding parking restrictions in our respective shopping areas. The leaders of Downtown Oak Park, the Hemingway Business District and the Pleasant District came to a unanimous agreement with respect to the parking restrictions in our critical shopping areas. We together recommend that the Village of Oak Park:

1. Ensure consistency in parking rules, prices and incentives across the three shopping districts known as the "Downtown Districts" (Downtown Oak Park, Hemingway and Pleasant District)
2. Limit all metered/kiosk/on street parking to 3 hours (excluding the select meters that offer 15 minute parking limits)
3. Alter the Mobile Parking Application so the 3 hour parking limit cannot be bypassed by using the Mobile App (currently, the parking app allows for up to 8 hours of parking even in areas where there is a 2 or 3 hour limit on the meter)
4. Make all garage prices consistent, with each garage offering the first 90 minutes as "free parking" to entice shoppers to alter parking habits and use garages more frequently

We understand that there is a parking study underway and are active participants in this process. We further understand that the Village prefers to hold off on any changes to the parking ordinance until the study can be completed. However, these intermediate changes could help alter parking patterns for a more seamless transition once the study is completed and

permanent modifications are in place. Since all three business districts are in agreement as to the changes that need to be made in our collective geography, we respectfully request that the ordinance be amended immediately to reflect our recommendations as staged above.

As always we are available to discuss or assist you in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Hemingway District Business Association

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