

## 2018 Proposed Initiatives - Village President Allison Rozek

### **J. Repeal and replace the Village's overnight parking regulations to allow on-street night parking with purchase of a monthly permit.**

In summer of 2016, upon request by the Public Safety Committee Chairwoman, an internal working group was formed to study the existing on-street parking regulations established by multiple, and often conflicting, village regulatory documents. This working group consisted of the Village Manager, Customer Service Manager, DPW Director, Police Chief, and Sergeant.

The Village Manager, the Police Chief, DPW Director, and Customer Service Manager offered insight into past resident concerns regarding overnight street parking. Historically, there was a strong and vocal desire by home owners to keep cars off the streets at night for the following identified reasons:

1. Safety - More cars on the street at night invites more break ins and creates a visual impediment to crime prevention; and
2. Aesthetics –The desire to maintain the suburban character that differentiates the Village from the City of Milwaukee/urban areas.

All parties involved believed that a gradual shift among our residents had occurred and it may be the right time to open the discussion.

Documentation of the former Chief of Police recommendations to allow 1, 2, and 3 family residence the option to purchase one monthly overnight on-street parking "permission" per residence was reviewed. Parking regulations for apartment dwellings were also reviewed with the intent that tenants/home owners of both small and large residential housing would have their parking needs address simultaneously.

The 2016 Community Survey showed that residents respondents narrowly favored (42.6% vs. 38.4%) "relaxing" the parking restrictions. Also, of note was that most respondents were home owners.

Funds were included in the 2017 adopted budget to hire an outside consultant to conduct activities such as the following:

1. Conduct a comprehensive study of the outdated, inconsistent, and complicated village parking regulations
2. Assist policymakers with public town hall meetings to gather public input, and
3. Make recommendations for comprehensive regulatory change

In late summer 2017, management discussed the potential cost implications of a change to the parking program to determine if permit fees should be changed (or eliminated) and the potential budget shortfalls that may occur as a result.

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In October 2017, the Interim Village Manager presented to the Community Business Relations Committee. He recommended that we proceed at the next Village Board meeting with adopting a new parking program as a yearlong “pilot”.

Because the Village the public and the residents/community members had not been afforded public input opportunities, the Committee did not advance the pilot to the full Village Board.

This initiative outlines the “Next Steps” in exploring and potentially drafting an updated comprehensive parking ordinance. To avoid further costly customization of the Duncan system, any proposed Duncan system changes should not move forward until the parking regulations are streamlined.

The following topics will need to be addressed simultaneously when drafting a new parking ordinance for consideration by the Village Board.

1. 1,2,3 bedroom (small residential) on-street, overnight parking permit – # per household, address verification process, permit fee (higher than lots and significant enough to offset enforcement revenue loss)
2. Multi-family (large residential) on-street overnight parking permit – total # of permits that can be sold based on calculation of maximum # of spaces available without negatively effecting business evening parking, allowed applicants (residents, visitors, and/or employees), removing street specific permitting, elimination of the landlord as the middle man, permit price.
3. Alternative side street parking in winter
4. Maintaining RCA near the university and if a hard boundary should be created to limit mission creep.
5. Winter regulation change from “No parking between month X and Month X” to “No parking when snow falls exceed 2 inches.
6. Review of the 1 hr vs 2 hr parking restrictions (signage)
7. Management of private parking lots
8. Reduction in civil police department parking checker staff. Utilize funds for increased traffic violation enforcement
9. Lot and on-street permit rates
10. Resident verification through attestation box included in the on-line application form. Possibility of follow up review by staff
11. Identification of ways to address employee parking (eligible for on-street parking permit?)
12. Reprograming of Duncan or a new parking permit and enforcement system to match future adoption of streamlined regulations
13. Determine if parking space lines should be painted on streets (without spaces can be less than 20 feet which may result in more spaces available and therefore more permits issued.
14. Multiple public input sessions and communication methods before consideration of the Village Board.