



Legislation Text

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Pass the ordinance amending Title 11 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 2 (Parking), Article B (Municipal Parking Lots and Parking Regulations) of the Naperville Municipal Code to modify regulations for the City's commuter parking lots

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Jennifer Loudon, Deputy Director

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

On August 17, 2021, the City Council approved the following principles to guide improvements to commuter parking and access:

1. Principle 1: The City will provide commuter parking programs that maximize the use of the existing total parking supply by providing flexible parking options and fair privileges to all commuters.
2. Principle 2: The City will maintain a multi-modal approach to accessing the Naperville and Route 59 Metra Stations.

The following actions were identified to be pursued in support of Principle 1:

1. Engage a consultant to evaluate the City's commuter parking programs and make recommendations related to program improvements and modifications, parking fee structure and technology solutions.
2. Modify the distribution of daily fee versus quarterly permit spaces at the Naperville Station by converting the Parkview Lot from permit to daily fee.
3. Commit to improving or eliminating the quarterly permit system by halting issuance of new Naperville Station permits and closing the waitlist to new applicants.

DISCUSSION:

The conversion of the Parkview Lot from permit to daily fee will modify the distribution of daily fee versus permit spaces to provide more flexible parking and fair privileges to more commuters. The Naperville Station currently offers 929 permit spaces and 920 daily fee spaces, including the 479 spaces added at the 190 E. 5th Avenue and Water Tower West lots in recent years. Following the conversion, there will be 1,042 daily fee spaces and 807 permit spaces. Staff recommends setting the daily fee for the Parkview Lot at \$5 per space. The Parkview Lot is a convenient location and this fee is consistent with the fee for the spaces at DuPage Children's Museum and 190 E. 5th Avenue.

The number of permits issued for the Parkview and Burlington lots is currently lower than in recent years due to the 2019 audit and voluntary cancelations during the pandemic. The Parkview Lot permit holders will be accommodated in the Burlington Lot without creating overflow concerns. Combining the 169 active Parkview Lot permits with the 703 active Burlington permits will result in a 66% oversell for the Burlington Lot, which is in the typical pre-pandemic oversell range.

The attached ordinance amends sections of Title 11, Chapter 2, Article B of the Municipal Code to convert Parkview from a permit lot to a daily fee lot. The ordinance also modifies additional text within those sections to provide consistency with current practice:

1. Several references to conducting commuter parking related business in the Finance Department are being modified to the Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group.
2. Table 11-2B-5 is being modified to reflect accurate space counts.
3. The language describing required application information is being modified to reflect current requirements.
4. The quarterly permit fees are being modified to reflect the current fees, which were approved by the City Council on May 6, 2008.
5. Payment options for daily fee parking are being updated to include credit cards.

City Council conducted the first reading of the ordinance on September 7, 2021. No concerns were raised nor were any modifications requested.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Parkview Lot signage and pavement markings will be updated at an approximate cost of \$7,000. Each daily fee space will have the potential to generate \$5 per day, for a maximum daily revenue of \$610 for the lot.