

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 21, 2009 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Parking Deck – Marking of parking spaces including those designated as “Compact Cars Only”	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Naneil Newlon, P.E., Director of Public Works

**SYNOPSIS**

An ordinance has been prepared to amend the Municipal Code to allow for the marking of parking spaces within the Parking Deck, including spaces designated as “Compact Cars Only,” and to require that vehicles park wholly within such markings.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2008-2013 identified *Exceptional Municipal Organization*. A supporting objective of this goal is *Top Quality Core Services Responsive to Current and Future Community and Citizen Needs*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A.

**UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the April 14, 2009 workshop. Staff recommends approval on the April 21, 2009 active agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

Since the opening of the Municipal Parking Deck on October 1, 2004, the parking utilization has been slowly increasing. The deck is now generally full of vehicles on a daily basis. Many of those parked vehicles are longer than the standard mid-size length, such as pick-up trucks and other extended cab type vehicles. On each of the five (5) levels, the aisle parking spaces are used by these longer vehicles, with the net result of significantly reducing sight distance for turning vehicles.

To address this issue and prevent vehicular and pedestrian conflicts in the deck, staff is proposing to designate “Compact Cars Only” spaces where larger vehicles create a problem. This would apply to approximately 32 of the total 788 total parking spaces in the Deck. Each compact parking space is proposed to be striped with the maximum vehicle dimensions, which is determined to be 9 feet by 15 feet. To assist in this endeavor, an ordinance has been proposed to allow marking of parking spaces within the Parking Deck, including those designated as “Compact Cars Only”, and to require that vehicles be parked wholly within those markings. Staff will work to effectively communicate this proposed change with appropriate signage and enforcement.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Ordinance



Deck Compact Car Parking

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING PROVISIONS  
FOR COMPACT CARS IN THE PARKING DECK**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by **shading**/underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

**Section 1. That Section 14.109.1. is hereby added to read as follows:**

**14.109.1. Marking Parking Spaces; Parking Deck.**

Suitable markings approved by the Village Manager shall be painted or placed upon the Parking Deck for the purpose of designating each parking space for the Parking Deck including parking spaces designated as "Compact Cars Only" and the angle at which vehicles shall be parked therein. Each vehicle parked within the Parking Deck shall be parked wholly within such markings including vehicles parked in spaces designated as "Compact Cars Only".

**Section 2.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

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Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk