

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2012 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Modification of Village Parking Holidays	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Nan Newlon, P.E. Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

An ordinance has been prepared to amend sections of the Municipal Code concerning the establishment of Village parking holidays, such that on dates when the Village Hall is closed, all daily fee parking either in lots or on designated streets shall be free.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2011-2018 include *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

FISCAL IMPACT

This amendment is anticipated to generate additional revenue of approximately \$10,000 per year in the Parking Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the May 15, 2012 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

Staff proposes to modify the definition of Village Holidays in the Ordinance, such that Village Holidays be defined as being those days that the Village Hall is closed, as listed here:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July,
- Labor Day,
- Thanksgiving,
- Day After Thanksgiving,
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, (or the dates observed if holiday falls on a weekend)

The parking system currently recognizes State holidays as parking holidays. With this change the number of parking holidays would be reduced from 13 to 8, eliminating Martin Luther King Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Columbus Day, Election Day and Veteran's Day. The resulting holiday dates would be consistent with the Village of Lisle, which has the same 8 parking holidays. The City of Naperville and City of Aurora are substantially similar, with minor differences.

The benefits of modifying the Village's parking holidays include the generation of more revenue for the Parking Fund and greater clarity for customers. Staff estimates this proposal would generate \$10,000/year in additional annual daily fee and metered parking revenue. Second, there would be greater clarity and less customer confusion about what constitutes a parking holiday.

This item was originally presented to the Transportation and Parking Commission on February 8, 2012. At that meeting staff was requested to verify through the Legal Department that this action was allowable.

Staff was advised that the proposed changes are permissible provided the resultant parking holiday changes are properly posted in and around the Village for users. A follow-up presentation was made to the Transportation and Parking Commission on April 11, 2012 and the Commission voted unanimously to approve this action as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2012 Transportation and Parking Commission
Ordinance

Parking Holidays

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HOLIDAY PARKING PROVISIONS

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 14.1SEC. is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.1SEC. Definitions.

(a) For purposes of this Chapter, the definitions contained in Illinois Compiled Statutes, ch. 625, §§ 5/1-100 to 5/1-300 shall apply.

(b) For purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions, in addition to those established in subsection (a) hereof, shall apply.

DB Downtown Business District roadways means the following roadways:

Burlington Avenue, from the east line of Forest Avenue to the west line of Washington Street.

Curtiss Street, from the east line of Forest Avenue to the west line of Washington Street.

Forest Avenue, from the north line of Curtiss Street to the south line of Franklin Avenue.

Grove Street, from the east line of Carpenter Street to the west line of Main Street.

Highland Avenue, from the north line of Warren Avenue to the south line of Rogers Street.

Main Street, from the north line of Maple Avenue to the south line of Franklin Street.

Rogers Street, from the east line of Main Street to the west line of Highland Avenue.

Warren Avenue, from the east line of Forest Avenue to the west line of Washington Street.

Washington Street, from the north line of Maple Avenue to the south line of Burlington Avenue.

Holiday or legal holiday means and includes ~~all State holidays.~~ the following holidays:

New Years Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Day after Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

Day after Christmas Day (Ord. No. 2745, § 3; Ord. No. 2860, § 1; Ord. No. 3254, § 1.)

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.

Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: _____

Village Clerk

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2012

3. File # 05-12 Village Parking Holidays. **Mr. Fera** reported that the Village received its legal authorization from Village staff and Legal Department staff and stated that the village holidays did not match up to the federal or state holidays. Instead, the village had is pursuing its own holidays. He reminded the Commissioners that the goal was to promote the parking holidays through Village channels, and to get the proper notification signage posted in the affected parking lots.

Chairman Stuebner stated he would support the recommendation because the village already advertised its village hours and standardized what the village did. **Mr. Fera** also noted that if the village was closed, it would not be issuing tickets anyway and the village already had a number of ways to electronically communicate this information to the residents.

Chairman Stuebner recommended a change in that the additional revenue generated by the parking fines be used for traffic calming. **Mr. Saricks** felt that the recommendation was in line with neighboring communities and that drivers really had no excuse to complain that they were confused or did not understand the signage. Other positive comments followed. **Ms. Vleck** said she was disappointed that Veterans Day could not be included.

MR. SARICKS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVISED AND LEGALLY APPROVED LIST OF VILLAGE PARKING HOLIDAYS AS BEING ACTUAL PARKING HOLIDAYS IN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, WITH ALL OTHER DAYS BEING SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT.

MR. CRONIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 6-0.