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Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
First Reading	First Reading A. ORD 2019-8058 An ordinance regulating the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits	I have been involved in numerous protests against selling dogs that are from puppy mills. I have heard many horrendous stories from people who "bought" dogs from pet stores! I hope that downers grove will follow what so many towns and States are doing and ban these sales. Make me proud to be a resident of a HUMANE of downers grove.	Nancy johnsen
Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>Hello,</p> <p>As owners in the Acadia 930 Curtiss building, my wife and I are concerned when we read the phrase "Lot R permits are not available for residents residing in recently constructed developments required to provide on-site parking." stated in the document that is posted online.</p> <p>Our building was built in 2008, so perhaps the term "recently constructed" does not apply, but if it does apply, we object to this change. Our building was built with just 1 parking spot per unit, so residents needing an additional spot need to rent one in the area. Applying a retroactive change such as this would be viewed as discriminatory by us and other residents we've spoken with, especially since we are currently charged a large property tax premium for living in the downtown SSA and TIF whose funds helped build the parking deck in the first place.</p> <p>Thank you, Allen and Ruth Armstrong</p>	Allen and Ruth Armstrong
Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>My name is Jack Marengo. I live at 945 Burlington Avenue Unit 305 and am a 42 year resident in Downers Grove having lived in downtown Downers Grove for the last 11 years as a residential property owner at Acadia on the Green building 1.</p> <p>Recently I learned that the Council is scheduled to approve an ordinance to amend parking permit provisions for commuter lots at their 2/12/19 meeting.</p> <p>Because parking is an important issue for downtown residents, I looked over the ordinance and was surprised and disappointed to see that one of the provisions was "Lot R (overnight parking in the parking deck) permits would no longer be available for residents residing in recently constructed developments required to provide on-site parking."</p> <p>While I am not currently leasing a spot in the garage, I have in the past when family or guest have stayed with us for an extended period of time. I know that other owners in our building have done the same and have appreciated this option.</p> <p>I believe downtown condo owners deserve the same opportunity to lease a spot in Lot R as other residents of Downers Grove.</p> <p>I ask that you reconsider the exclusionary aspect of this ordinance and continue to allow downtown residents the same parking privileges as other Downers Grove residents.</p> <p>Thank You"</p>	Jack Marengo
Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>My name is Lee Tao. I live at 945 Burlington Avenue and have lived in Downers Grove most of my life.</p> <p>I don't believe it's fair to have a different set of parking permit rules apply to downtown condominium owners. Even if condo owners have parking in their building, their guests may need additional parking the same way a regular home owner might.</p>	Lee Tao



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Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>My name is Paul Glover. My wife, Deborah and I are Residential Property Owners who live at 4929 Forest Avenue which is a condominium in Special Service Area #2.</p> <p>The Council is scheduled to approve an ordinance to amend parking permit provisions for commuter lots at their 2/12/19 meeting.</p> <p>Because parking is an important issue for downtown residents, we were surprised and disappointed to see one of the provisions was "Lot R (overnight parking in the parking deck) permits would no longer be available for residents residing in recently constructed developments required to provide on-site parking."</p> <p>While we don't currently leasing a spot in the garage, we would like the opportunity to do so if we had long term guests. I know that other owners in our building have done so and have appreciated this option.</p> <p>I believe downtown condo owners deserve the same opportunity to lease a spot in Lot R as other residents of Downers Grove.</p> <p>Therefore we ask you to reconsider the exclusionary aspect of this ordinance and continue to allow downtown residents the same parking privileges as other Downers Grove residents.</p> <p>Thank You.</p>	Paul L. Glover
Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>I am a year resident in Downers Grove having lived in downtown Downers Grove for the last 7 years as a residential property owner.</p> <p>Recently I learned the Council is scheduled to approve an ordinance to amend parking permit provisions for commuter lots at their 2/12/19 meeting.</p> <p>Because parking is an important issue for downtown residents, read the ordinance and was surprised and disappointed to see that one of the provisions was "Lot R (overnight parking in the parking deck) permits would no longer be available for residents residing in recently constructed developments required to provide on-site parking."</p> <p>I am currently leasing a spot in the garage and am concerned about access to a spot as occupancy increases. I know residents in my building appreciate access to overnight permits when they have guests, so might I recommend reserving a certain number for temporary week by week parking in designated assigned spots</p> <p>I believe downtown condo owners deserve the same opportunity to lease a spot in Lot R as other residents of Downers Grove.</p> <p>I ask that you reconsider the exclusionary aspect of this ordinance and continue to allow downtown residents the same parking privileges as other Downers Grove residents while enforcing the new building requirements to build parking on site for the residents who occupy the new buildings.</p>	Sarah Donovan



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Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	My name is Gay Crossman, I live at 935 Burlington Unit 402, and have been a resident property owner for almost 2 years. Recently I learned the council is scheduled to approve an ordinance to amend parking permit provisions for comuter lots at their 2/12/19 meeting. Because parking is such an important issue for downtown residents, I read the ordinance and was surprised and disappointed to see one of the provisions was "LOT R (overnight parking in the parking deck) permits would no longer be available for residents residing in recently constructed developments required to provide on-site parking." Although I am not currently leasing a spot in the garage, I have in the past had to use some temporary overnight parking, and I know other owners in our building have leased overnight parking. I believe downtown condo owners deserve the same opportunity to lease a spot in Lot R as other residents of Downers Grove. I ask that you reconsider the exclusionary aspect of this ordinance and continue to allow downtown residents the same parking privileges as other Downers Grove residents. I also do not understand what "recently constructed" refers to.	Gay
Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>Hi - I am a downers grove resident at 935 Burlington Ave and have lived in downtown Downers Grove for the last 9 years as a Residential Property Owner.</p> <p>Recently I learned the Council is scheduled to approve an ordinance to amend parking permit provisions for commuter lots at their 2/12/19 meeting.</p> <p>Because parking is an important issue for Downtown Residents, I read the ordinance and was surprised and disappointed to see one of the provisions was "Lot R (overnight parking in the parking deck) permits would no longer be available for residents residing in recently constructed developments required to provide on-site parking."</p> <p>I feel you should apply this stipulation to the buildings most recently built where historic homes/other structures had already existed, not the buildings that have been here as well as pay the extra downtown taxes over 10 years. I say this because I purchased my property knowing it was in a historic area that was primary land locked. The increase in downtown downers residents due to the 3 additional condo buildings is one reason you likely want to amend this ordinance. Had this ordinance not been in place, the purchase of an additional parking space at time of property purchase provides a different value.</p> <p>I would like to maintain my option to a permit for the garage if desired/needed in the future.</p> <p>Thank you Stephanie</p>	Stephanie Zirolì



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Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	I disagree with the denial of temporary Parking Garage parking permits. Overnight parking for resident's guests should be allowed. Residents pay an additional tax for living in the village core; what do we get in return?	Ann Peart
Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>My name is James. I live at 922 Warren Ave and I am a 3 year resident in Downers Grove. I have lived in downtown Downers Grove for the last 3 years as a Residential Property Owner.</p> <p>Recently I learned the Council is scheduled to approve an ordinance to amend parking permit provisions for commuter lots at their 2/12/19 meeting.</p> <p>Because parking is an important issue for Downtown Residents, I read the ordinance and noted one of the provisions was "Lot R (overnight parking in the parking deck) permits would no longer be available for residents residing in recently constructed developments required to provide on-site parking."</p> <p>I do have on-site parking at my townhouse. However, I occasionally have out-of-town family or guests visiting, and have a need for alternative overnight parking when that occurs. I believe downtown Townhouse owners deserve the same opportunity to obtain an overnight Lot R parking permit as all other residents of Downers Grove.</p> <p>I ask that you reconsider the exclusionary aspect of this ordinance and continue to allow downtown residents the same parking privileges as other Downers Grove residents.</p>	James
Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>I totally disagree with this portion of the amendment. I have lived in Downtown Downers Grove since 2007 and paid very high taxes for this privilege. Now, an amendment to Lot R parking in the parking Deck will no longer be available to the Downtown Residents having overnight guests visiting us. This amendment would be detrimental to our property value, and will make the property undesirable for potential new buyers. I would ask the Mayor and the Council to reconsider this portion of the amendment. Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>George Dabdoub Acadia on the Green Building 1 unit 202</p>	George Dabdoub



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Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>Hello, my name is Mark Gwizdala. I reside at 945 Burlington Ave. unit 410 in Downtown Downers Grove. I have lived here since the building was built in 2008. I am concerned about the amendment proposed to parking in lot R, the overnight parking in the parking deck. I currently rent a spot in lot R and it is vital to our household that we are able to keep renting the overnight spot there. We have 2 vehicles at the residence and only 1 spot in our buildings garage. There are no other overnight parking options in the downtown area.</p> <p>Parking was a major concern in deciding whether move to Downtown Downers Grove or not. Knowing that we would be able to park in Lot R eased our concerns and we have been happily living here ever since. Downtown condo owners should have the same opportunity to lease a spot in lot R as any other resident of Downers Grove does.</p> <p>Please reconsider this ordinance and continue to allow downtown residents to park in lot R. We deserve the same privileges as any other resident.</p> <p>Thank You</p>	Mark Gwizdala
Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>My name is Jennifer Austin. I live at 922 Warren Ave and I am a 3 year resident in Downers Grove. I have lived in downtown Downers Grove for the last 3 years as a Residential Property Owner.</p> <p>Recently I learned the Council is scheduled to approve an ordinance to amend parking permit provisions for commuter lots at their 2/12/19 meeting.</p> <p>Because parking is an important issue for Downtown Residents, I read the ordinance and was surprised and disappointed to see one of the provisions was "Lot R (overnight parking in the parking deck) permits would no longer be available for residents residing in recently constructed developments required to provide on-site parking."</p> <p>I do have on-site parking at my townhouse. However, I occasionally have out-of-town family or guests visiting, and have a need for alternative overnight parking when that occurs. I believe downtown Townhouse owners deserve the same opportunity to obtain an overnight Lot R parking permit as all other residents of Downers Grove.</p> <p>I ask that you reconsider the exclusionary aspect of this ordinance and continue to allow downtown residents the same parking privileges as other Downers Grove residents.</p>	Jennifer
Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>My name is Judy Giganti and I live in a townhome at 922 Warren Ave. Unit 403, which we purchased new in September 2016. I am writing regarding ORD 2019-8063 "An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents" that is under consideration at Tuesday's Board Meeting (2/12/19). I am concerned that the ordinance changes will impact our ability to obtain an overnight parking permit in the parking deck (Lot R) for our adult children to use when visiting. Our townhome has two parking spaces in the garage, but our complex does not have any overnight visitor parking. We are currently able to rent a spot in Parking Lot L for visits less than 5 days in a month, but for longer visits we can obtain a longer term permit in Lot R of the parking garage.</p> <p>What concerns me is the statement on the board briefing that "Lot R (overnight parking in the parking deck) permits would no longer be available for residents residing in recently constructed developments required to provide on-site parking". "Recently constructed" is not defined and does not seem reasonable for home owners in the downtown business district. In addition, this ordinance does not address the future impacts of the elimination of parking Lot L for overnight visits of 5 days or less.</p> <p>Please reconsider this ordinance and continue to allow all downtown residents the same parking privileges or at a minimum delay the vote and provide the full impact of the changes in parking that will occur in the near future with new Village Hall development.</p>	Judy Giganti



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First Reading	First Reading A. ORD 2019-8058 An ordinance regulating the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits	<p>The six objectives of the ordinance restricting the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits seem to be well thought out and in the best interests of the community. Having said that, I fail to understand why the same sort of sound thinking would not come into play when deciding when the ordinance will become effective. As stated, there is only one business that would be affected by passage of this ordinance. This business has made an investment in their new location but this ordinance does not ban the sale of dogs, cats or rabbits, it only restricts the origin of those animals. The studies leading to the ordinance show that business's are still able to be profitable with the proposed changes in place and that leads me to believe the ordinance should be implemented upon approval or within 60 days after approval.</p>	Philip Chopp
First Reading	First Reading A. ORD 2019-8058 An ordinance regulating the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits	<p>Expedite the ordinance to ban puppy mill sales. It's wrong.</p>	Jennifer
Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>My name is Bonnie LeMay. I live at 945 Burlington Avenue Unit 314 and am a 38 year resident in Downers Grove having lived in downtown Downers Grove for the last 3 years as a residential property owner at Acadia on the Green building 1.</p> <p>Recently I learned that the Council is scheduled to approve an ordinance to amend parking permit provisions for commuter lots at their 2/12/19 meeting.</p> <p>Because parking is an important issue for downtown residents, I looked over the ordinance am concerned about the provision regarding Lot R: "Lot R (overnight parking in the parking deck) permits would no longer be available for residents residing in recently constructed developments required to provide on-site parking."</p> <p>First, what is meant by "recently constructed developments"? This is vague language. Which developments would this include?</p> <p>While I am not currently leasing a spot in the garage, I have in the past when family or guests have stayed with us for an extended period of time. I know that other owners in our building have done the same and have appreciated this option.</p> <p>I want to ensure that the opportunity to lease a spot in Lot R remains an option for us when the need arises, just as it been available in the past.</p> <p>Thank You</p>	Bonnie LeMay



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Active Agenda	Active A. ORD 2019-8063 An ordinance amending parking permit provisions for residents	<p>My name is Mark. I live at 922 Warren Ave and I am a 1 year resident in Downers Grove. I have lived in downtown Downers Grove for the last 1 year as a Residential Property Owner.</p> <p>Recently I learned the Council is scheduled to approve an ordinance to amend parking permit provisions for commuter lots at their 2/12/19 meeting.</p> <p>Because parking is an important issue for Downtown Residents, I read the ordinance and was surprised and disappointed to see one of the provisions was "Lot R (overnight parking in the parking deck) permits would no longer be available for residents residing in recently constructed developments required to provide on-site parking."</p> <p>I do have on-site parking at my townhouse. However, I occasionally have out-of-town family or guests visiting, and have a need for alternative overnight parking when that occurs. I believe downtown Townhouse owners deserve the same opportunity to obtain an overnight Lot R parking permit as all other residents of Downers Grove.</p> <p>I ask that you reconsider the exclusionary aspect of this ordinance and continue to allow downtown residents the same parking privileges as other Downers Grove residents.</p>	Mark
First Reading	First Reading A. ORD 2019-8058 An ordinance regulating the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits	<p>I urge the board to consider implementing a "puppy mill" ban well in advance of the 2023 date proposed. Four years is simply too long to allow this unacceptable practice to continue.</p> <p>The local shelters are overflowing with adoptable animals. Please help those animals find homes by not allowing the sale of puppy mill dogs. We need this in 2019 and not in FOUR years. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	Barbara Melone
First Reading	First Reading A. ORD 2019-8058 An ordinance regulating the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits	<p>Though I am please to hear DG is finally proposing an ordinance to stop the retail sale of puppy mill dogs in DG, I find the effective date of 2023 to be unacceptable. It seems this extension provision is to protect the interest of Happiness is Pets since they have "invested" in moving and renovating a new facility. This delay will only delay the miserable conditions for many dogs that will be used to breed more puppies for them to sell in the next four years. Unfortunately before I was educated (over 15 years ago) I too purchased a puppy from them. The puppy turned out to be deaf, one of the many results from the overbreeding that occurs in puppy mills. It became apparent quickly through this experience that this was nothing more than a "business" to make money, without any consideration that the product they were selling were living breathing animals. As a life long resident of DG I would hope that our community would want to end this practice of selling animals ASAP! With all the wonderful animals available for adoption through humane societies and animal rescues I see no reason to support the retail sale of animals in our town for any longer since it has already been going on FAR TOO LONG!</p>	Barb Shuman
First Reading	First Reading A. ORD 2019-8058 An ordinance regulating the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits	Please immediately stop sales of puppy mill animals in Downers Grove	patricia mcgrath



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