

# Oak Park

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**P**arking space is a scarce resource in the Village of Oak Park, since the community was fully developed by the 1930s long before the widespread dependence on automobiles. This means available space must be managed through regulations intended to balance need with supply.

In densely populated Oak Park – with a human population of 52,000-plus and an automobile population of at least 29,000 – the limited supply of parking must be managed, and that means regulation about where and how parking is allowed, for how long and, in some cases, by whom. By managing the parking supply – most of which is on public property – the Village strives to help Oak Park residents, business owners visitors meet their parking needs while maintaining the historic character of the community.

Parking is generally prohibited on all streets from 2:30 - 6 a.m., seven days per week, year around, except when allowed by permit or pass. This overnight parking restriction dates back to the late 1920s. Cars bearing permits may park on streets in specifically designated areas near multifamily buildings, except in front of churches, schools and parks and on blocks where housing is more than 50 percent single family.

Other parking restrictions are determined by location within the Village, length of parking time and even weather. Multiple restrictions often exist in the same area, but apply only during specific times. Residents are urged to read the signs and comply accordingly.

The Village of Oak Park also has special parking rules that go into effect when it snows. When deemed necessary by the Public Works Director – typically after a two-inch snowfall – parking is banned on major streets posted as snow routes. If a snow emergency is called,

parking is restricted on other streets to one side, depending on the date. Details are posted at [www.oak-park.us/snow](http://www.oak-park.us/snow).

For more information about parking in Oak Park e-mail [parking@oak-park.us](mailto:parking@oak-park.us) or call 708.358.7275. This e-mail address may not be used to contest a parking ticket. Information also is posted at [www.oak-park.us/parking](http://www.oak-park.us/parking).

### *Challenging a Ticket*

The Village of Oak Park's Office of Adjudication hears a wide range of cases involving violations of municipal ordinances that were once heard in the Cook County Circuit Court, including parking tickets. Hearings are held at Village Hall, 123 Madison St. The hearings are civil, administrative hearings, not criminal proceedings. Under the administrative hearing system, an administrative law judge hears each case. Parking tickets also can be appealed and paid online at [www.oak-park.us/onlineservices](http://www.oak-park.us/onlineservices).

### *Vehicle Stickers*

Any Oak Park resident who owns a vehicle or any person who uses a vehicle owned by a Village resident, is required to purchase and display a vehicle sticker annually by the midnight, June 30. Failure to display a valid Village sticker also may result in a \$50 ticket, in addition to the sticker fee and late-payment penalty. Vehicle sticker rates vary by type of vehicle. Persons 65 years old and older, or who have a state-issued handicapped license plate or placard, receive a discount. New residents are required to purchase a vehicle sticker within 30 days of moving to Oak Park. For more information, including rates for various types of vehicles, call 708.358.7275 or e-mail [parking@oak-park.us](mailto:parking@oak-park.us).