

# Petition to Rescind the Downtown Overnight Parking Ban Ordinance

**To: The Village Board of Mundelein**

**Subject: Request to Reconsider and Rescind the Proposed No Overnight Parking Ordinance**

We, the undersigned residents, business owners, employees, and patrons of downtown Mundelein, respectfully petition the Village Board to **rescind or reject** the proposed amendment to Chapter 10 of the Mundelein Municipal Code establishing **No Overnight Parking between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM** in the downtown area bounded by **Route 45, Chicago Avenue, Hawley Street, and Route 176**, including all public lots such as **498 Seymour Avenue**.

## Background

According to the staff recommendation, the purpose of the ordinance is to: Reduce long-term residential parking, Improve parking availability for businesses, Support downtown commerce, and Maintain safety and accessibility. While these intentions are understandable, we believe the proposed restriction will have unintended negative impacts on downtown residents, employees, and visitors who rely on overnight parking.

## Our Concerns

**Unfair Burden on Residents:** Many residents who live in or near downtown do not have access to private overnight parking. This ordinance would effectively penalize them for living in the area, potentially leading to tickets or towing for otherwise responsible parking.

**Negative Impact on Local Workers:** Restaurant staff, hospitality workers, and others who work late-night shifts may find themselves unable to park near their place of employment, creating unnecessary hardship.

**Discouragement of Downtown Living:** The ordinance conflicts with ongoing efforts to make downtown Mundelein a vibrant, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly neighborhood where people can live, work, and play. Limiting overnight parking discourages residential occupancy and reduces appeal for new tenants and future developments.

**No Demonstrated Parking Shortage Overnight:** While daytime parking can be limited, overnight parking does not typically compete with business-hour usage. There has been no clear evidence that late-night residential parking prevents business access.

**Overreach into Existing Public Lots:** Adding lots like 498 Seymour and others to the overnight restriction unnecessarily limits shared public resources, even when these lots are underutilized after business hours.

## Our Request

We urge the Village Board to: **Reject or rescind** the proposed overnight parking ban ordinance; Conduct a comprehensive parking study that includes data from residents, businesses, and late-night workers before enacting restrictions; Explore alternative solutions, such as residential parking permits, designated overnight sections, or hybrid timed enforcement that balances the needs of all stakeholders.

## Conclusion

Downtown Mundelein thrives when it is inclusive and accessible to all — residents, workers, and visitors alike. A one-size-fits-all overnight parking ban threatens that balance. We respectfully request

that the Village Board rescind or decline to adopt this ordinance and work collaboratively with the community to find fair, data-driven solutions.

## Signature Section

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