



**VILLAGE OF ELBURN  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
7:00 PM**

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion:
  - a. Discuss Pay for Parking at the Metra Station
  - b. Discuss Disposition of Metra Parking Ticket Revenue
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment



## MEMO

To: Village Board

From: Chief of Police Sikora

Subject: Metra Parking Lot Rates

Date: May 2, 2019

SEP: This item is related to Short Term Routine Goal 2

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During previous budget discussions the topic of increasing or changing our collection schedule for parking at our Metra lot was discussed. This is being considered due to future projects that are identified in the future for that fund which must be taken out of the Enterprise fund for that location.

I contacted the vendor that Kane County uses for the LaFox Metra Lot (as that is our closest comparable) and was informed that they do charge the same \$1.50 per day parking rate that we currently charge. However they charge that parking rate 365 days a year and they also close that lot at midnight. Any vehicles parked in the lot after midnight are subject to a parking ticket/fine and towing.

I would propose that we change our parking to include the 365 day a year collection of parking rates and maintain our current \$1.50 rate. We currently are seeing between 75 – 150 vehicles a day parked in our lots on Saturday and Sundays when we are not collecting any parking fees. We would also then add in our designated holidays which likely have a similar number of cars per day. If we would look at even 100 cars per day on each weekend day adding the addition 104 days of rate collection of \$1.50 per car per day we would expect to see an increase in funds of approximately \$15,600 annually. Any holiday parking would be additional to this.

I would propose we continue to allow the overnight parking that we currently have as that is a benefit to those individuals that take the train into the city for nightshift work. Our allowance for the overnight parking provides commuters and people traveling the ability to pay and leave their vehicles in our lot when they are gone for multiple days and provides that availability which is not allowed in the LaFox lot.

Village Administrator Nevenhoven did speak with our Metra representative in regards this proposed change to our rate schedule and they related to him that they had no objections to this.

Additionally I would ask the board to consider two items in regards to the fines collected from parking violations in the Metra lot. First to allocate any of the fines from violation citations issued in that lot to be directed into the Parking Fund instead of the General Fund. Secondly to consider raising the current \$20 Metra parking violation fine to a higher amount. Generally most other parking violations in the village are a \$40 violation rate, I would suggest moving the Metra parking violation rate to this same amount of \$40 for the initial violation. If the board is supportive of that I would also ask for a review of our other violation rates and also our penalty rates for unpaid citations. I could bring back further suggestions and comparisons at a future meeting if that is to be reviewed.