

SPECIAL REMOTE MEETING AGENDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – March 8, 2022 at 7:00p.m.

A Special Remote Meeting will be conducted with live audio and optional video of participants. The meeting will be available live at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82973588824 and archived online for on-demand viewing at www.oak-park.us/commissiontv the following day. Remote meetings are authorized pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The Village President has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 outbreak during Governor J.B. Pritzker's current disaster proclamation. It is also not feasible to have persons present at the regular meeting location due to public safety concerns related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

- 1) Call to Order / Roll Call
- 2) Agenda Approval
- 3) Approval of the Draft Transportation Commission Remote Meeting Minutes
 - 3.1) February 8, 2022 Draft Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes
- 4) Non-Agenda Public Comment

Public statements of up to three minutes may be made in person or writing. Written comments will be read into the record at the meeting. To comment, email a request to transportation@oak-park.us, indicating an intent to speak at the meeting or including a statement to be read into the record. Requests must be received no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Written comments also may be placed in the Oak Park Payment Drop Box across from the south entrance to Village Hall, 123 Madison St., no later than the day prior to the meeting.

- 5) New Business
 - a) Discussion of the Approved 2022 Transportation Commission Work Plan
 - b) Discussion of Current Overnight Permit Parking Zones
- 6) Old Business
 - a) None
- 7) Adjourn

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DRAFT Meeting Minutes Transportation Commission Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 7:00 PM Remote Participation Meeting

1. Call to Order

Transportation Commission Chair Ron Burke called the remote participation meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Staff Liaison Jill Juliano read the following statement into the record:

"The Village President has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 outbreak during Governor J.B. Pritzker's current disaster proclamation. It is also not feasible to have persons present at the regular meeting location due to public safety concerns related to the COVID-19 outbreak."

Roll Call

Present: Camille Fink, Garth Katner, Brian Straw, James Thompson, Ron Burke

Absent: Meghann Moses, Aaron Stigger

Staff: Staff Liaison Jill Juliano

2. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Straw.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Thompson, Straw, Fink, Katner, Burke

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

3. Approval of the Draft January 11, 2022 Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Katner made a motion to approve the draft January 11, 2022 Transportation Commission meeting minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner Fink.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Katner, Fink, Thompson, Burke

Nays: None

Abstain: Straw

The motion passed with a vote of 4 to 0, 1 abstention.

4. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

5. New Business

Commissioner Fink asked if the study session for the Parking Pilot had already occurred or if anyone knew when it was scheduled as she had previously requested to sit in on it. Staff responded that they were unsure and could find out but thought that it would be soon because Parking hoped to bring it forward quickly.

6. Old Business

6a) REVIEW EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING CITIZEN PETITION PROCESS / SYSTEM FOR IMPLEMENTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AND THEN MODIFYING OR REPLACING THEM IF WARRANTED- WORK PLAN ITEM

Chair Burke explained the reasoning behind this item as well as what progress had been made so far to ensure that the Commissioners were all on the same page. Staff Liaison Juliano provided additional background information on the item, including the proposed scoring table, before proceeding to a presentation of staff's recommended prescreening tool. The prescreening tool primarily focuses on crash rate and speed data. The crash rate for a location is determined using historic GIS crash data from IDOT and vehicle volumes, while the critical crash rate for a location comes from an area-wide traffic study done in the 1990s that divided the Village into four sections. The speed data would come from portable speed radar signs and would provide vehicle volumes as well as vehicle speeds. Staff Liaison Juliano also showed the prescreening tool applied to eight examples, as requested by the Commission at the previous meeting.

Following the presentation, the Commission asked questions regarding the item. Below is a summary of the questions and staff responses.

Q: The prescreen is if the answer is yes for rows 4, 5, or 8? A: Correct.

Q: Why do we see some petitions (such as Randolph St and Grove Ave) scoring high on the scoring table but being prescreened out here? A: We're looking at two sets of different data. For prescreening, that's all crashes whether correctible or not and the scoring table only looks at correctible crashes. Another reason is that we don't use vehicle volumes in the prescreening and they received a lot of points in that section of the scoring table.

Q: The 3 crashes (at Randolph St and Grove Ave) in the scoring table were from the 2014 era, but the data in the prescreening tool is from the last three years? A: The prescreening is from 2016-2020. Five years' worth of data was used.

Q: The rest of the examples scored lower for vehicle volume, correct? A: Yes. That is, in part, because that area of Randolph is not really considered residential.

Q: The critical crash rate calculation is based on data from 1995-1997? A: Depending on the area it was either 1995-1997 or 1996-1998.

Q: How much do we think the passage of 25 years and the changes made in infrastructure since then would impact these kinds of calculations? A: Despite all the improvements we've made safety wise, the amount of crash reports every year (except for recently with the pandemic) has stayed fairly consistent with between 2000 and 2200. We have looked at doing another area-wide traffic study, but it takes a lot of manpower and resources, so we continue to use this area-wide study from the 1990s.

Q: What will happen to petitions that don't make it through the process? A: We'd use the lower level calming measures to help mitigate the issues that concern residents.

The Commission discussed the following topics:

- Comparisons of the scoring table and prescreening tool to determine what each measure
- Concerns regarding the age of the area-wide traffic study
- If the updated process will provide data which might show which traffic calming measures are most effective
- The accuracy of the critical crash rate and if the confidence interval should be adjusted due to the age of the data
- The process should be tested over time to ensure that it's still effective
- If changes need to be made in the future, hopefully they'll be made faster because of the baseline that this updated process provides

Commissioner Straw made a motion to recommend to the Village Board approval of the staff recommendations for revisions to the Citizen Traffic Calming Petition Process, including the prescreening tool as well as revisions to the scoring criteria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Straw, Thompson, Fink, Katner, Burke

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

6b) <u>RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE BOARD REVISED PRINCIPLES AND GOALS FOR THE VILLAGE'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM NETWORK- WORK PLAN ITEM</u>

Staff Liaison Juliano provided background information on the item and then explained the various iterations of the document. The Commissioners decided to walk through the document to address the outstanding comments.

The Commission discussed the following topics:

- The meaning of micromobility and rewording the goal to "micromobility and active transportation"
- Rewording the safety goal to "especially people who walk, people who bicycle, and people with mobility challenges" in an effort to humanize and include all vulnerable users
- The elimination of items that were considered strategies and not goals
- How to make trade-offs between the goals when necessary
- Rewording "more efficiently" to "with appropriate efficiency" to leave room for interpretation
- How to best include the Village's Neighborhood Greenways Plan and Complete Streets Policy in the document
- The importance of curbside infrastructure and adding "for all modes and users of transportation" to the end of the goal to allow for inclusivity and future advancements in transportation
- The importance of advancing transportation equity in Oak Park
- When ADA transitions occur in the Village and rewording the ADA Transition Plan goal from "Create an" to "Implement the Village's"
- If community engagement is the responsibility of the Village or the residents and rewording the goal from "resident engagement in" to "engagement with residents around" for clarity
- The impact that this document will have on future decisions made by the Commission

Chair Burke asked staff to update the document to reflect these changes and present the final iteration at the next meeting.

Commissioner Thompson requested a briefing regarding what funding Oak Park will be receiving from the recently passed federal infrastructure bill and how the Village plans to use it. Chair Burke agreed that it would be helpful to hear what the Village's plans are. Staff responded that they will reach out to Village management for additional information before the next meeting.

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Commissioner Straw noted that the bill specifically mentions improvements to pedestrian and bicycle safety and wondered if grant money might be available through the bill to potentially advance the Neighborhood Greenways Plan.

7. Adjourn

With no further business, Commissioner Fink made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Straw.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Fink, Straw, Katner, Thompson, Burke

Nays: None

The motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Submitted by: Anna Muench Customer Service Representative II

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Village of Oak Park Transportation Commission Agenda Item

Item Title:	Discussion of the Approved 2022 Transportation Commission Work Plan		
Review Date:	March 8, 2022		
Prepared By:	Jill Juliano		
Abstract (brief	ly describe the item being reviewed):		
•	2, 2022, the Village Board of Trustees approved the revised draft 2022 Transportation ork Plan. The revisions are a result of Village Board direction to staff at Village Board		
with the revisi	See Exhibit 5a.2 for the marked up copy of the draft 2022 Transportation Commission work plan with the revisions highlighted in yellow. Exhibit 5a.3 is the cleaned up copy of the final 2022 Transportation Commission work plan as approved by the Village Board.		
•	oresenting the work plan at tonight's meeting and answering any questions the ay have regarding the 2022 work plan.		
	Staff will also brief the Commission on funding the Village may be receiving from the d federal infrastructure bill.**		
Staff Recomme	endation(s):		
There is no rec	ommendation as this is a discussion of the Board approved 2022 Transportation ork plan.		

Supporting Documentation Is Attached

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2022 Initiatives and Ongoing Projects

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIME FRAME	COST (if any)
Recommendations	Continue to review the following issues brought before the Commission and make recommendations to the Village Board: Parking Traffic Transportation related items referred by the Board from other Commissions Various school traffic plans	Improved utilization and efficiency of onstreet and off-street parking resources Improved level of safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles as they move about in the public right-of-way. Improved level of safety for school children walking to and from school	These are recurring annual projects	from Transportation Commission fund = \$2,400/year for mailing notifications + \$1,000/year for agenda printing costs + \$6,000/year for traffic consultant studies + \$600/year for staff webinar training
	Evaluate Parking Pilot Program after 180 days with periodic interim status reports (carried over from 2021 work plan)	Review results of parking pilot plan developed for the area bounded by South Boulevard, Oak Park Avenue, Harrison Street, and Harlem Avenue. If necessary, recommend changes to the plan based upon results Determine whether the Parking Pilot Program has met its objectives. continued on next page	Due by the 1st quarter of 2022.	

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ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIME FRAME	COST (if any)
	Review update of Village's) Neighborhood Greenways (NG) plan and its implementation (carried over from 2021 work plan)	 Make Village more bike, mobility (challenged, and pedestrian friendly) Prioritize streets for implementing the plan Review how bike plan interacts with (Village's 5 year capital improvement plan) (program) Implement a public education campaign Engage the public to improve and (accelerate implementation of the bike plan) Increase the level of bike sharing Make the Neighborhood Greenways more (user friendly for all users) 	Due by the 3rd quarter of 2022.	
	Review the effectiveness of the existing citizen petition process / system for implementing traffic calming measures and then modifying or replacing them if warranted (carried over from 2021 work plan)	 Implement a more efficient and effective process for addressing citizen traffic calming requests Develop an adopted vision for transportation in the Village of Oak Park 	Due by the 1st quarter of 2022.	
	Review the effects of the 2019 Madison Street corridor traffic calming project (carried over from 2021 work plan)	Develop traffic calming recommendations for north-south and east-west streets adjacent to Madison Street	Due by the 2nd quarter of 2022.	
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ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIME FRAME	COST (if any)	Ц
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	Recommend processes to develop Vision Zero plan and elements that should be included in the plan.	 Review pedestrian and bicycle crash data on a regular basis. Recommendations on how to and/or importance of community engagement in a Vision Zero plan. Establish inclusive and representative processes as well as measurable benchmarks to ensure equitable outcomes. Whether and how enforcement can best be utilized to achieve Vision Zero. 	To be Determined based on staff availability (As directed by the Village Board at the November 11, 2021 Village Board meeting)		
As directed by the Village Board at the September 27, 2021 Finance Committee meeting and at the November 11, 2021 Village Board meeting	Review the Oak Park Bicycle Plan and Neighborhood Greenways System Study to evaluate opportunities to create additional dedicated or protected bike lanes	 Determine recommendations for locations for dedicated or protected bike lanes on streets Determine parking impacts from new bike lanes and recommendations on revised parking restrictions Develop 5-year implementation plan and budget Develop updated bike plan document for presenting to the Village Board 	Due by the 4th quarter of 2022.		

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2021 Completed Initiatives as of September 2021 (no meeting in April)

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Recommendations	June – Removal of Fenwick On-Street Permit Parking (with Completion of Fenwick Parking Garage)	The Commission concurred with Staff's recommendation to replace the Fenwick onstreet permit parking with other parking restrictions as identified on the map. This item was discussed at the June and July Commission meetings. Village Board of Trustees approved this at its August 2, 2021

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Village Of Oak Park

Transportation Commission Agenda Item

Item Title: Staff Recommendations Regarding the Parking Pilot Program

Review Date: March 8, 2022

Prepared By: Sean Keane, Parking & Mobility Services Manager

Abstract:

Overnight on-street parking is allowed in designated multi-family zones with the proper permit. There are currently seventeen (17) overnight on-street parking permit zones located throughout the Village. The zones dictate which residential addresses qualify to purchase a permit in that particular zone. Currently, only specific street frontages within the zones are eligible for overnight permit parking.

At its January 11, 2022 meeting, the Transportation Commission, as part of its recommendations to the Village Board regarding the Pilot Program evaluation, recommended expanding overnight onstreet permit parking to all street frontages that lie within the current overnight zones. As a condition of the recommendation, the Commission requested staff analyze the existing boundaries of the overnight on-street permit parking zones for any needed adjustments.

At its February 14, 2022 meeting, the Village Board concurred with the Transportation Commission's request for staff to further analyze the existing boundaries of the overnight parking zones.

Staff Recommendation(s):

Staff prepared maps displaying the locations of active overnight on-street permit holders in each respective zone. Below are three (3) options for discussion by the Commission:

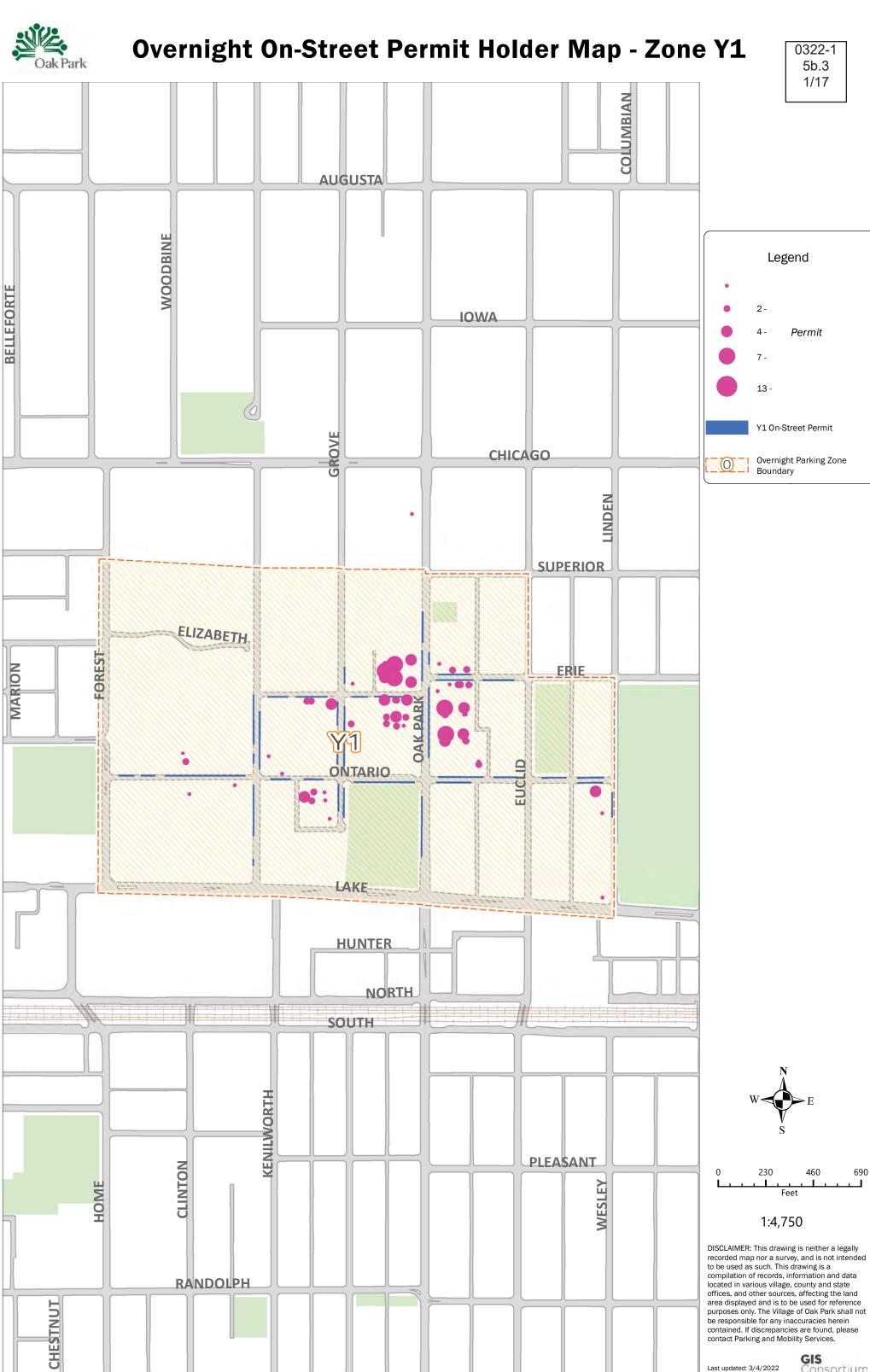
Option 1: Extending overnight permit parking from the current signed blocks to all streets within *all* of the existing eligibility hatched areas. Temporary pass holders would also be able to park on the same streets as permit holders.

Option 2: Extending overnight permit parking from the current signed blocks to all streets within select eligibility hatched areas where permit holders experience particular hardship due to shared use regulations and lack of availability. Temporary pass holders would also be able to park on the same streets as permit holders.

Option 3: Maintain existing permit parking on signed blocks within the eligibility hatched areas and continue to handle requests for overnight permit parking on a case-by-case basis. For example, in November 2020, the Village Board concurred with the Transportation Commission's recommendation to add spaces within select eligibility hatched areas.

Supporting documentation attached.

Zone Name	Active Permits	Zone Capacity
Y1	184	226
Y2	153	220
Y3	188	300
Y4	184	231
Y5	103	172
Y6	41	109
Y7	155	155
Y8	106	168
Y9	59	115
Z1	31	87
Z2	23	157
Z3	82	121
Z 4	64	85
Z 5	5	12
Z6	25	37
Z 7	53	85
Z9	79	115
TOTAL	1,535	2,395

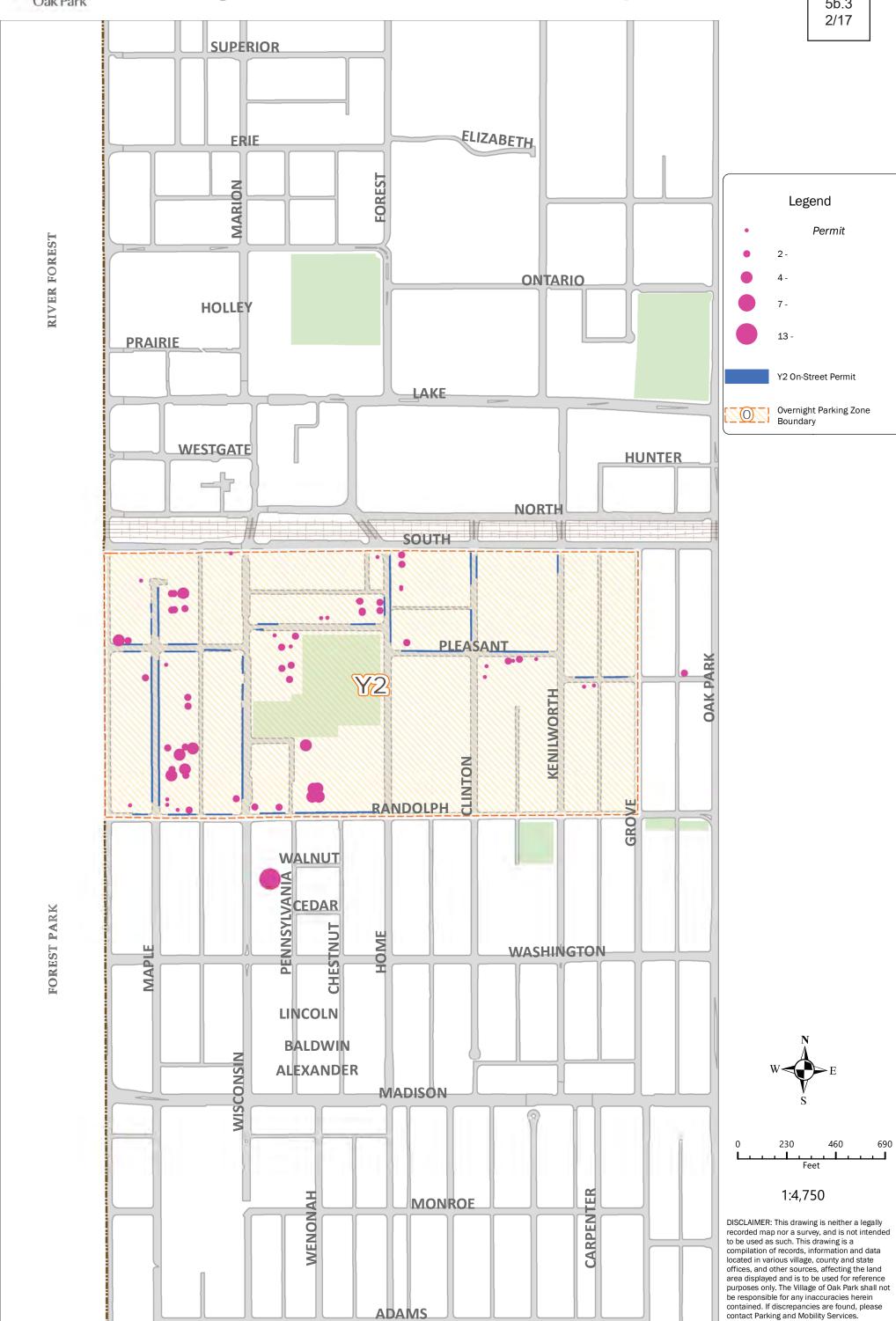


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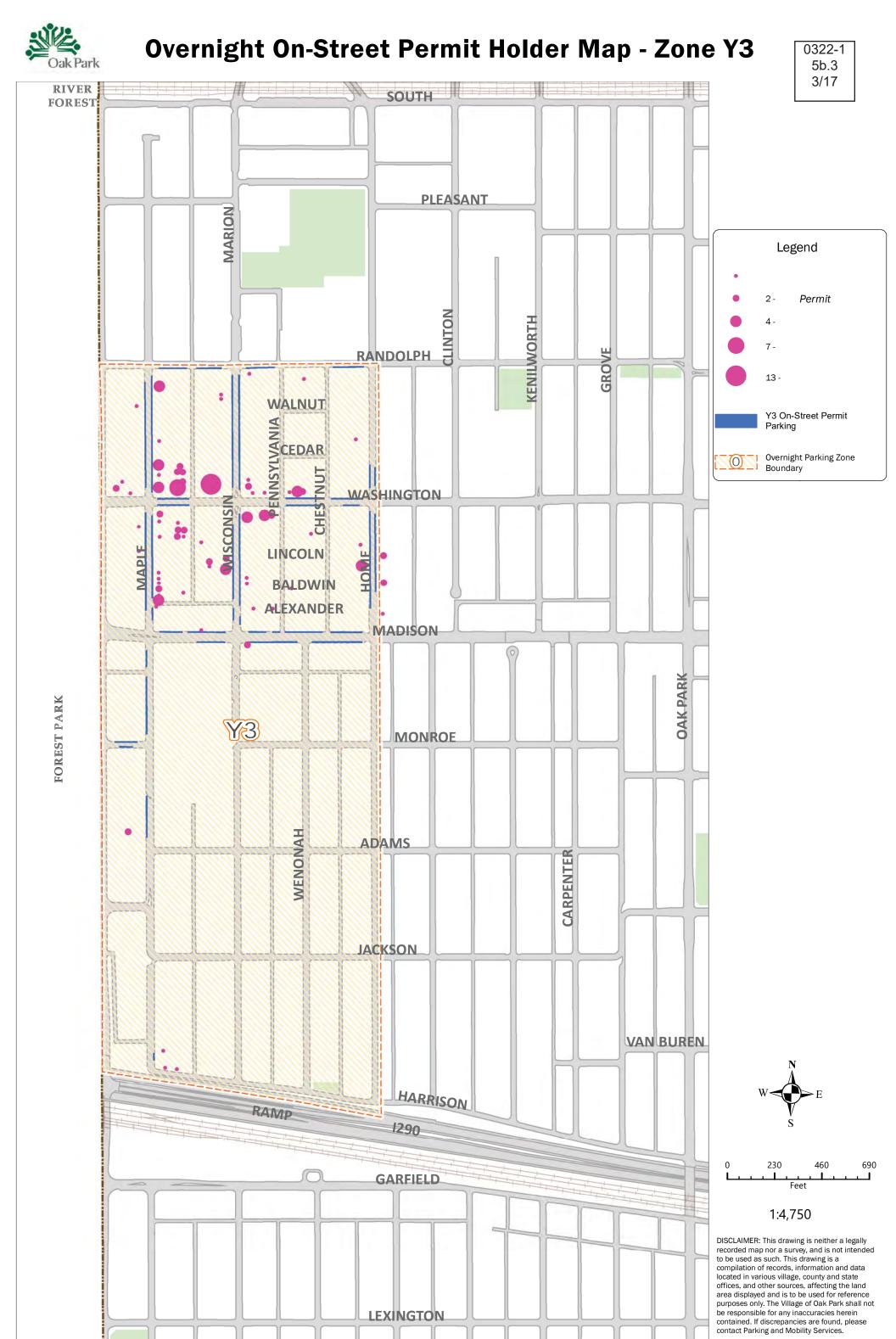
Overnight On-Street Permit Holder Map - Zone Y2

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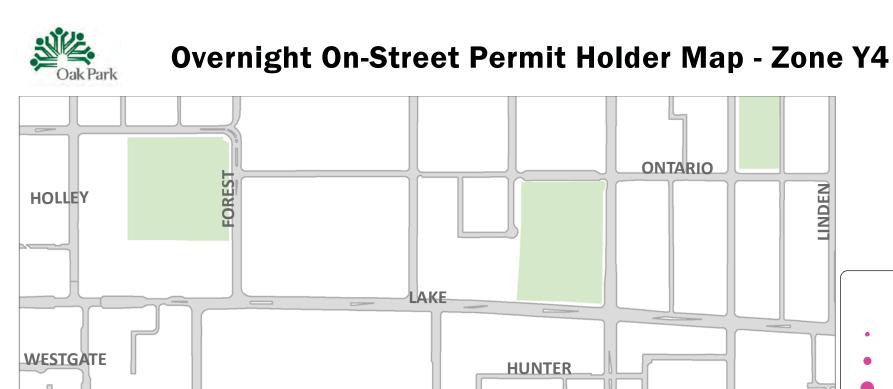


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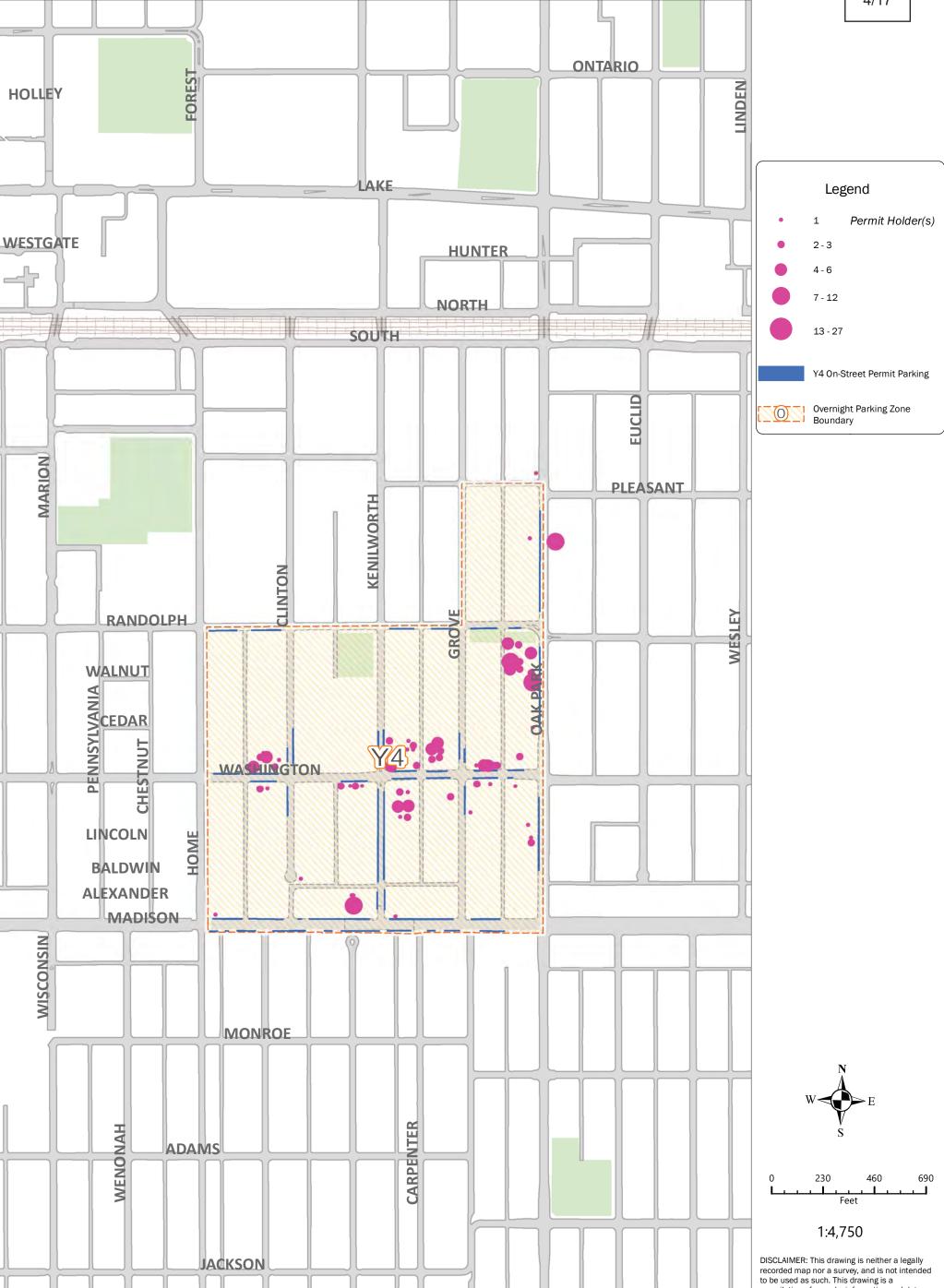
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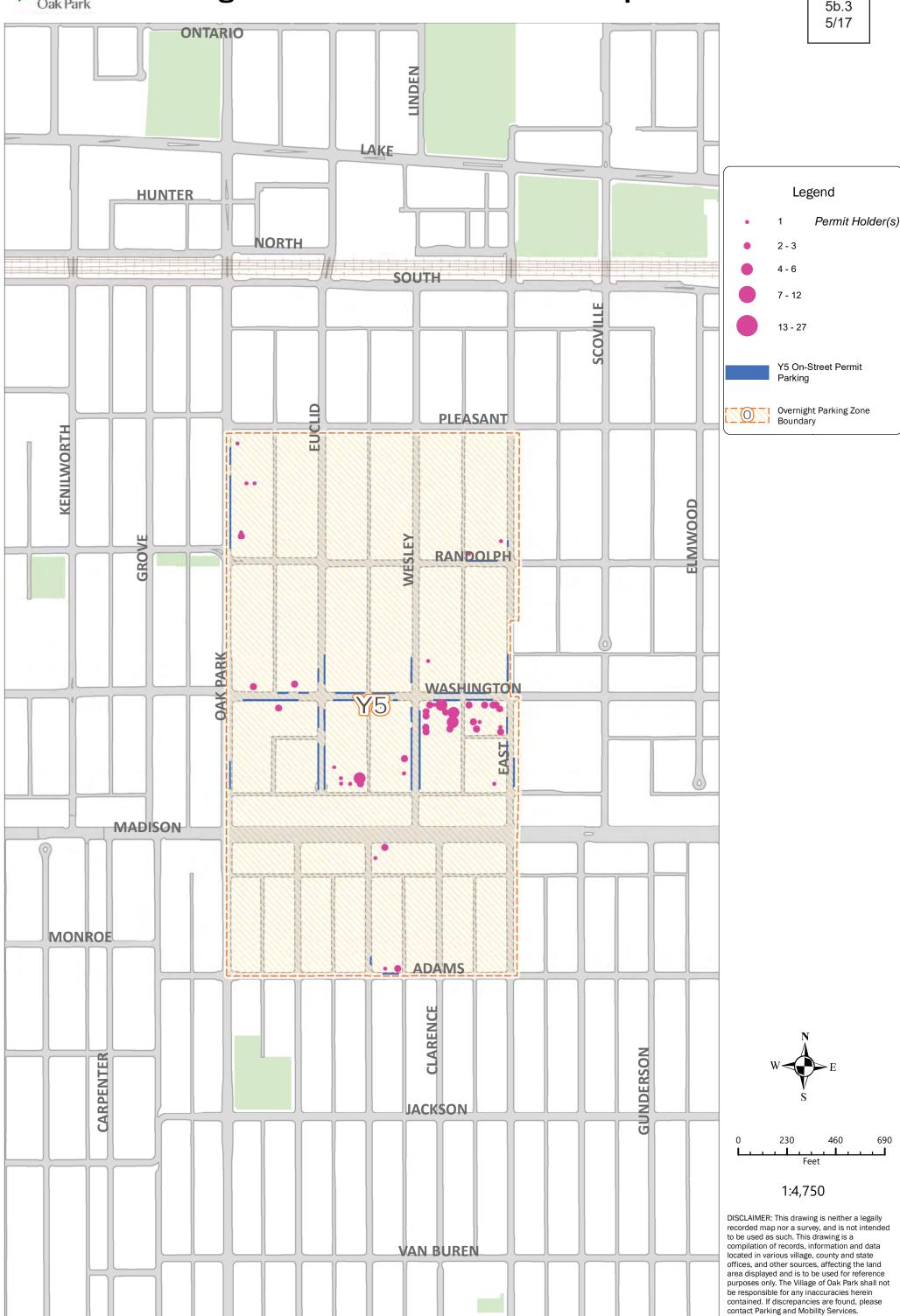
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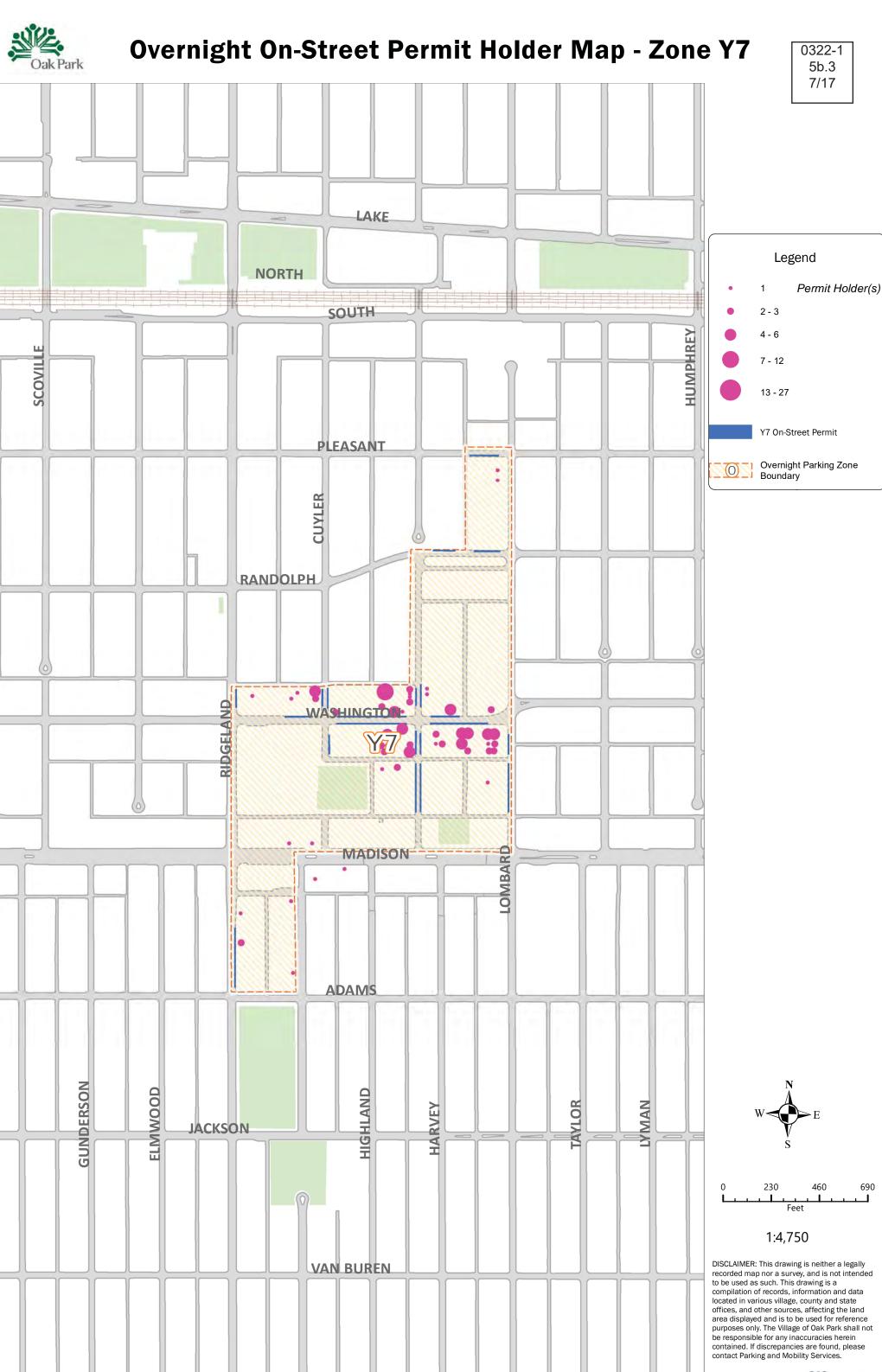
Overnight On-Street Permit Holder Map - Zone Y5

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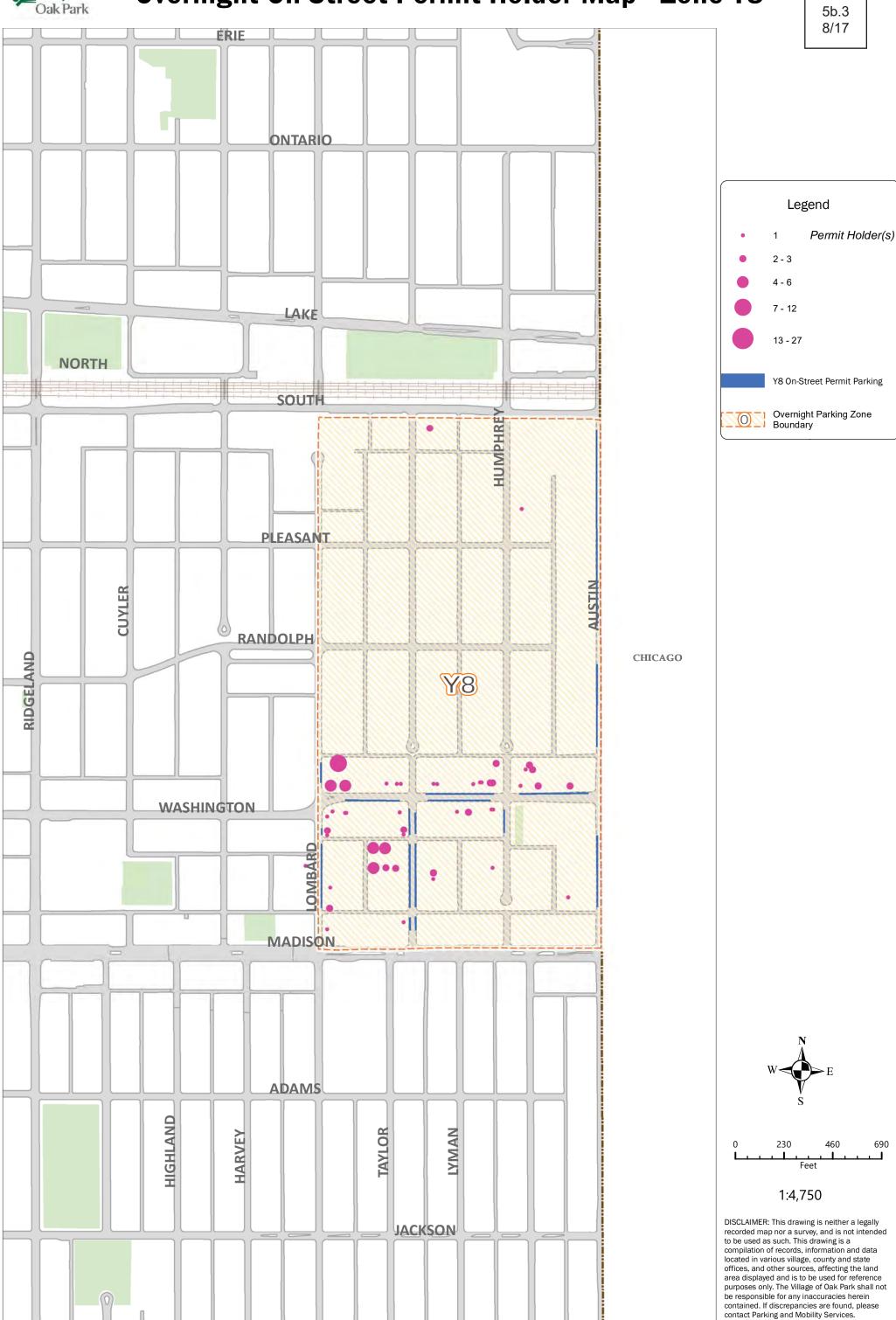


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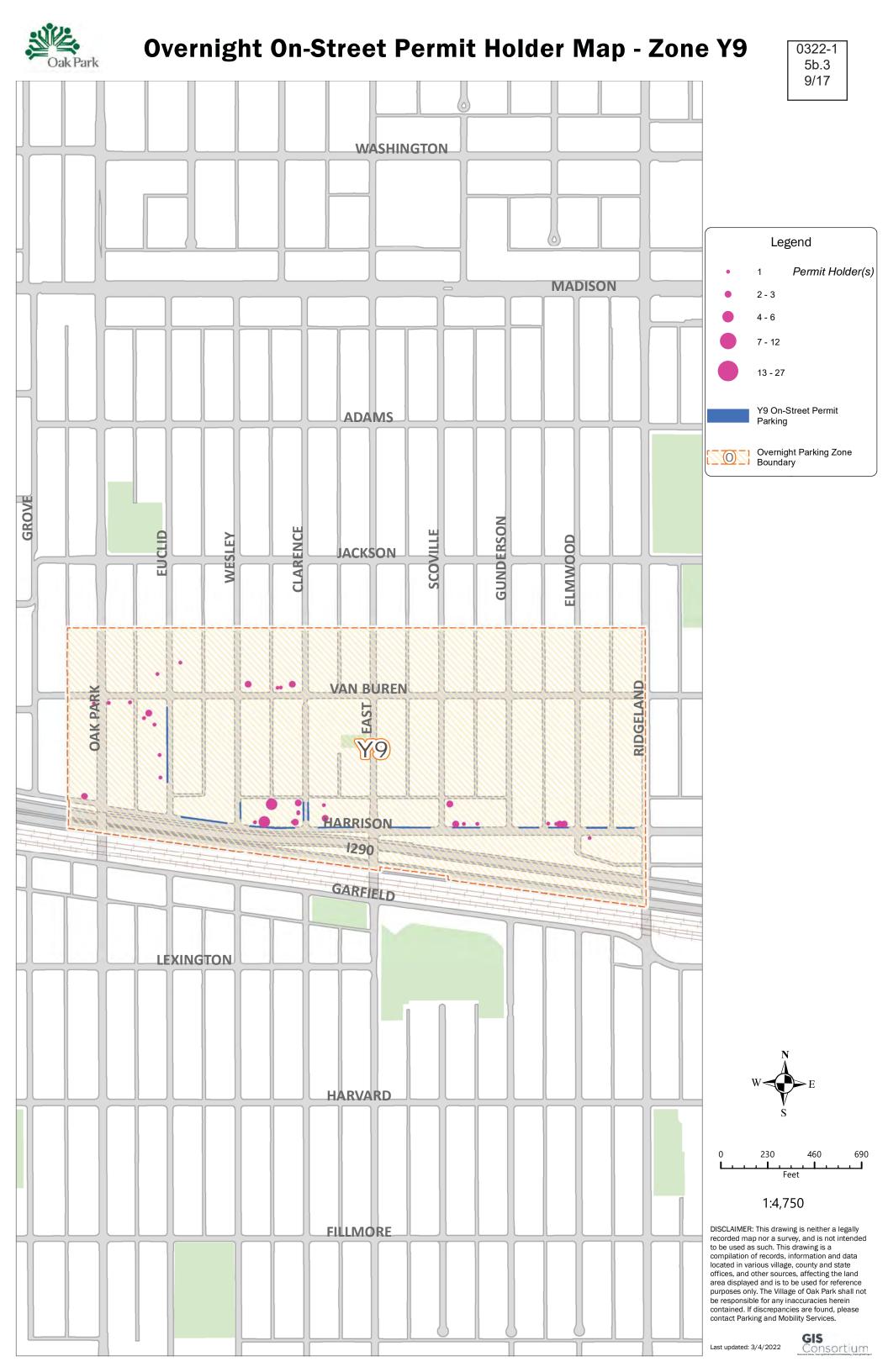


Overnight On-Street Permit Holder Map - Zone Y8

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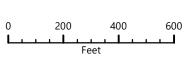


Overnight On-Street Permit Holder Map - Zone Z1 ADAMS 2 - 3 4 - 6 **JACKSON** HARVEY HIGHLAND 13 - 27 HUMPHREY Parking Overnight Parking Zone Boundary VAN BUREN LOMBARD HARRISON CHICAGO FLOURNOY 1290 RAMP GARFIELD 121 HARVARD

Legend Permit Holder(s) Z1 On-Street Permit

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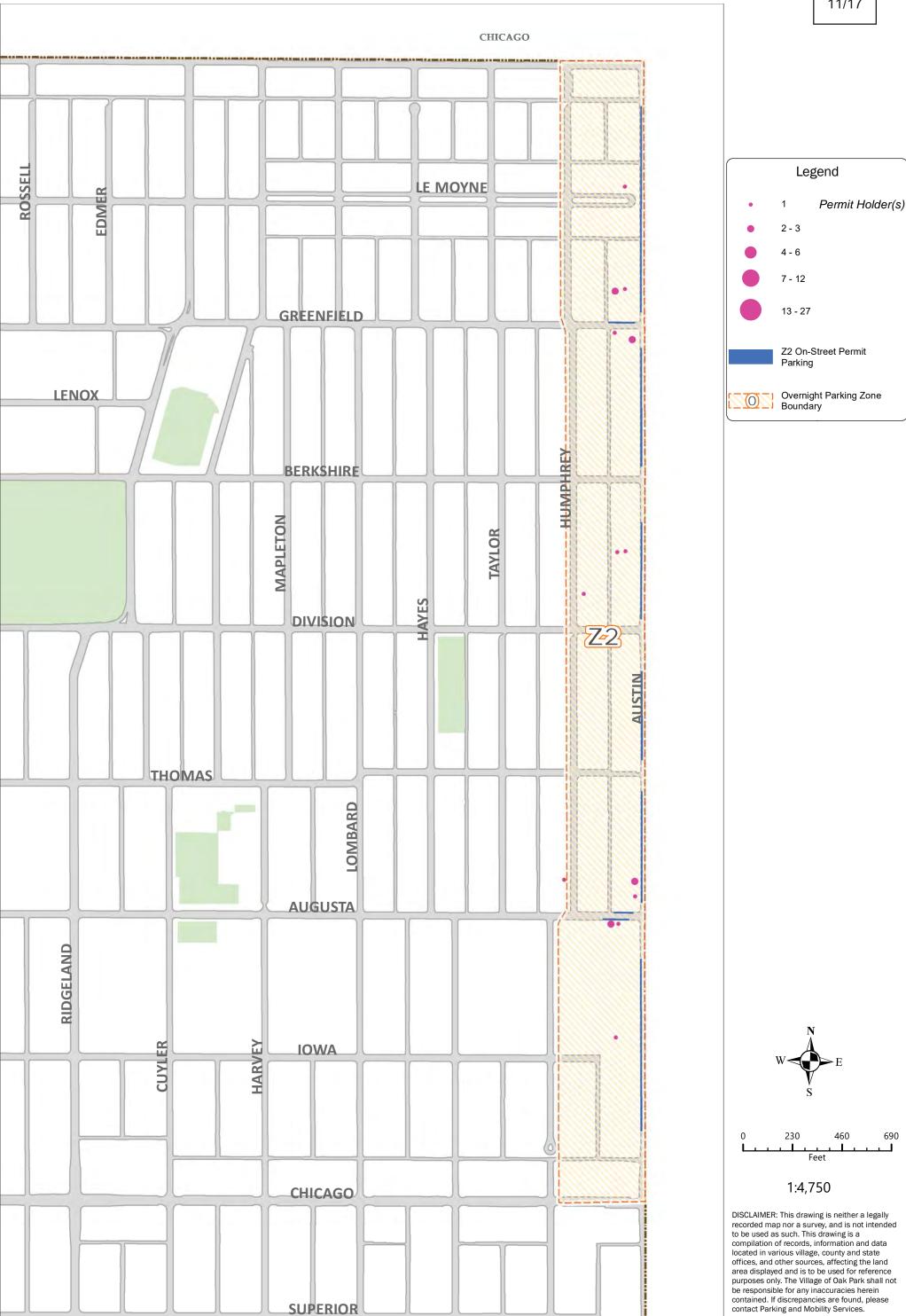
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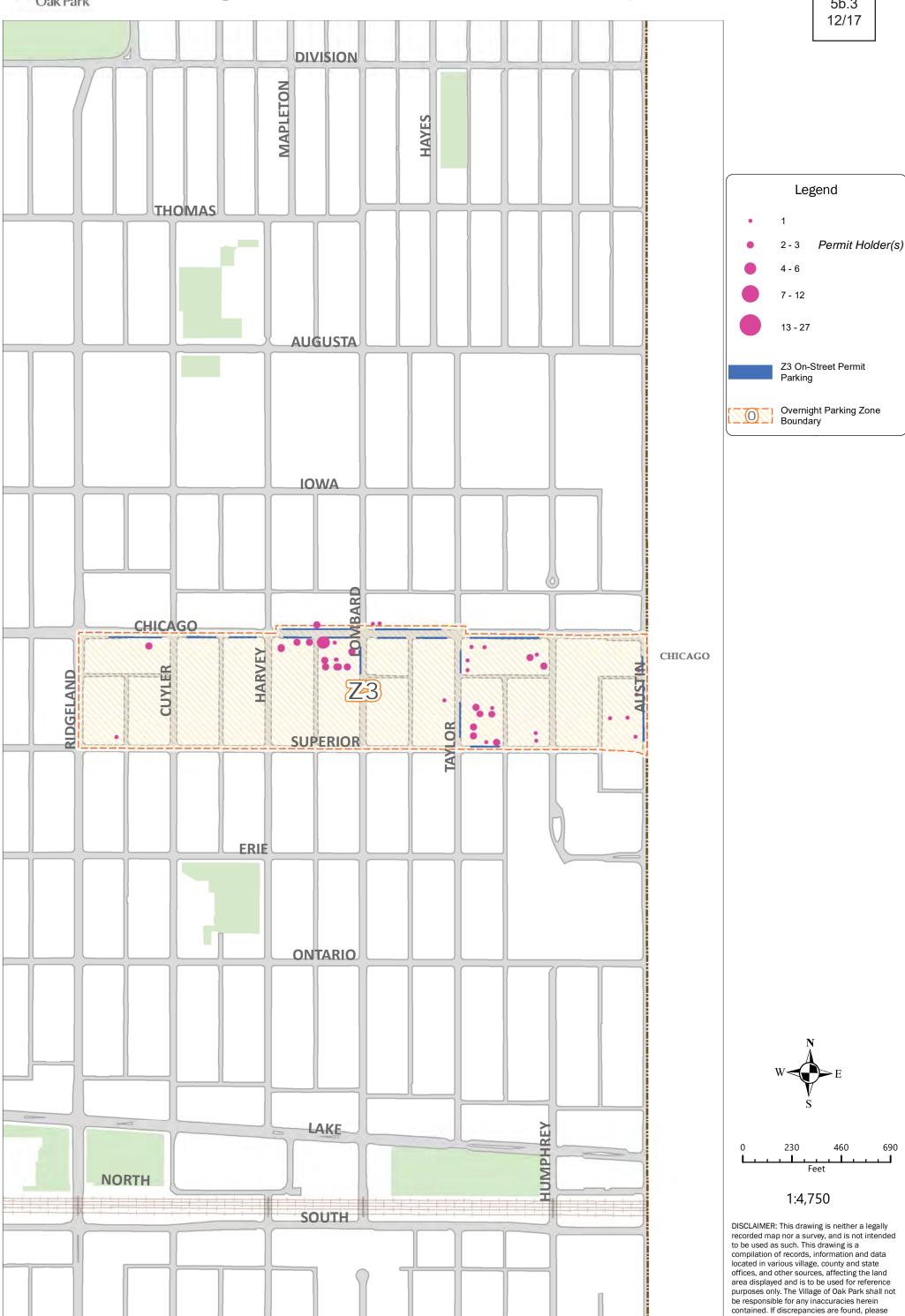
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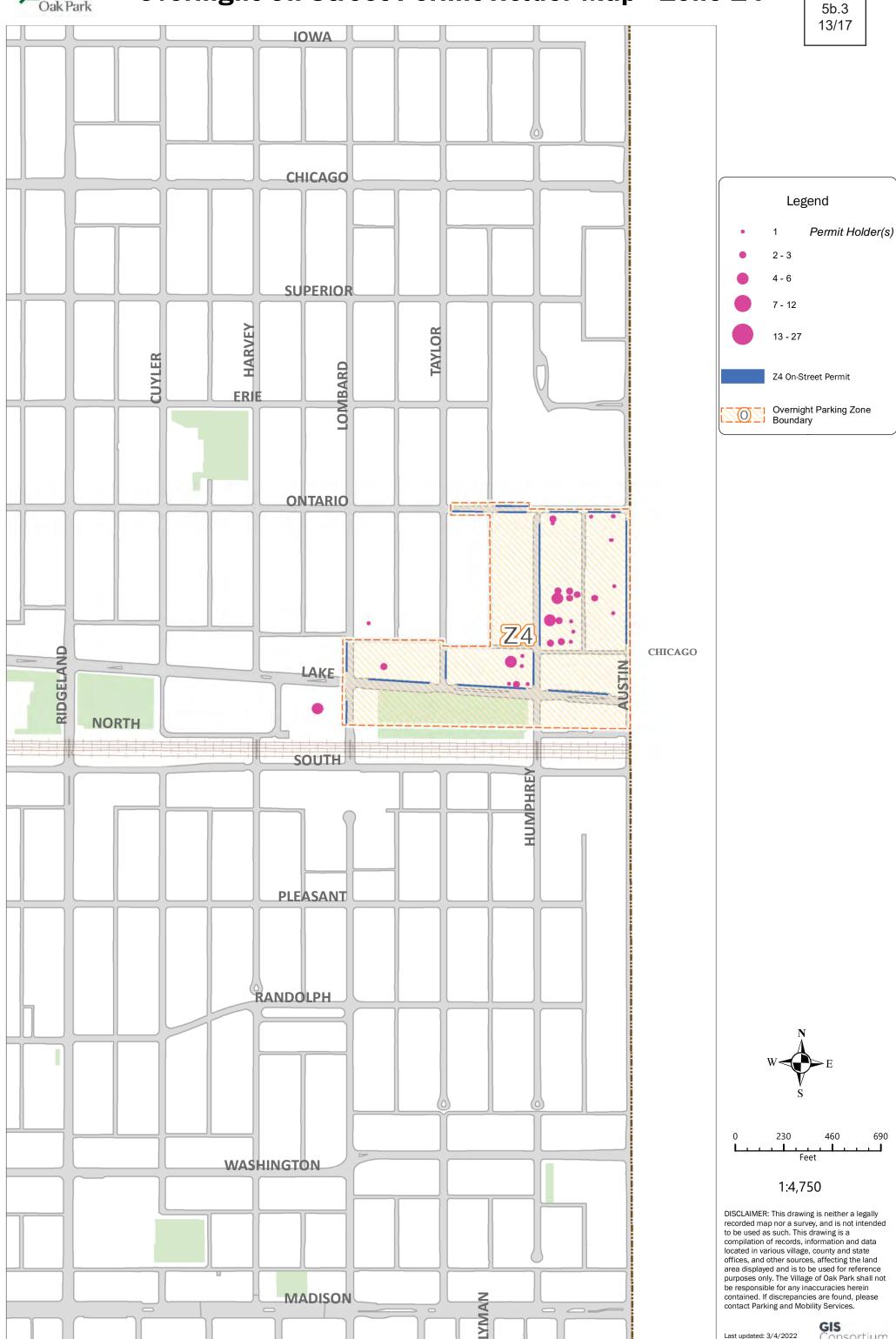
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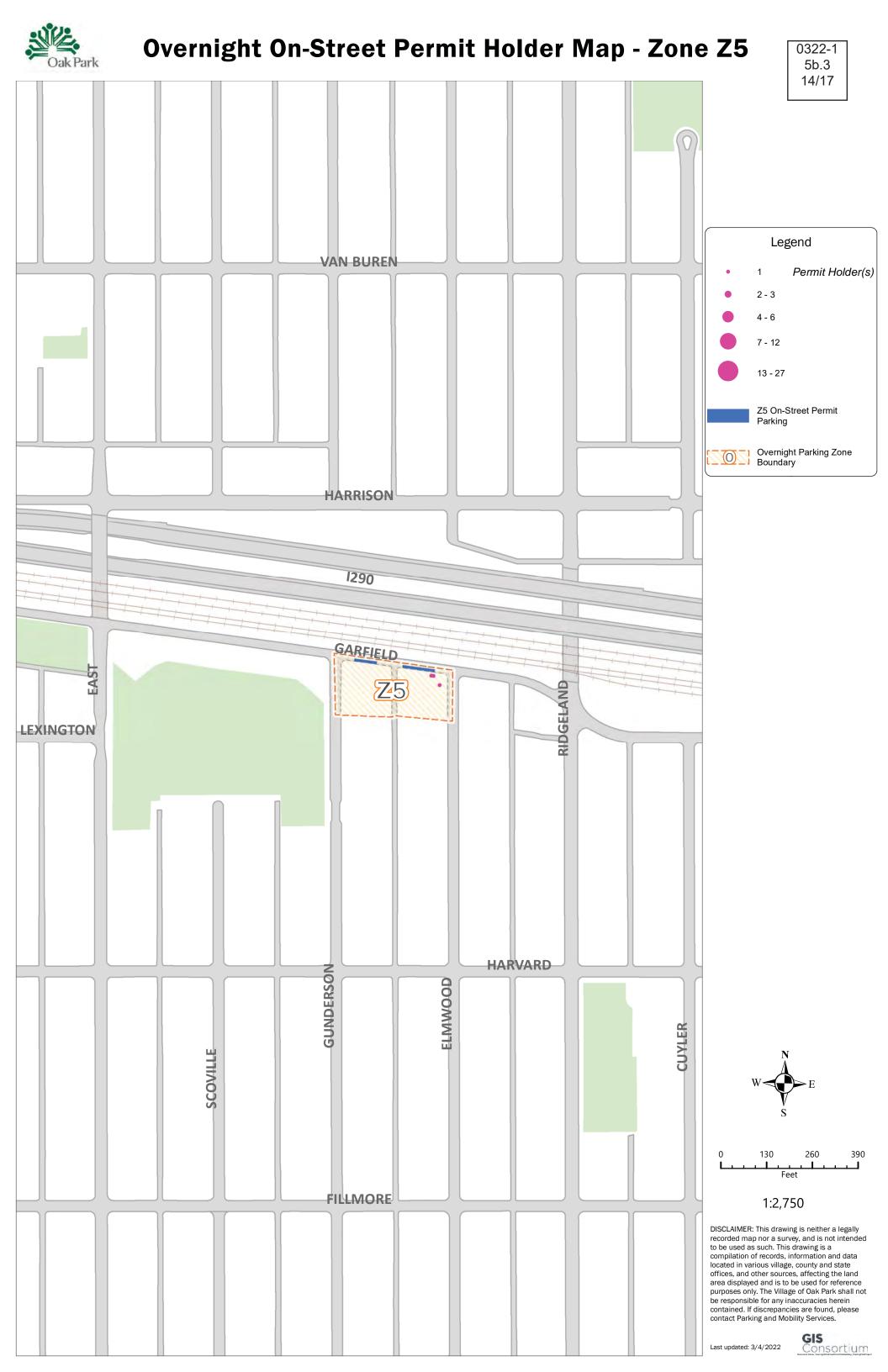


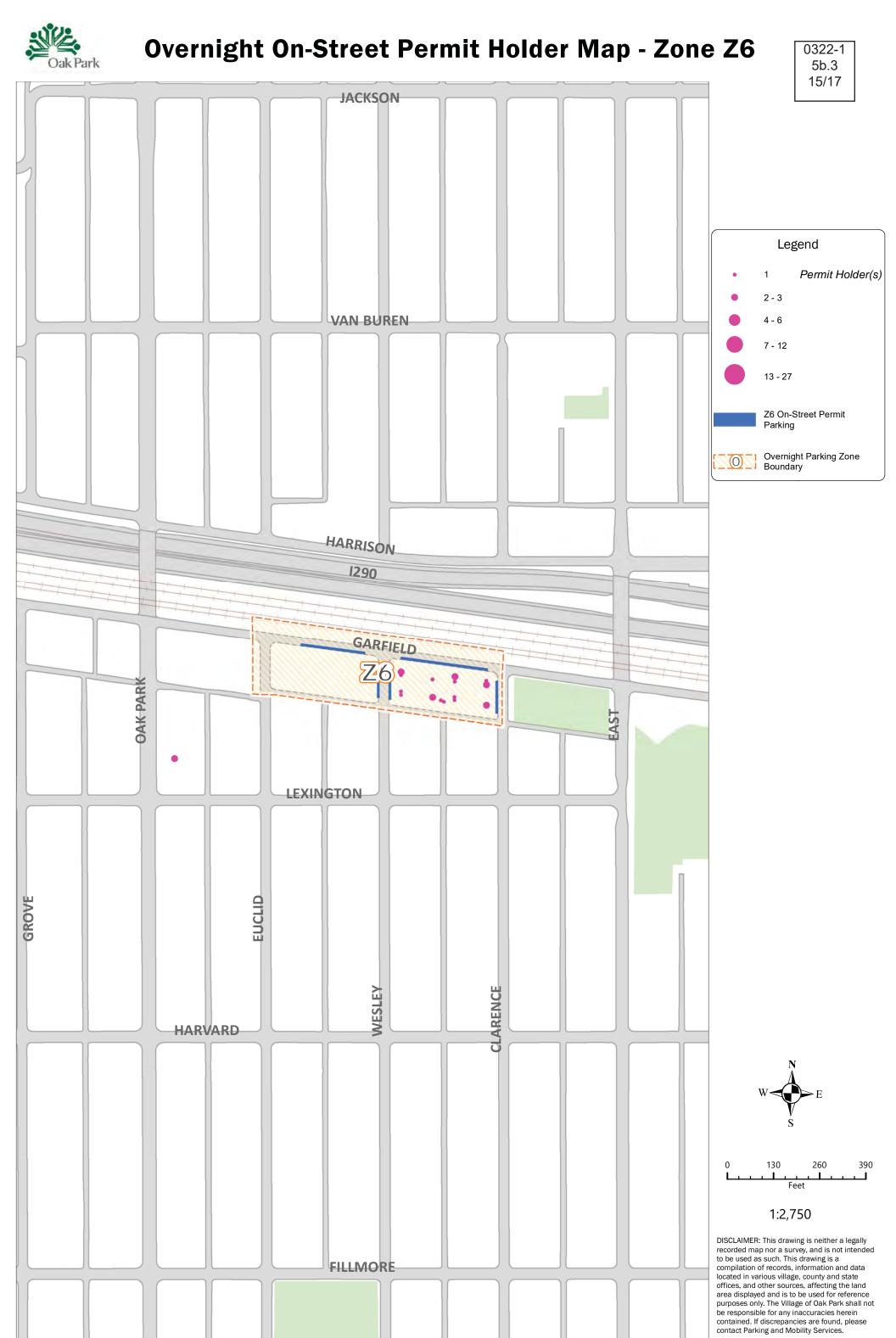
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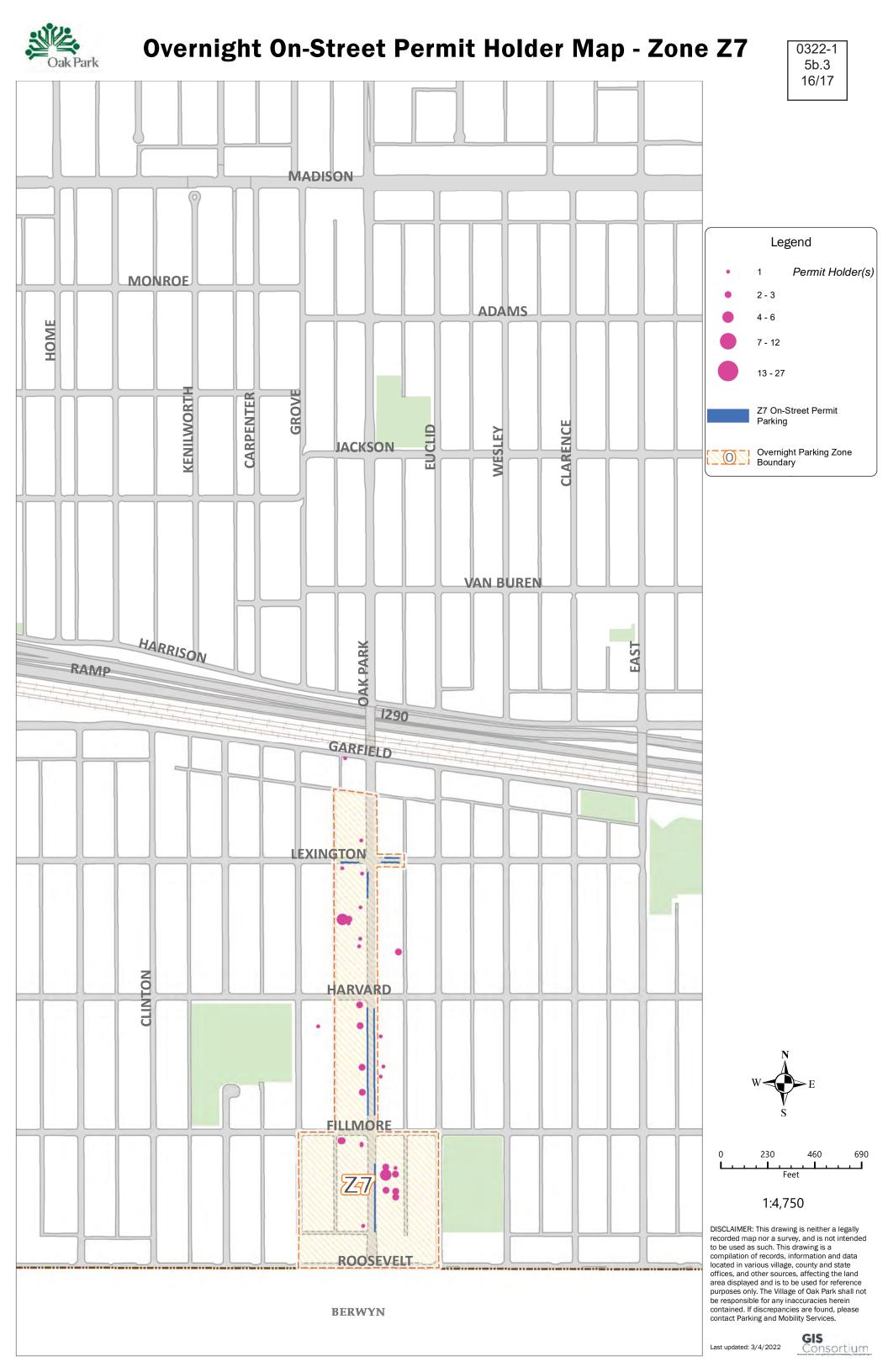


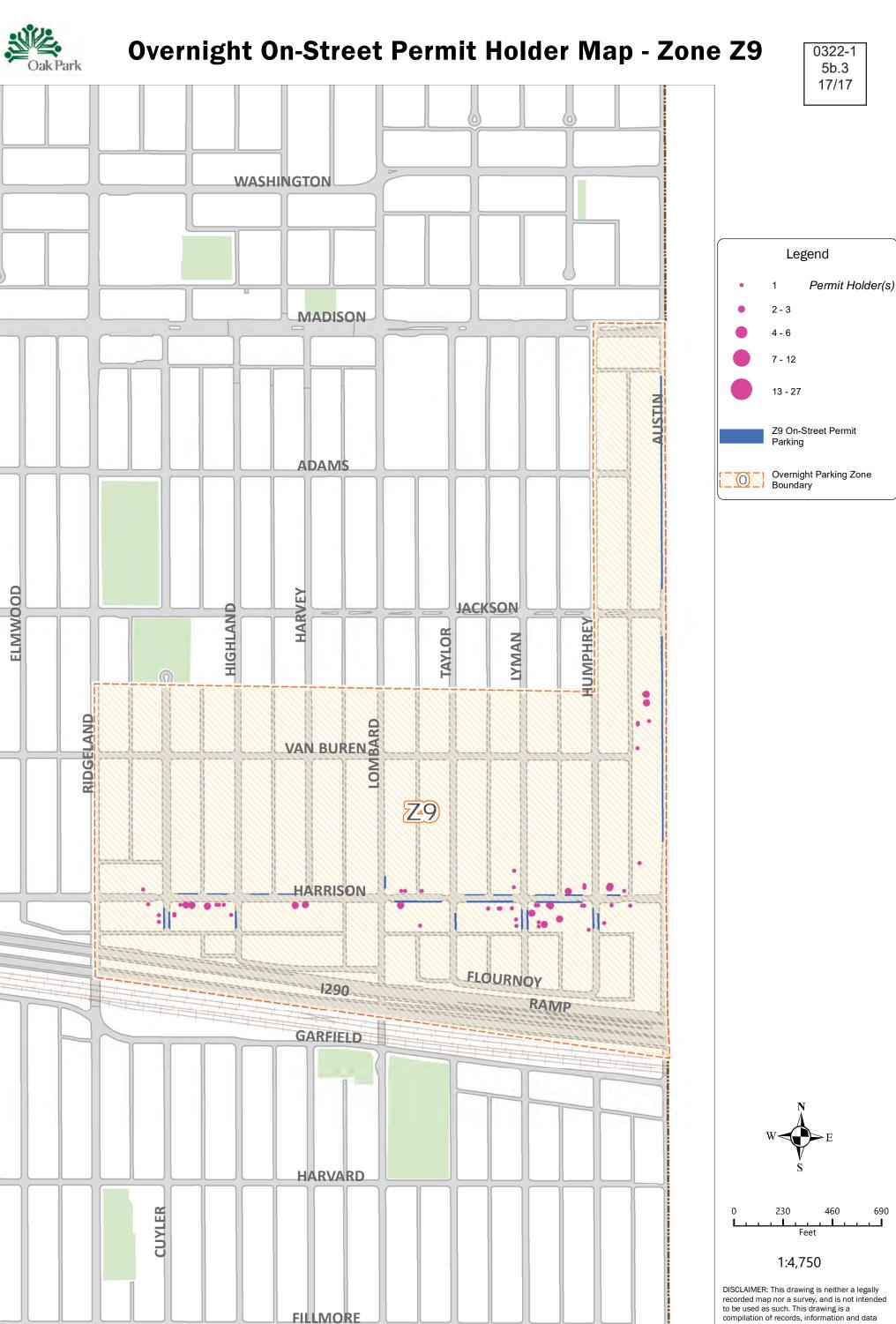
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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Monday, February 14, 2022 7:00 PM Remote

I. Call to Order

Village President Scaman called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. She authorized a statement be read providing that the meeting is being held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines and that it is not prudent to have people present at the Village Board's regular meeting location due to public health concerns related to that pandemic.

II. Roll Call

Village Trustee Enyia arrived to the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla arrived to the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

Present: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village

Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village

Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

Absent: 0

III. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Village Trustee Parakkat, seconded by Village Trustee Robinson, to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village

Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village

Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

IV. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Village Clerk Christina Waters read the following Non-Agenda Public Comments aloud:

<u>Sarah Avendaño:</u> Sarah Avendaño submitted their public comment expressing their concern over the proposed plan to implement a Flock camera surveillance system which they believe will disproportionately harm our Black and Brown neighbors. They feel strongly that this surveillance

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Village Clerk Waters then continued to read the following Non-Agenda Public Comments aloud:

<u>Karen Thomas</u>: Karen Thomas submitted their public comment in opposition to the village's mandate to provide proof of vaccination status stating there is absolutely no science behind them, they're hurting local businesses, and they're discriminatory. They added the Board should be ashamed to consider the termination of Wynne Lacey from the Board of Health based on their decision to not get the covid vaccine.

<u>John Duffy</u>: John Duffy submitted their public comment on the proposed Flock license plate surveillance adoption by the police department. They urged the Board to conduct a full vetting of how this technology will impact our community, its values, and its vision and a path to be a welcoming, racially just, and safe environment for all before permitting any new forms of public surveillance in Oak Park.

V. Regular Agenda

A. <u>ID 22-33</u> Discussion and Review of the Village's Parking System

Interim Village Manager Lisa Shelley introduced the Item.

Director of Development Customer Services, Tammie Grossman, then gave background and a general overview of the Item. She introduced Sean Keane, Parking and Mobility Services Manager, who presented on the Parking Study Session: Overview of the Parking System.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla requested clarification on the cost incurred to the parking fund for the fiber project rather than it coming out of the Capital Improvement Fund.

Director Grossman responded whenever a capital cost is directly attributable to a parking structure, the parking fund will cover that cost. All of the garages use fiber communication tools for the parking equipment, so the cost incurred was the parking facility's portion of the expense.

Village Trustee Taglia requested clarification on the financial position of the Parking Fund.

Manager Keane responded it depends on the revenue and if the revenues return to the pre-pandemic levels. Using 2019 as a baseline while continuing to plan out the future capital improvements are the two factors that need to be considered.

Village Trustee Taglia added the way it looks is these are money-losing businesses - we are not earning enough revenue to off set the costs. We have to look at how to adjust that.

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Village Trustee Buchanan requested clarification if the goal for this fund is to pay for itself, and if so, why?

Director Grossman responded the past Board direction was for the Parking Fund to be self-sustaining.

Village Trustee Robinson requested clarification on why vehicle permits and parking citations are not funneled into the Parking Fund.

Manager Keane responded parking citations are a function of parking enforcement, which is a function of the police department, which falls within the General Fund. Additionally, vehicle licenses are essentially classified as an annual tax rather than a user fee, so that goes into the General Fund.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla requested clarification on what is the \$6 Million dollar transfer from the Parking Fund to other funds.

Manager Keane responded it is a non-cash audit adjustment.

Director Grossman added they would get clarification from Chief Financial Officer Steve Drazner.

Village Trustee Parakkat commented the General Fund is more funded by residents, and the Parking Fund is residents plus non-residents. If the Parking Fund is not self-sustaining, we would be subsidizing the fund from the General Fund. The source of revenue for the General Fund is real estate tax, which is a burden on the resident. If we are subsidizing the Parking Fund with the General Fund, ultimately the burden of how to pay for it is still going to come from the resident population of Oak Park.

Village Trustee Taglia commented that as a business an Enterprise Fund should cover their costs and he would like to see the Parking Fund be self-sustaining.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla supported Trustee Taglia's comment, but expressed concerns that the burden of that would then fall on low and middle income residents.

Village Trustee Parakkat requested clarification on why the fund never has been self-sustaining.

Director Grossman responded in 2019 there was a \$2Million dollar surplus. There was a plan to do a rate study in 2020 to discuss parking fees, but those discussions were put on hold due to the pandemic. The pandemic also impacted parking revenue.

Village Trustee Taglia suggested to reevaluate the 90 minutes of free parking in the garages, which was implemented as a temporary measure.

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Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla requested the total amount Oak Park residents pay in permit fees per year.

Village Trustee Parakkat requested the garage data by revenue category and an estimate on the lost revenue based on the categories to help determine the impact of changing the amount of time allotted for free parking versus paid.

Village Trustees then provided some direction to staff:

Village Trustee Taglia stated understanding and quantifying what the normal defect is for the parking fund on an annual basis in important. He supports a Pay by Plate/ metered parking fee revision, and reducing the free parking time allotment from 90 minutes to 60, and maybe even 45 minutes, and requested some quantifiable data on any revisions. He does not support revisions to the quarterly or annual parking permit fees. He would like more information on the reduced parking fees for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Village Trustee Parakkat would like to see the entire parking program simplified. He supports revisions to Pay by Plate/ metered parking so the fund is more sustainable. He supports reducing the allotted time for free parking but requested more data on what the impacts would be to the deficit picture overall. He requested more information on how much revenue the quarterly and annual parking fees contribute to the parking fund before providing direction on that.

Village Trustee Robinson is in support of the points made. She added they should also be looking at expenses for the lots the village rents and would like more information on the rental fees and usage for the lots (lease fees versus permits).

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla requested more information on how much are residents who are renters are subsidizing the debt payments on the parking lots - how much are lower and middle income people subsidizing those payments and how much revenue is generated from residents that have to pay to park on the street. She supports reducing the 90 minute allotment of free parking to 45 minutes, and the Pay by Plate/ metered parking revisions as the system seems overly complicated and would like to see more simplicity to the parking system.

Village Trustee Buchanan supports Pay by Plate/ metered parking revisions and moving from the 90 minutes to 60 minutes. She does not want to see the quarterly and annual parking permit fees in creased. She supports the Housing Choice Voucher Program. She does not believe this

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is a self-sustaining fund and should be looked at as more of a public service to the community.

Village Trustee Enyia supports most of the points made. He does not want to see an increase in quarterly and annual permits, and believes the Parking Fund is always going to be a deficit, but would like to figure out how to keep the deficit low.

Village President Scaman agreed with the majority of the comments. She supports a Pay by Plate/ metered parking fee revision, and reducing the free parking time allotment from 90 minutes to 60, and supports the reduced parking fees for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. She does not support revisions to the quarterly or annual parking permit fees. She does support raising the metered fees in the areas that are not tied to residential renters or owners.

Sean Keane, Parking and Mobility Services Manager, then presented on the Parking Study Session: Parking Pilot Program Recommendations.

Village Trustee Parakkat requested clarification on if there is any correlation between parking permit fees and rentals.

Director Grossman said there are a number of studies regarding transportation and housing costs, but staff does not have that data specific to Oak Park.

Ron Burke, Chair of the Transportation Commission, added the Transportation Commission supports staff's recommendations.

Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla requested clarification on why the recommendation does not include expanding the number of overnight permits.

Director Grossman responded there doesn't seem to be a need to increase overnight parking.

Village Trustee Buchanan requested clarification on parking zones and the proposed changes to them.

Manager Keane responded the parking zones have been in existence for a long time and were drawn based on housing density and parking needs among other things. Current conversations have been around if they are still appropriate or should they be reevaluated.

Chair Burke added the result of their recommendation will be an increase in street frontage that overnight parkers can utilize.

Village Trustee Buchanan requested clarification on the possibility to

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opening all streets in the village to parking on one side of the street. Director Grossman responded they did look at that option at the beginning of the parking pilot program, but there were concerns with the width of the street and dealing with snow removal and leaf collection. Staff can revisit this conversation at the Board's direction.

Village Trustee Taglia would like to get more input from the community.

There was general consensus of support from the Village Trustees to extend time and implement a dynamic fee structure for pay-by-plate parking and to simplify and standardize daytime restrictions. The Village Trustees would like to continue the discussions around modifying the overnight parking program and garner feedback from the community.

Village President Scaman commented she is not looking to add more cars when they are trying to encourage people to use other modes of transportation.

Village Trustee Buchanan responded to previous non-agenda public comments made regarding vaccine disinformation and the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), and there should be no inference of the raw data reported to VAERS and a causality with the covid vaccine.

VI. Adjourn

It was moved by Village Trustee Robinson, seconded by Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla, to adjourn. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 P.M., Monday, February 14, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted, **Deputy Clerk DeViller**

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Taglia, and Village Trustee Walker-Peddakotla

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0