**Statement on Mayor’s Veto of File 250078, Exempting the 4th District from the Odd/Even Parking Restriction**

**Alderman Robert J. Bauman**

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On Thursday, July 3 the Mayor vetoed the file (#250078) that was unanimously passed by the Common Council on June 24, 2025 that would exempt the remainder of the 4th District (portions of the district are already exempt) from the odd/even parking restriction between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. In his veto message, the Mayor claimed that I had agreed to the veto and further agreed to a DPW parking study. **This is false.**

I did speak by phone with the Mayor on Wednesday, July 2 to discuss his intent to veto this file. We agreed that I would introduce a substitute file (which he would support) that would exempt the Concordia neighborhood (Wisconsin to Highland and 27th to 35th) from the odd/even parking restriction. This is the area of my district where the most parking issues occur.

We never discussed a DPW parking study. Moreover, the commissioner of public works told me in my office on June 13, 2025 that he had no objection to exempting the entire 4th Aldermanic District from the odd/even parking restriction.

It is sad that we cannot rely on oral agreements made with our Mayor.

I am urging my colleagues to override this veto.

The parking situation on the West Side of my district is acute. There are simply more vehicles than curb space given the concentration of multi-unit apartment buildings. I have received many complaints from residents about this problem, and I live in the Concordia neighborhood so I have personal knowledge of this problem (there are photos in the file). A parking study would be a waste of time and money.

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I chose a district-wide approach for ease of enforcement and so residents could more readily understand the new policy rather than trying to decipher complicated maps showing different parking restrictions on a street-by-street basis.

Overnight parking permits would still be required for overnight parking and all other parking rules would remain in place.

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