

Members of the Illinois Restaurant Association,

Orland Park is the commercial hub of the Chicago southland region and ranks in the top five of all Chicagoland suburbs for overall retail sales. With an estimated trade area population of at least 1.3 million, Orland Park serves as the region's shopping destination and has over 12 million square feet of commercial space. In recent years, the Village has seen the addition of many businesses including Stan's Donuts, Whole Foods, Mariano's, Bonefish Grill, Miller's Ale House, Von Maur, and the University of Chicago Center for Advanced Care.

The Village continues to experience growth and development even as the market battles with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, total residential and commercial permit valuation totaled \$57,440,301 and \$29,627,477, respectively. Orland Park is already working on exciting projects in 2021 including the additions of Pete's Fresh Market, Angelo Caputo's Fresh Markets, and REI.

Orland Park has been very supportive of the business community, especially restaurants, throughout the pandemic. The Village Board created a 90-day, 50/50 sales tax sharing program in June of 2020 to provide financial assistance to small businesses. Then the Village implemented Shop OP and Dine OP. These programs provided rebates to shoppers and diners and were designed to attract more customers to Orland Park restaurants and shops. For 2021, the Village Board has waived liquor license fees for all existing restaurants in Orland Park and was able to reduce the Village's portion of property taxes throughout the community.

Currently, the Village has two incentive programs available for new restaurants looking to expand or move to Orland Park:

- **Back-Fill Vacant Restaurant Program** – Any owner or applicant that wishes to re-establish a restaurant in a currently vacant property may apply to the Village for inclusion in this program. Successful applicants are able to share in sales taxes derived from applicant's property or business.
- **Commercial Impact Program** – New commercial projects can receive a 25% reduction on permit/impact fees and a 25% reduction on water tap fees. Additionally, projects are allowed to defer payment until issuance of the final occupancy certificate.

If your organization is considering expansion or relocation in 2021, we'd appreciate the opportunity to speak with your team about the advantages of locating in Orland Park. Please contact the Village's Economic Development Coordinator, Alex Scharf, at AScharf@orlandpark.org or (708) 403-6133 to explore existing back-fill opportunities or with any questions. The Village of Orland Park strives to create a business-friendly environment, and we look forward to working with you soon.

Sincerely,



Mayor Keith Pekau
Village of Orland Park, Illinois