



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

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Village of Deerfield Approves Unscheduled Bus Stop Regulations

DEERFIELD, IL – At its January 16, 2024, meeting, the Deerfield Village Board approved an [ordinance](#) regulating one-way, unscheduled commercial bus and transportation services, that drop off of passengers in the Village without pre-arranged provisions such as food, shelter or other resources.

The ordinance states that such arrivals could jeopardize the health and safety of the passengers, constitute inhumane conditions, create dangerous conditions for the individuals being dropped and otherwise create a public safety concern. It will require intercity bus operators to submit an application to the Village Manager, or designee, and provide the Village with five business days advance notice. It also establishes permitted times and locations for passengers to disembark.

“The ordinance the Board approved tonight is intended to address reasonable regulations to ensure that buses do not leave people unannounced, overnight or abandoned in the cold and that their safety as well as the safety of our residents is assured,” said Deerfield Mayor Daniel C. Shapiro. “It is intended to make sure that migrants and asylum seekers are not randomly left in the cold and that they are redirected to the Intake Center in Chicago where there are services to help them. It also addresses the consequences to bus companies and drivers which fail to meet those regulations.”

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