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**NEW PARKING RATE STRUCTURE PROPOSED FOR  
CHICAGO'S AIRPORTS**

*New Rates Will Manage Growing Demand for Close-in Parking*

Mayor Richard M. Daley introduced today an ordinance to establish new rates for parking at O'Hare and Midway International Airports.

Currently, the main garages at both airports close on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week due to capacity.

These new rates are intended to steer cost-conscious travelers to the economy lots at both O'Hare and Midway Airports and help keep the close-in main terminal garages open and available.

"The proposed parking rates are well below those of major downtown Chicago parking garages and consistent with charges at other major airports of similar size and operation around the country," said Mayor Daley. "The parking rate changes are intended to help balance supply and demand for close-in parking at our airports."

The parking rate ordinance will also allow the Department of Aviation to add valet parking services at Midway Airport and Economy Lot E at O'Hare Airport in the future.

Employee parking rates will also be increased at both O'Hare and Midway Airports.

Hourly parking rates at the O'Hare and Midway airport garages will remain unchanged by the proposed ordinance. Motorists greeting and picking up passengers will be unaffected by the proposed increases.

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The last time parking rates were increased to generate additional airport revenue was in March 2000.

O'Hare Airport currently has 25,845 available parking spaces in seven lots and Midway Airport currently has 11,471 available parking spaces in three lots. If the ordinance is passed by the Chicago City Council, the following new rates will apply as of this winter:

**O'Hare International Airport - per day**

|               | New Rate  | Current |
|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Daily         | \$30      | \$26    |
| Hourly        | No change | \$50    |
| Main Valet    | \$45      | \$32    |
| International | \$50      | \$30    |
| Economy       | \$16      | \$13    |
| Economy Valet | \$26      | N/A     |

**Midway International Airport - per day**

|              | New Rate  | Current |
|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Daily        | \$28      | \$25    |
| Hourly       | No change | \$50    |
| Future Valet | \$40      | N/A     |
| Economy      | \$14      | \$12    |

The proposed restructuring will generate nearly \$24 million in additional revenue annually to help support airport operations.

The Chicago Airport System is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit [www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com) to learn more about the Chicago Airport System.

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