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### NEWS FROM THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES

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#### **City of St. Charles Downtown Parking Study Update Learn More at an Open House Feb. 12, 5-6:30 p.m., St. Charles City Hall**

**ST. CHARLES, III.** (Jan. 31, 2024) – In June 2023, the City of St. Charles City Council approved a contract with Desman Inc. to conduct a Downtown Parking Study. The purpose of the study is to provide City Council and staff with insight and data on the current downtown parking environment and recommend initiatives that enhance the parking experience for all downtown visitors.

Desman Inc. has concluded the draft of the downtown parking study, which is available to review on the City's website. The City hosted an Open House on January, 23, 2024 to gather input on the draft study.

To engage the community further, interested parties are encouraged to participate by providing feedback through a brief online survey or an upcoming open house February 12 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at St. Charles City Hall, 2 E. Main Street. The draft study, survey, and open house information is available at <https://www.stcharlesil.gov/projects/downtown-parking-study>.

Mayor Vitek emphasized the significance of public participation, noting, "We value the input of our community members. Your feedback will be instrumental in shaping the direction of our decisions and prioritizing recommendations that align with the needs and preferences of our residents and visitors alike."

Derek Conley, Economic Development Director, expressed his enthusiasm about the study, stating, "A downtown parking study was needed as the City has experienced increased development, new businesses, and successful community events that have attracted more people to the downtown in recent years. The insights gained will guide us in making informed decisions to enhance the overall parking experience and contribute to the continued growth of our community."

For more information you can also contact Derek Conley at [dconley@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:dconley@stcharlesil.gov).

#### **About the City of St. Charles**

The City of St. Charles, Illinois, is guided by the three driving principles in its Mission: *Service. Tradition. Community.* Together, these principles create a thriving environment for people who live or visit here, and for businesses to prosper. Our City has gained national recognition as a family-friendly town and wide acclaim for its architecture, living up to its nickname *Pride of the Fox*. Conveniently located 35 miles west of Chicago, in Kane and northwestern DuPage counties, St. Charles is home to 33,000 residents and a balanced mix of more than 2,000 businesses that employ approximately 28,700 people. More at [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov), and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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