

ORDINANCE NO. 6072

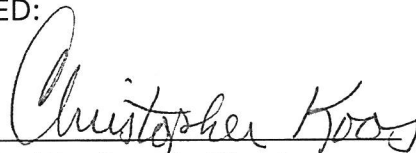
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.6-5 OF THE TOWN CODE-UPTOWN STATION CODE OF CONDUCT

- WHEREAS, The Town of Normal is a home rule unit of local government with authority to legislate in matters concerning its local government and affairs.
- WHEREAS, The Town owns and operates Uptown Station as a multi-use public facility that includes passenger rail facilities, bus loading and waiting areas, municipal offices, public meeting areas, parking deck areas, pedestrian access areas, and related facility operations.
- WHEREAS, Based on the Town's experience operating Uptown Station, the Town has determined that the existing code of conduct should be updated to better reflect the facility's current uses, physical layout, operational needs, and public access functions.
- WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Normal to amend the Uptown Station code of conduct.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NORMAL, ILLINOIS:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code Town of Normal, Illinois, 1969, is amended by replacing section 17.6-5, in its entirety, with the attached Exhibit A.
- SECTION 2. The Town Clerk is directed and authorized to publish this ordinance in pamphlet form as provided by law.
- SECTION 3. This ordinance will become effective 10 days after the date of its publication.
- SECTION 4. This ordinance is adopted under the Home Rule Authority, granted the Town of Normal by Article 7, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970.

APPROVED:



President of the Board of Trustees
Town of Normal, Illinois

ATTEST:



Town Clerk
(seal)

This ordinance was voted upon and passed by the President and Board of Trustees of the Town of Normal on July 20, 2026, with 5 voting aye; 0 abstaining; 2 voting nay; and 0 absent.

	AYE	NAY	OTHER		AYE	NAY	OTHER
Councilman McCarthy	✓			Councilman Byars	✓		
Councilman Preston	✓			Councilman Roberge		✓	
Councilwoman Lorenz		✓		Mayor Koos	✓		
Councilwoman Smith	✓						

This ordinance was approved by the President on July 20, 2026.

This ordinance was published in pamphlet form on July 22, 2026.

EXHIBIT A

SEC. 17.6-5 UPTOWN STATION USE AND CODE OF CONDUCT

A. Purpose and findings.

1. Uptown Station is a Town-owned multi-use public facility that includes passenger rail facilities, bus loading and waiting areas, transit access areas, municipal offices, public meeting areas, and related operational areas.
2. Uptown Station serves multiple designated, intended, and authorized uses, including passenger rail use, bus use, passenger loading and unloading, municipal business, public meetings, public services, parking, pedestrian access to facility areas, emergency response, maintenance, security, and other lawful facility-related purposes.
3. The purpose of this section is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by preserving safe, sanitary, orderly, and accessible use of Uptown Station; protecting transit operations, municipal operations, parking operations, emergency access, ADA-accessible routes, maintenance, security, and facility operations; maintaining clear access for pedestrians, passengers, persons with disabilities, emergency responders, employees, tenants, invitees, and other Uptown Station Users; and providing objective rules governing conduct in and upon Uptown Station.
4. The President and Board of Trustees find that each area of Uptown Station is maintained for its designated, intended, or authorized purpose, and that conduct or use inconsistent with the purpose of a particular area may interfere with access, safety, sanitation, maintenance, transit operations, parking operations, municipal operations, emergency access, security, or the lawful use of Uptown Station by other persons.
5. The President and Board of Trustees find that camping, sleeping arrangements, lying down, use of bedding, establishment of temporary living areas, storage of personal property, unattended personal property, obstruction of access points, and occupation of facility areas for purposes unrelated to their designated, intended, or authorized uses can interfere with transit operations, municipal operations, parking operations, pedestrian circulation, emergency access, ADA-accessible routes, sanitation, maintenance, security, and the lawful use of Uptown Station.
6. This section regulates conduct and use of Uptown Station and shall not be applied to deny any person access to public services or public spaces solely because of that person's housing status, appearance, condition of poverty, disability, or other protected status.
7. This section is intended to preserve access to Uptown Station by Transit Users, City Hall Users, Parking Users, Emergency Respite Users, employees, officials, tenants,

invitees, contractors, vendors, emergency responders, and other authorized users, while providing fair notice of prohibited conduct and reasonable procedures for enforcement and appeal.

8. Nothing in this section is intended to designate Uptown Station, or any particular area of Uptown Station, as a public forum for uses unrelated to the designated, intended, or authorized purposes of that area. Any restrictions on speech, expressive activity, solicitation, or assembly shall be applied in a reasonable and viewpoint-neutral manner consistent with the nature, purpose, and use of the area involved and applicable law.
9. This section does not apply to exterior public ways solely because such areas are adjacent to, appurtenant to, owned by, leased by, maintained by, or controlled by the Town, unless a specific provision of this Code or other applicable law independently applies to such areas. Nothing in this section limits the Town's authority to enforce generally applicable laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations in exterior public ways.
10. The Town may from time-to-time designate portions of Uptown Station as a cooling center, warming center, emergency respite center, or similar temporary public refuge during extreme weather or other emergency conditions. Such designation is intended to provide short-term relief from dangerous conditions during the dates, hours, locations, and conditions established by the Town and does not convert Uptown Station, or any portion of Uptown Station, into an overnight shelter, lodging facility, campground, storage facility, or general living accommodation.
11. This section shall be administered and enforced in a manner that preserves lawful access to public meetings, public services, public transportation, legal process, reasonable disability accommodations, and other constitutionally protected or legally required access.

B. Definitions. As used in this section:

1. "Authorized Facility Personnel" means the City Manager, the City Manager's designee, sworn police officers, Town employees assigned responsibility for Uptown Station, contracted security personnel, or any other person designated by the City Manager to administer or enforce this section.
2. "Bus Bay Areas" means the outdoor bus loading, unloading, waiting, staging, circulation, and passenger transfer area located within or adjacent to Uptown Station.
3. "Camping" means using any space for living accommodation or lodging purposes, including one or more of the following: sleeping or preparing to sleep; using, arranging, or storing bedding, blankets, sleeping bags, cardboard, tents, tarps,

furniture, or other materials for sleeping or shelter; establishing or maintaining a temporary living area; cooking or preparing meals in an unauthorized area; or storing personal property in a manner associated with temporary living accommodation. "Camping" does not include a passenger or Transit User briefly carrying ordinary personal luggage or transit-related belongings while actively using transit service.

4. "City Hall Areas" means the portions of Uptown Station used for Town of Normal offices, municipal business, public meetings, employee work areas, conference rooms, service counters, stairways, elevators, corridors, and other areas above the first floor or otherwise designated for municipal purposes.
5. "City Hall User" means a person who is conducting Town business, attending a public meeting, attending a scheduled appointment, using Town services, communicating with Town officials or employees, making a delivery, performing authorized work, or otherwise using City Hall Areas for a lawful municipal or civic purpose.
6. "Emergency Respite Use" means short-term use of a designated portion of Uptown Station by members of the public for temporary relief from extreme heat, extreme cold, severe weather, emergency condition, or other public health or safety condition, when Uptown Station has been designated or activated by the Town as a cooling center, warming center, emergency respite center, or similar temporary public refuge. Emergency Respite Use does not include camping, sleeping, lodging, storage of personal property, establishment of a temporary living area, or use of Uptown Station outside posted hours or outside areas designated for such use.
7. "Emergency Respite User" means a person who is using the Town-designated area of Uptown Station for an Emergency Respite Use during the dates, hours, and conditions established by the Town for such use.
8. "Exterior Public Access Areas" means exterior sidewalks, plazas, pedestrian ways, open spaces, landscaped areas, seating areas, and other outdoor public areas near or adjacent to Uptown Station that are primarily used as part of the Uptown public pedestrian environment rather than as transit operation areas.
9. "Exterior Transit Areas" means the Bus Bay Areas and the Train Platform Areas.
10. "Interior Transit Areas" means the interior waiting areas, ticketing areas, passenger seating areas, passenger circulation areas, and other interior areas of Uptown Station designated for passenger transportation use.
11. "Parking Deck Areas" means the portions of Uptown Station designated, signed, marked, or customarily used for vehicle access, vehicle parking, vehicle circulation, or parking deck operations, including vehicle entry and exit areas, vehicle ramps, drive aisles, parking stalls, pedestrian access routes within the parking deck,

stairways, lobbies, vestibules, walkways, mechanical or operational areas, and other areas necessary for access to, or use, operation, or maintenance of the Uptown Station parking deck.

12. "Parking User" means a person who is parking a vehicle in, retrieving a vehicle from, paying for parking in, walking to or from a parked vehicle in, picking up or dropping off a person in, or otherwise using the Parking Deck Areas for lawful parking, vehicle circulation, pedestrian access, or parking-related purposes.
13. "Transit Areas" means the Exterior Transit Areas and Interior Transit Areas.
14. "Transit User" means a person who is boarding, alighting from, transferring to or from, accompanying a passenger using, purchasing a ticket for, or waiting for scheduled transit service at Uptown Station within a reasonable time before or after such service.
15. "Train Platform Areas" means any passenger rail platform serving Uptown Station, including the platform immediately adjacent to the Uptown Station building and the platform located on the opposite side of the railroad tracks across from Uptown Station, together with any platform surface, canopy, shelter, ramp, stairway, walkway, signage area, boarding area, outdoor waiting area, passenger queuing area, and other appurtenant area designated, designed, or customarily used for Amtrak or other passenger rail boarding, alighting, waiting, or platform access.
16. "Uptown Station" means the structure occupying the common address of 11 Uptown Circle, Normal, Illinois, and other appurtenant property owned, leased, maintained, or controlled by the Town. Uptown Station includes the Bus Bay Areas, City Hall Areas, Interior Transit Areas, Parking Deck Areas, and Train Platform Areas. Uptown Station does not include Exterior Public Access Areas.
17. "Uptown Station User" means a person who is using Uptown Station, or a particular area of Uptown Station, for the designated, intended, or authorized purpose of that area. Uptown Station Users include, but are not limited to, Transit Users, City Hall Users, Parking Users, Emergency Respite Users, Town employees and officials, tenants, licensees, contractors, vendors, invitees, persons attending public meetings or appointments, persons using Town services, persons making deliveries, persons picking up or dropping off passengers, and persons otherwise authorized by the Town.

C. Applicability.

1. This section applies to Uptown Station. This section does not apply to Exterior Public Access Areas solely because such areas are adjacent or appurtenant to, or owned, leased, maintained, or controlled by the Town, unless a specific provision of this Code or other applicable law independently applies to such areas.

2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Town's authority to enforce generally applicable laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations in Exterior Public Access Areas.
- D. Designated and Authorized Use of Areas. Uptown Station is a multi-use public facility. Each area of Uptown Station is available for the designated, intended, or authorized use of that area. No person may enter, remain in, or use any area of Uptown Station except as an Uptown Station User of that area. A person may be an Uptown Station User of one area of Uptown Station without being authorized to enter, remain in, or use another area of Uptown Station. Authorized Facility Personnel may direct a person to leave or move from an area when the person is not using that area for its designated, intended, or authorized purpose, when the area is closed, when the person's conduct violates this section, or when the person's presence or conduct interferes with access, safety, sanitation, maintenance, transit operations, parking operations, municipal operations, or lawful use of Uptown Station.
- E. General Code of Conduct. It is unlawful for any person, while in or upon Uptown Station, to commit any of the following acts:
1. Interfere with the lawful operation, movement, loading, unloading, parking, or circulation of any vehicle, bus, train, bicycle, mobility device, emergency vehicle, or maintenance vehicle.
 2. Obstruct any entrance, exit, vestibule, doorway, stairway, elevator, escalator, ramp, ADA-accessible route, sidewalk, walkway, platform approach, passenger loading area, bus bay, corridor, restroom entrance, service counter, ticketing area, seating area, emergency access route, fire lane, or other area needed for public access, transit operations, emergency access, or facility operations.
 3. Camp in or upon Uptown Station.
 4. Sleep, lie down, recline, use bedding, or prepare to sleep in or upon Uptown Station, except that this prohibition does not prohibit brief incidental dozing by a Transit User who remains seated upright, does not use bedding, does not occupy more than one seat, and does not obstruct or interfere with the use or operation of Uptown Station.
 5. Store, arrange, leave, or maintain personal property in a manner that obstructs, interferes with access, movement, seating, transit operations, municipal operations, parking operations, cleaning, maintenance, safety, sanitation, emergency access, or use of Uptown Station.
 6. Leave personal property unattended, except in areas and under conditions expressly authorized by the Town.

7. Occupy more seating, floor area, bench area, or public space than is reasonably necessary for the person's own use and ordinary transit-related belongings.
8. Refuse to move personal property when directed to do so by Authorized Facility Personnel to preserve access, operations, safety, sanitation, maintenance, or compliance with this section.
9. Smoke, vape, or use tobacco, cannabis, or any other combustible or vaporized substance, except where expressly permitted by state and local law and posted Town rules.
10. Spit, urinate, defecate, bathe, wash clothing, or dispose of bodily fluids or waste except in designated restroom fixtures used for their intended purpose.
11. Discard or deposit rubbish, trash, food waste, offensive substances, hazardous materials, or debris except in a designated refuse receptacle.
12. Consume alcohol except in lawfully licensed premises or at an event expressly authorized by the Town.
13. Possess, consume distribute, or use illegal drugs or controlled substances in violation of law.
14. Illegally possess a weapon or possess any item in manner prohibited by law.
15. Activate any emergency alarm, emergency call device, fire suppression device, or safety device except in the event of an actual emergency or as authorized by the Town.
16. Mutilate, deface, mark, damage, destroy, remove, or tamper with any building surface, sign, notice, advertisement, bench, fixture, equipment, vehicle, elevator, restroom fixture, door, window, lighting, landscaping, public art, transit equipment, or other Town property.
17. Attach, affix, paint, mark, post, tape, place, or maintain any sign, notice, advertisement, sticker, marking, or other material on Town property without permission from the Town. This subsection does not prohibit a person from carrying or wearing a handheld sign or expressive material in an area where such activity is otherwise lawful, provided the person does not obstruct access or violate this section.
18. Use a sound amplification device, musical instrument, speaker, radio, phone, or other sound-producing device in a manner that unreasonably interferes with transit operations, municipal operations, facility operations, or another person's lawful use of Uptown Station.

19. Engage in commercial activity, vending, sales, distribution of goods, paid services, or solicitation of commercial transactions without a license, lease, permit, or written authorization issued by the Town specifically allowing such activity at Uptown Station.
20. Solicit donations or contributions of money, goods, or other tangible personal property, except pursuant to a lease, license, permit, Town-sponsored program, transit-provider activity, or written authorization issued under applicable Town policies.
21. Engage in fighting, threatening conduct, physical harassment, verbal harassment directed at a specific person, intimidation, disorderly conduct, or conduct that creates a reasonable fear for personal safety.
22. Run, yell, curse, congregate, or engage in loud, boisterous, or disruptive activity in a manner that materially disrupts or hinders transit operations, municipal operations, facility operations, or the lawful use of Uptown Station by other persons.
23. Bring an animal into Uptown Station except for a service animal, an animal authorized by the Town, an animal lawfully transported on transit service, or an animal otherwise permitted by applicable law. Animals must remain under control and may not obstruct, threaten, or interfere with facility use.
24. Bring a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, rollerblade, or similar device into Uptown Station except to proceed directly to or from a designated storage, parking, or transit-loading area, or as otherwise authorized by the Town. No person shall ride a skateboard, rollerblade, bicycle, scooter, or similar device in or upon Uptown Station, except for mobility devices used by persons with disabilities.
25. Access nonpublic, employee-only, mechanical, maintenance, utility, roof, storage, security, or restricted areas without authorization.
26. Access City Hall Areas except for the purpose of conducting Town business, attending a public meeting, attending a scheduled appointment, using public services, responding to a lawful request, or as otherwise authorized by the Town.
27. Refuse to comply with a lawful direction given by Authorized Facility Personnel to enforce this Section, preserve safety, maintain access, protect facility operations, or respond to an emergency.
28. Refuse to leave Uptown Station, or any portion thereof, after being lawfully directed to leave by Authorized Facility Personnel.
29. Perform any act that unreasonably interferes with the lawful use, access, safety, sanitation, maintenance, or operation of Uptown Station.

30. Engage in conduct in or upon Uptown Station that violates any applicable federal law, state law, Town ordinance, or lawful order. A violation of this subsection may serve as a basis for removal, citation, ban notice, or other enforcement action under this section when the conduct occurs in or upon Uptown Station or directly affects the safety, access, sanitation, maintenance, transit operations, municipal operations, property, or lawful use of Uptown Station.

F. Area-Specific Rules.

1. Transit Areas.

- a. Transit Areas are reserved for Transit Users, persons accompanying Transit Users, persons passing through Transit Areas to reach other areas of Uptown Station, and persons otherwise authorized by the Town.
- b. No person may remain in a Transit Area for an extended period unrelated to transit use, Town business, authorized facility business, or other lawful and authorized use of Uptown Station.
- c. A person remaining in a Transit Area for more than two hours without boarding, alighting from, transferring to or from, purchasing a ticket for, accompanying a passenger using, or waiting for scheduled transit service shall be presumed to be using the area for a purpose unrelated to transit use, unless the person demonstrated that they are waiting for delayed service, awaiting a reasonable transfer, conducting authorized business, using a public service, or otherwise are authorized by the Town.
- d. Authorized Facility Personnel may require a person in a Transit Area to state the transit service, Town business, facility business, or other lawful purpose for which the person is present.

2. Parking Deck Areas.

- a. Parking Deck Areas are reserved for Parking Users, persons accompanying Parking Users, persons passing through Parking Deck Areas to reach other areas of Uptown Station, Town employees and officials, contractors, maintenance personnel, emergency responders, and persons otherwise authorized by the Town.
- b. No person may remain in a Parking Deck Area for a purpose unrelated to parking, vehicle access, vehicle retrieval, payment for parking, loading or unloading, pedestrian access to or from a parked vehicle, access to another area of Uptown Station by a designated route, maintenance, emergency response, Town business, authorized facility business, or other lawful and authorized use of Uptown Station.

- c. A person remaining in a Parking Deck Area without parking a vehicle, retrieving a vehicle, paying for parking, loading or unloading, walking directly to or from a parked vehicle, passing through by a designated pedestrian route, conducting authorized business, performing authorized work, or otherwise using the Parking Deck Area for a lawful and authorized purpose shall be presumed to be using the area for a purpose unrelated to the designated use of the Parking Deck Area.
- d. No person may obstruct, interfere with, tamper with, damage, or misuse any parking stall, drive aisle, vehicle ramp, gated entry area, gated exit area, access-control equipment, payment equipment, ticketing equipment, elevator, stairway, pedestrian route, sign, lighting, camera, security equipment, fire-safety equipment, or other parking deck facility or equipment.
- e. Authorized Facility Personnel may require a person in a Parking Deck Area to state the parking, vehicle access, pedestrian access, Town business, facility business, work-related, emergency, or other lawful purpose for which the person is present.
- f. Authorized Facility Personnel may direct a person to leave or move from a Parking Deck Area when the person is not using the Parking Deck Area for its designated, intended, or authorized purpose, when the area is closed, when the person's conduct violates this section, or when the person's presence or conduct interferes with vehicle access, pedestrian access, parking operations, maintenance, safety, security, emergency access, or lawful use of the Parking Deck Area.

G. Emergency Respite Use.

1. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, Emergency Respite Use is permitted in areas designated by the Town during hours authorized for such use by the Town. Unless expressly extended by the City Manager or their designee, the designation or activation of Uptown Station for Emergency Respite Use shall not authorize any person to remain in the building after the posted closing time.
2. Emergency Respite Use shall not authorize camping, sleeping, lying down, use of bedding, storage of personal property, bathing, laundering, obstruction of access, interference with transit operations, interference with municipal operations, or any other conduct prohibited by this section.

H. Enforcement.

1. Authorized Facility Personnel may enforce this Section by giving verbal warnings, requesting compliance, directing a person to move personal property, directing a person to leave a portion of Uptown Station, issuing citations where authorized by law, issuing written ban notices under this section, or requesting police assistance.

2. Except where immediate action is reasonably necessary to address a threat to safety, obstruction, sanitation, emergency access, facility operations, transit operations, municipal operations, property damage, illegal activity, or refusal to comply, Authorized Facility Personnel should provide a reasonable opportunity for voluntary compliance before issuing a citation or ban notice.
3. A person who refuses to leave Uptown Station, or any portion thereof, after receiving a lawful direction to leave from Authorized Facility Personnel may be treated as remaining without authority and may be subject to citation, ban notice, arrest for trespass where authorized by law, or other lawful enforcement action.
4. Enforcement of this Section shall be based on conduct and use of Uptown Station and shall not be based solely on a person's housing status, appearance, condition of poverty, disability, or other protected status.

I. Ban Notices.

1. Authorized Facility Personnel may issue a written ban notice to any person who violates this section, violates any other applicable law while in or upon Uptown Station, refuses to comply with a lawful direction, or engages in conduct that threatens safety, access, sanitation, transit operations, municipal operations, or facility operations.
2. A ban notice shall state, to the extent reasonably available:
 - a. The name or identifying information of the person banned;
 - b. The date, time, and location of the conduct forming the basis of the ban;
 - c. the provision of this section or other law violated;
 - d. the areas covered by the ban;
 - e. the duration of the ban;
 - f. any conditions or exceptions applicable to the ban;
 - g. the appeal procedure; and
 - h. the consequence of returning in violation of the ban.
3. Ban durations shall be reasonable in relation to the conduct, safety risk, operational impact, and prior violations.
4. A ban notice may include reasonable exceptions or procedures allowing the person to access essential Town services, attend public meetings, use transit service,

retrieve property, vote, respond to legal process, or enter for other constitutionally protected or legally required purposes, provided such access may be subject to reasonable safety, escort, appointment, or route restrictions.

5. A person who enters or remains in Uptown Station in violation of a valid ban notice may be treated as trespassing and may be subject to arrest or other lawful enforcement action.

J. Ban Appeal Process.

1. Any person that is issued a ban notice may appeal the ban by submitting a written appeal to the City Manager or their designee within five business days after issuance of the ban notice.
2. The City Manager or designee shall provide an informal hearing or review within a reasonable time. The hearing may be conducted in person, by telephone, by video conference, or by written submission, as determined by the City Manager or designee.
3. At the hearing or review, the person appealing the ban may present relevant information, documents, witnesses, explanation, or mitigation. The Town may consider incident reports, witness statements, video, photographs, staff observations, police reports, prior violations, and other relevant information.
4. The City Manager or designee may uphold, rescind, shorten, extend, modify, or condition the ban.
5. Unless stayed by the City Manager or designee, the ban shall remain in effect during the appeal.

K. Personal Property.

1. A person directed to leave Uptown Station shall be given a reasonable opportunity to gather and remove personal property in the person's immediate possession, unless immediate removal is necessary for safety, sanitation, emergency access, law enforcement, or facility operations.
2. Personal property that is unattended, abandoned, obstructing access, interfering with operations, creating a safety or sanitation concern, or maintained in violation of this Section may be removed by the Town.
3. The City Manager or designee may establish written procedures for notice, removal, inventory, storage, retrieval, and disposal of personal property removed under this section.

4. Personal property that is perishable, contaminated, hazardous, infested, illegal to possess, or that presents an immediate threat to health or safety may be disposed of or handled in a manner appropriate to the condition of the property and applicable law.

L. Reasonable Modifications and Legal Rights.

1. Nothing in this section shall prohibit reasonable modifications required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Illinois Human Rights Act, or other applicable law.
2. Nothing in this section shall prohibit service animals, mobility devices, brief rest by a person with a disability where reasonably accommodated, lawful attendance at public meetings, lawful access to public services, lawful expressive activity in areas where such activity is protected, or lawful use of public transportation.
3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to deny any person access to public services, public transportation, public buildings, or public spaces solely because the person is homeless.

M. Penalty. Any person violating this section is subject to removal from Uptown Station, issuance of a ban notice, citation, prosecution, administrative adjudication, fine, or other lawful enforcement action as provided in this Code and applicable law.