



**Message from Mayor Jeff Pruyn**  
Haymarket Center Proposal for the Holiday Inn Property  
Tuesday, July 16, 2019

I want to take a moment to update you on the potential creation of the Haymarket Center rehabilitation facility at the Holiday Inn – Itasca. As promised, our goal is to keep you informed through every step of the process. Please bear with me as I explain the steps of the process. According to state and federal law, the zoning approval process is a legal proceeding that is helpful to understand.

**UPDATE ON THE PROCESS**

After Haymarket informed the Village that it intended to seek zoning approval to convert the Holiday Inn – Itasca into a drug rehabilitation and recovery home center, the Community Development Director advised Haymarket that its petition would be considered as a Planned Development according to the Village of Itasca’s Zoning Code. This determination was made, in part, because Haymarket’s proposal includes “recovery homes,” which are alcohol and drug free housing.

This designation requires a landscape plan and an economic impact statement. The economic impact statement is incredibly important. Without these, we have no way of knowing what, if any, impact Haymarket's petition will have for the Village, our resources, or the resources of other government services.

On July 5th, Haymarket submitted three petitions. The first was an incomplete petition for a Planned Development by Special Use. The second was a related variance petition. The third was an alternative petition asking the Village to consider its proposal as a Healthcare Special Use instead of a Planned Development Special Use. Given the Village’s earlier determination that a Plan Development Special Use was appropriate, staff rejected Haymarket’s Healthcare Special Use petition. Haymarket was given an extension to submit both its economic impact statement and landscape design proposal by July 12th.

As of today (July 16th), Haymarket has failed to submit an economic impact statement and a landscape plan as required. The deadlines for submittals are posted on the Village’s website prior to the beginning of each year. This is to ensure the petitioner, in this case Haymarket, and the Village have an appropriate amount of time to prepare and review petitions. Because Haymarket missed the extended deadline, its petition cannot be considered at the August Plan Commission meeting.

Earlier today, the Village sent a letter informing Haymarket that its petition was incomplete and therefore could not be considered at the Plan Commission’s August meeting. They were also informed that Haymarket has until August 2nd to submit the necessary documents in order to be considered at the next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting on the September 18th.

**MARK SEPT 18 ON YOUR CALENDARS TO MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE COUNTS**

The Plan Commission's public hearing on September 18th is important for everyone who wants to have a say. The public hearing will be the only opportunity for residents to share their thoughts and feelings about the potential Haymarket rehabilitation facility before the Plan Commission votes on the petition. According to Illinois law, the Plan Commission may only consider comments that are submitted through the public hearing process. I want to emphasize this point. The Plan Commission's is only allowed to consider public comments during the public hearing.

At a recent board meeting, a group of residents expressed their frustrations and fears around this project. We heard all of you. That is why I want to emphasize once again how important it is for everyone, no matter your views, to be a part of the public hearing on September 18th. Illinois law is clear that the Plan Commission may only consider testimony provided through the official public hearing process. As your Mayor, my commitment is to be open and transparent with all of you. I will continue to update you as we move through this together.