



RPP REFRESH: **AN UPDATE TO THE RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING (RPP) PROGRAM**

**Subcommittee of the Traffic and Parking Board
MEETING #1**

October 22, 2018
City Hall, Council Work Room



AGENDA

1. Project Overview
2. Existing Alexandria RPP Program
3. RPP Programs in Other Jurisdictions
4. Questionnaire Topics
5. Public Comment



PROJECT OVERVIEW

1. Schedule
2. Subcommittee Role
3. Opportunities for Public Input
4. Objectives
5. Topics to consider



PROJECT OVERVIEW

SCHEDULE

Background & Research Summer/Fall 2018	Public Outreach and Development of Recommendations Fall 2018-Winter 2019	Public Hearings for City Code Amendment Spring 2019
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SUBCOMMITTEE ROLE

1. Review materials related to the project
2. Provide input on issues to address
3. Receive and consider public feedback
4. Review potential recommendations
5. Update the Traffic and Parking Board



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT

1. Subcommittee meetings
2. Online Questionnaire – November
3. Open House for draft recommendations
4. Presentations to citizens associations
5. Traffic and Parking Board Public Hearing
6. City Council Public Hearing



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OBJECTIVES

- Update the program to better address current residential parking issues
- Update the program to improve the City's ability to proactively manage parking
- Update the program to be easy to understand, enforce, and administer



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TOPICS

- **Staff-initiated process**
 - Added to Citywide Parking Work Plan by Council
 - Examples: create a district around PY Metro Station, remove commercial properties from districts, adjust boundaries
- **Permit fees and/or permit limits**
 - OTAPS recommendation to increase the fee for three or more cars
 - Current fees are \$40 first car, \$50 second car, & \$150 for additional vehicles
- **Adjusting/Reducing district boundaries and sizes**
 - OTAPS recommendation for smaller sub-districts closer to King Street
 - Current requirement is a minimum of 400 spaces



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TOPICS

- **Hours/days of restrictions and time limits**
 - 32 combinations of restrictions
 - End times of 5PM, 9PM, 11PM, 2AM
 - 2- or 3-hour restrictions
 - OTAPS recommendation to add 1-hour restrictions
- **Process for adding changing restrictions in existing districts**
 - Petition requirements, survey requirements and public hearings
- **Process for amending or creating districts**
 - Petition requirements, survey requirements and public hearings



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TOPICS

- **Other permit types**
 - Currently allow healthcare provider permits
 - Nannies, other household employees, landlord?
- **Visitor/Guest Permit process**
- Others?



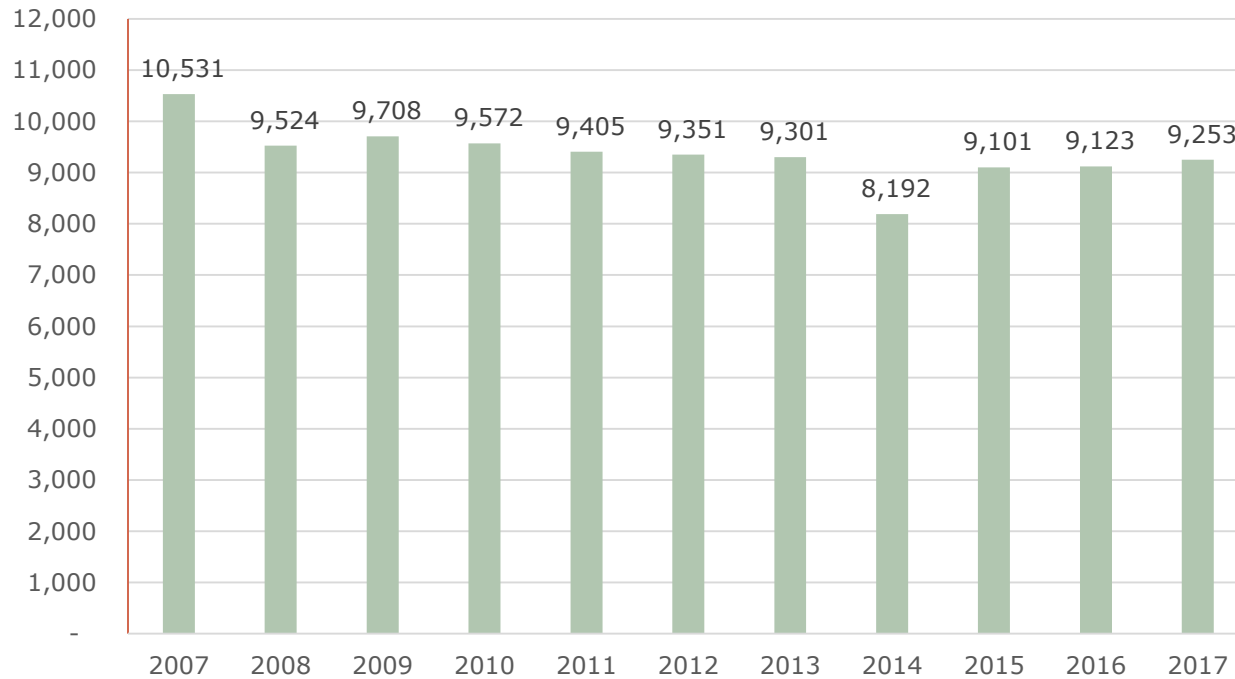
EXISTING PROGRAM HISTORY

- Program approved in 1979
 - Started with 3-hour restrictions, 8AM-5PM, Monday-Friday
 - Blocks had to petition NOT to have restrictions
- New districts added, but not all blocks have restrictions
- New restriction options added
- Code amended 27 times



EXISTING PROGRAM PERMITS

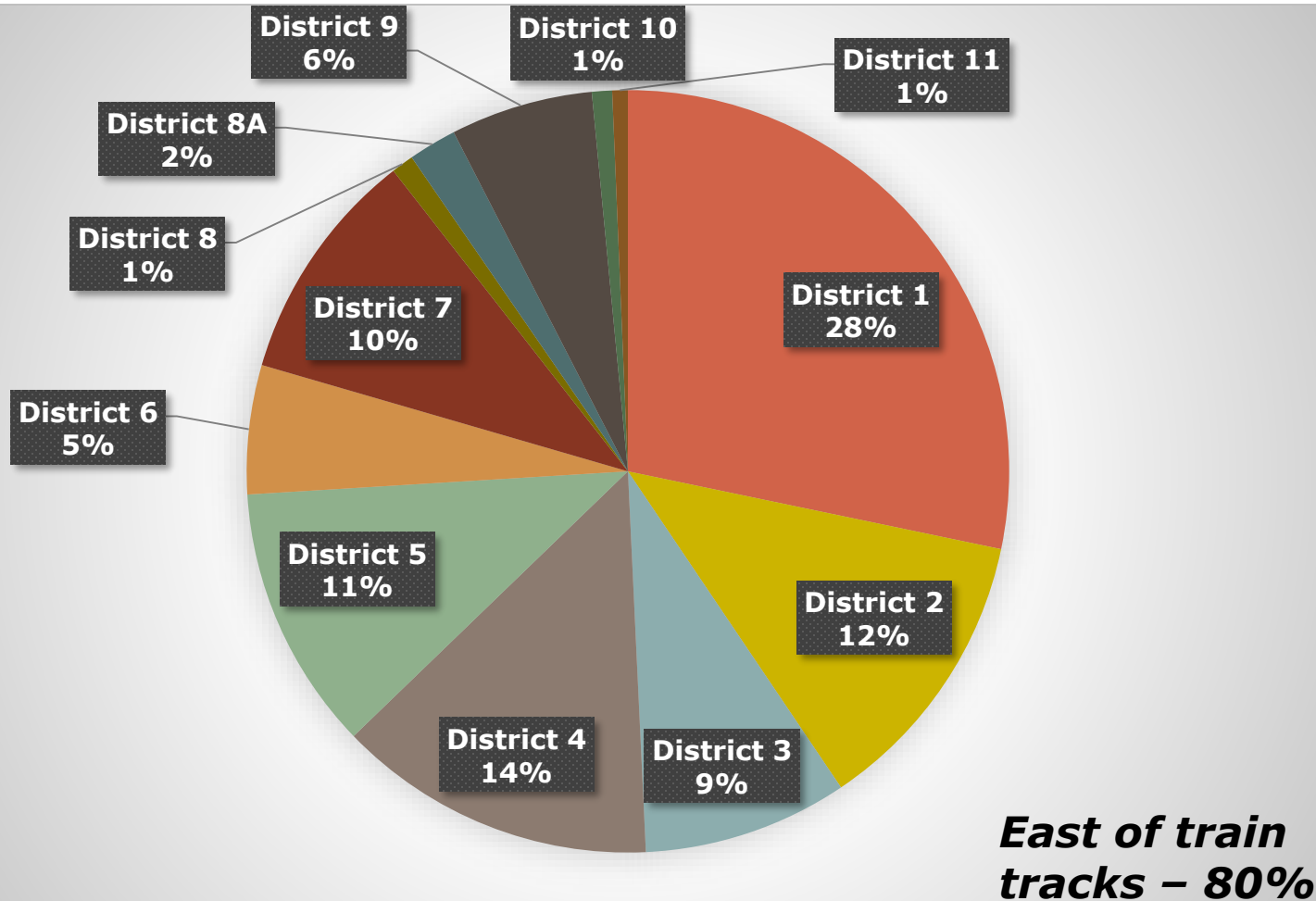
Total Number of Permits



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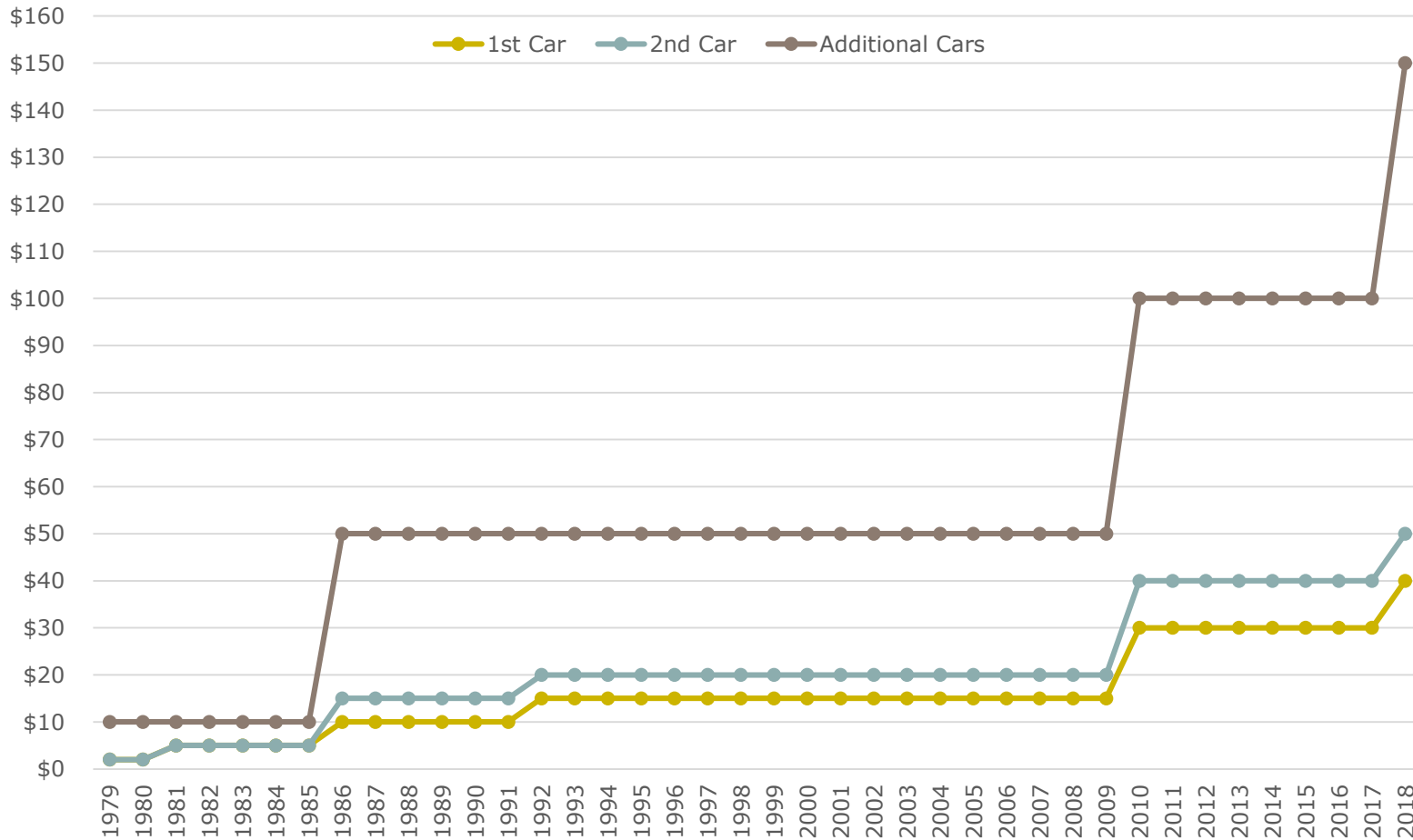


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EXISTING PROGRAM FEES

Permit Fees by Year



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EXISTING PROGRAM PROCESS

Action	Petition Requirement	Survey Requirement**	T&PB Review	Council Review
Changing existing RPP restrictions	More than 50% of residents abutting a block face*	None	Yes	No
Adding RPP restrictions in an existing district	At least 50% of residents abutting a block face	Yes	Yes	No
Expanding an existing RPP district	At least 50% of residents abutting a block face	Yes	Yes	Yes
Creating a new RPP district	More than 50% of residents abutting a block face	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Special Parking District requires more than 50% of the *block*.

**More than 75% of the spaces are occupied, and of those vehicles more than 25% are non-residents of the district.

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OTHER RPP PROGRAMS

1. Annapolis, MD
2. Arlington, VA
3. Boston, MA
4. Charleston, SC
5. Montgomery County, MD
6. New Orleans, LA
7. Pittsburgh, PA
8. Richmond, VA
9. San Francisco, CA
10. Savannah, GA
11. Takoma Park, MD
12. Washington, DC
13. Williamsburg, VA



OTHER RPP PROGRAMS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Survey requirement – Usually 75%, but ranges from 15% to 50% for non-resident vehicle measurement
- Resident petitions, but a few cities with staff authority to initiate changes
- All issued Visitor Permits, except for Boston – a lot of variety
 - 1 year permit to 1 day permits
 - Free to \$12/day or \$35/year
- Permit fees – Free to \$175
 - Annapolis has different fees for different districts
- Permit Limits
 - Most had no limit
 - Those that had a limit ranged from 2, 3, or 4 permits
- Restrictions – a lot of variety in length of time and end times



OTHER RPP PROGRAMS

STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

Strengths:

- Pittsburgh – no longer issues physical stickers or passes – uses license plates to enforce
- Boston – Recently raised RPP fines
- Savannah – Blocks are metered and residents can park for free at meters

Weaknesses:

- Washington, DC – Need smaller districts to prevent commuting within districts
- Pittsburgh - Permit fees were set in the 90s and haven't been changed



QUESTIONNAIRE TOPICS

- **PROCESS**
 - Parameters for a staff-initiated process
 - District sizes
 - Petition requirements
- **PERMIT FEES & TYPES**
 - Increases in fees and for which vehicles
 - Limits on permits
 - Other permit types
 - Virtual permits
- **RESTRICTIONS**
 - Hours for restrictions
 - Length of restrictions
 - Consistency



PUBLIC COMMENT



Thank you!

NEXT MEETING: November 26, 2018

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