

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 27, 2011**

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove one parking space on each side of both parking lot curb cuts at 304 North Jordan Street and install “NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS” signs.

APPLICANT: Lynne R. Freemon, 304 North Jordan Street

LOCATION: 300 block North Jordan Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the request be denied.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by Ms. Freemon who stated that vehicles parked too close to the parking lot exits are blocking the visibility of traffic on Jordan Street from motorists exiting the parking lot. Ms. Freemon believes this is creating a dangerous situation. Jordan Street is classified as a primary collector and carries an average daily traffic volume of 7,100 vehicles per day. Over the past five years there has only been one accident associated with a vehicle exiting the parking lot.

The on-street parking spaces along North Jordan Street are heavily used by residents of the apartments. Staff is reluctant to remove parking along North Jordan Street as displaced vehicles will, most likely, park in the nearby neighborhoods.

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 27, 2011**

DOCKET ITEM: 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to restrict parking from 12:00 A.M. TO 8:00 A.M. Daily in the 4600 block of Raleigh Avenue and provide visitor parking passes to the residents.

APPLICANT: Residents of the 4600 block of Raleigh Avenue.

LOCATION: 4600 Raleigh Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends denial of the request.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by the residents of the 4600 block of Raleigh Avenue who stated that there is an ongoing problem with vehicles parking on the street for extended lengths of time. Many of these vehicles are overflow parking from the Foxchase apartment complex. The residents state that because of the poor lighting the street has become a place to play loud music, drink beer and toss empty containers and trash on the street. The residents have to constantly police the area picking up trash that is left. The 4600 block of Raleigh Street is a dead end street that leads to the entrance of Raleigh Park a public park. The residents believe the parking restrictions will help control the above problems.

Staff is recommending denial for several reasons. First, there is no way to issue the requested visitor passes to the residents since Raleigh Avenue is a public street. The residents appear to have made the request assuming that their visitors would be allowed to park during the restricted hours and this is not the case. Second, this request is asking for restrictions to parking abutting the park. Staff does not believe this is appropriate as the residents are requesting restrictions on parking that does not touch their property. Lastly, staff is concerned that implementing the requested restrictions will just move the overflow parking to another street in the neighborhood.

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 27, 2011**

DOCKET ITEM: 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to extend the existing parking restrictions two parking spaces (50 Feet) north of the existing curb cut at 25 South Quaker Lane.

APPLICANT: Children's International School, 25 South Quaker Lane

LOCATION: Unit block South Quaker Lane

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends denial of the request.

DISCUSSION: The Director of the Children's International School at 25 South Quaker Lane is requesting the existing parking restrictions be extended one or two additional parking spaces north of the driveway. Large vehicles like SUV's and pickup trucks are parking close to the driveway entrance blocking motorist's visibility of traffic on Quaker Lane as they exit the parking lot. The existing parking restrictions already remove about one parking space. The school is requesting that the sign be extended one or two more spaces to increase the visibility of motorist's exiting the driveway.

South Quaker Lane is classified as a local roadway on the City's roadway classification map. This road serves primarily as a commercial/industrial roadway with the DASH bus barn, City school buses and maintenance trucks, and other various private enterprises all using this street. Over the past five years there has been one accident involving the vehicle exiting the driveway at 25 South Quaker Lane. Daytime parking demand is very high in this area as many of the businesses use the street parking as overflow parking.

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 27, 2011**

DOCKET ITEM: 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to replace the existing no parking restrictions on the 3900 block of Wheeler Avenue with two-hour parking restrictions 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the following locations:

- 1) On the south side of the street along the frontage of 3950 Wheeler Avenue; and,
- 2) On the north side of the street directly across from 3950 and continuing east to South Floyd Street.

APPLICANT: Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Avenue

LOCATION: 3900 Wheeler Avenue

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that approval of the request.

DISCUSSION: Port City Brewing Company, located at 3950 Wheeler Avenue, started operation in February, 2011 at 3950 Wheeler Avenue. The Company has a limited supply of off street parking for the Brewery. Port City Brewing Company conducts public tours of its facility and has an accessory retail component. The popularity of the business has created the need for additional parking. As demand increases, the hours of operation may be expanded. Two hour parking restrictions are being requested to discourage the use of these newly created spaces by fleet operators who store their trucks on the public roadway.

Wheeler Avenue is classified as a primary collector roadway on the city's roadway classification map. The roadway serves primarily as a commercial/industrial roadway with a large percentage of the traffic being trucks. This roadway also serves as a major access point for the Wakefield community. Wheeler Avenue is 40 feet wide and has ample room to accommodate the requested parking.

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 27, 2011**

DOCKET ITEM: 8

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove two parking spaces north of the Fire Station driveway at 2801 Cameron Mill Road.

APPLICANT: City Of Alexandria, Fire Station #203

LOCATION: 2800 Cameron Mill Road

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends removing parking between the fire station driveway and the driveway at 2803 Cameron Mills Road.

DISCUSSION: Due to the size of the Fire Trucks and equipment at the Fire Station, exiting the fire station driveway and making the right turn is very difficult when vehicles are parked adjacent to the driveway. Removing on street parking will improve the egress of the equipment from the fire station.

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 27, 2011**

DOCKET ITEM: 9

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install “NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS” signs in front of 3041 Colvin Street.

APPLICANT: Chapel Valley Landscape Company, 3041 Colvin Street.

LOCATION: 3000 block Colvin Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request

DISCUSSION: Chapel Valley Landscape Company, located at 3041 Colvin Street is having problems with vehicles parking in the driveway of the business. The company has large trucks and materials exiting the property. Vehicles parked in the driveway apron create an unsafe condition and make offloading supplies and materials very difficult. Installing no parking restriction will ensure safe maneuverability when entering and exiting the property.

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 27, 2011**

DOCKET ITEM: 10

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to implement No Parking restrictions from 9:00 P.M. TO 7:00 A.M. on the north and south sides of South Pickett Street from Edsall Road to South Van Dorn Street.

APPLICANT: Dak Hardwick, President, Cameron Station Civil Association

LOCATION: South Picket Street from Edsall Road to South Van Dorn Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends NO PARKING from 11:00 PM TO 7:00 AM on both sides of South Pickett Street between Edsall Road and South Van Dorn Street.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hardwick indicated that large construction vehicles and tractor-trailers are parking along both sides of South Pickett Street. Many heavy equipment operators/owners are using this street to store their vehicles. This is primarily a quality of life issue for the residents of Cameron Station. Although it is legal to park these vehicles on the street, the parked trucks encourage other illegal activities. This activity also seems to encourage the accumulation of trash beside the road. The proposed parking restrictions will encourage change of the area from industrial to mixed use. Some of the local businesses have expressed concern because the large trucks block the view of the business from the street. Staff conducted a survey and found that nearly 80 percent of the commercial vehicles parked on South Pickett Street did not have a valid City of Alexandria personal property tax decal.

The Cameron Station Home Owners Association was also planning to submit a request but the Board was unable to get consensus as to what changes are needed. There are some in the community who believe that the real problem is between 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. because the large parked vehicles create sight line issues when there is heavy traffic. Staff believes that the current request will also address the daytime sight line issues because once operator's find that they can no longer store their vehicles on South Pickett Street, the trucks will relocate.

South Pickett Street is classified as an arterial roadway and runs through a commercial/industrial area and carries an average daily traffic of 11,000 vehicles per day. Staff is recommending only implementing the parking restrictions between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. to provide more flexibility for the local businesses.